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"Is it possible, ma'am? In what respect?"

"Yes, sir, he has; and I don't want your machine!"

"How has he deceived you?"

"Why, he came into my house and told me that your machine was the best in the world. I have witnessed, and can prove every word of it."

"But that was not deceiving you, ma'am."

"Yes, it was! I hadn't the machine two days before another agent called and said his was the best; and he had a circular to back it up. He had hardly got out of doors when another called and said his machine had taken ten medals."

"But we have taken fifteen, ma'am."

"Oh, have you?"

"And we have issued a challenge for a public trial, which no other machine dare accept."

"Is that so? Then your machine is the best, after all?"

"Certainly."

"Then you will please excuse me. I thought I had been imposed upon, and I'm afraid I was a little hasty. The other agents must have been the deceivers."

Who Knows?
A boy in a Chicago school refused to sew, evidently considering it beneath the dignity of a ten-year-old man. George Washington sewed," said the principal, taking it for granted that a soldier must; "and do you consider yourself better than George Washington?" "I don't know, time will tell," said he, serenely.—Popular Education.

Roumanian Funeral Custom.
In Roumania a curious old funeral custom showed an amusing thoughtfulness for the very natural human vanity of the dead, two openings corresponding to ears being cut in the casket so that the corpse might have the pleasure of hearing the songs of mourning sung on either side of him as the coffin was borne to the grave.

Cork Known in Ancient Times.
Cork was known to the Greeks and Romans, and was put to almost as many uses as at present, although there is no mention in Roman annals of linoleum, notwithstanding its Roman sound. Glass bottles with cork stoppers did not come into use until the middle of the fourteenth century.

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TIMELY SUGGESTIONS THAT WILL HELP THE HOSTESS

A Thanksgiving Tea.
A reception or tea on this festival day is distinguished chiefly by appropriate decorations, costumes and refreshments. The rooms may be completely transformed by taking down all the portieres and other draperies and replacing them with others made of cranberries strung on a stout, red thread. Popcorn strung and alternating with the berries makes a pleasing effect. Strings of cranberries are very pretty festooned over white window curtains.

Cover lamps and all gas and electric lights with shades made from red, white and blue crepe tissue paper and for stools and divans have large pumpkins; they are very comfortable and are admirably adapted for the purpose. The usual refreshments are served with the addition of pumpkin "chips" and the bonbons in the national colors. To make pumpkin chips, which are quite a novelty, select a deep colored pumpkin, peel and slice very thin; to each pound of chips add a pound of sugar and a gill of lemon juice, with the grated lemon rind; stir well and let them stand overnight; cook very slowly until tender; then skim the chips out, let them stand two days to get firm, then put them in a jar with just enough strup to keep them moist. These are often taken for an expensive imported preserve. No one recognizes the plebeian pumpkin. Spices may be added if liked.

Hot spiced cider or a cider frappe may be served and cranberry ice cream is delicious in flavor and looks. The sandwiches should be of minced turkey and the flowers red and white carnations with cornflowers or bachelors' buttons, as they are blue.

If individual molds are desired for the ice cream, they are cunning little turkeys, and all sorts of vegetables. Sheafs of wheat tied with the national colors are very decorative over arch and doorways.

A program of music consisting of patriotic airs would be a diversion suitable for the occasion.

It would be attractive to have six girls dressed in colonial costumes to assist in receiving and to "pour" in the dining room, also to preside at the frappe bowl.

For Thanksgiving Day.
A yearly custom observed in the evening of each Thanksgiving day is so interesting I want to tell the department readers about it. There are six families with their connections, all relatives, either distant or close, who meet at the old-fashioned home, of one they call "great aunt." On these occasions all the old heirlooms are brought forth, the fireplace in the dining room is festooned with dried, apple strings and red peppers. Apples, nuts, cider and popcorn are served informally, and the first ceremony is counting up the "merces" of the year. Every one is obliged to take part in this. There is no light save from the logs in the fireplace and a

few candles in brass sticks, some having the tall glass shades one finds in New Orleans. After this a huge loving cup is passed, and all join hands standing up saying with bowed heads:

God bless you and God bless me,
God bless us every one.

A simple repast is served, with no servants in evidence, as this is a time when the children are permitted to dress in costumes representing the "Pilgrim fathers and mothers," and they serve the feast. They first all stand around the candle-lit table and eat their five kernels of parched corn in memory of the time when all our forefathers had for which to be thankful was the few grains of seed corn, enough to allot only five grains to each person. At the close of this supper a child is chosen to repeat Elder Brewster's glorious admonition to the Pilgrims when he bade them be true to their promise. I quote it here, for it is worthy of being read by every one on the coming festival day:

"Blessed will it be for us, blessed for this land, for this vast continent. Nay, from generation to generation will the blessings descend. Generations to come will look back to this hour and these scenes of agonizing trial, to this day of small things, and say: 'Here was our beginning as a people. These were our forefathers. Through their trials we inherit our blessings. Their faith is our faith, their hope our hope, their God our God.'"

Seems to me this is a splendid way of impressing historical facts upon the minds of our young people, and it does us older ones lots of good to turn our minds and hearts backwards, remembering the times when this fair land was not what it is today and to say a prayer of thankfulness for those who laid the foundation on such a sound basis that we may with grateful hearts celebrate our Thanksgiving day.

MADAME MERRI.

FANCIES OF FASHION

All coat and dress sleeves continue to be small.

Much gold and silver lace appears on stockings.

Shopping bags are a bit smaller than last season.

Suit coats are generally short; separate coats are long.

Shaggy goods are the order of the day for outdoor wraps.

Chamois is seen as the facing to the brim of some large hats.

Wool embroidery is the latest trimming for afternoon gowns.

A touch of purple in nearly any toilet is a fad of the season.

All street skirts are short—about four inches from the ground.

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