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MEXICAN GIRL.

Lovely in face is the Mexican senorita, but she does not retain her love lines long. At thirty-five she is a wrinkled and forbidding old crone. The Mexican girl of fourteen is as old as the American of eighteen, and she grows old faster. This is partly due to the climate and partly due to the life she lives. Mexican women of the lower or middle class pay little attention to hygienic rules. They eat all sorts of indigestible foods, and they are not particular about bathing. The women of the lower class are of Indian or of mixed race, partly Indian, partly Spanish. The women of the various Indian tribes differ much in their habits, speech and point of view. They have large soft dark eyes, long and glossy black hair and deep olive complexion. A Mexican woman is a good judge of character and a devoted wife and mother. When one of them has been a poor man and she herself a person of means, he at once becomes master of her funds and if she chooses may introduce all his relatives into the household for the wife to support. Under such an imposition the wife is expected not only to be agreeable, but even if necessary to wait upon the intruders.

They are very clever with their hands, and Mexican drawn work is famous the world over. The women of the masses adorn their garments with the drawn work, handsome caps and headresses of it being worn by the women of some sections. Intense patriotism is another characteristic of Mexican womanhood, and in the struggle which has been going on each side has found the sympathy and assistance of their women of no mean assistance.

CHIC NECKWEAR.

Smart Dressing Calls For Ample Variety in Collars.
 Women are realizing that several yokes or chemisettes to accompany each waist or dress are a necessity, says the Dry Goods Economist. The great variety that exists in this season's collar forms is surprising. Squares, pointed and round shapes are seen in every modification. The novelties in plaited lace have been produced in original shapes, among which the sailors again play an important part. Round Dutch collars are brought best in every suitable material possible, and marked originality is shown in trimming these. Hand embroidery, motifs, materials in contrasting color, clip, Irish, Armenian, val and venise lace and embroidery are used with excellent results. Fancy fichus and large collar collars are already meeting with quite an unusual degree of favor, considering the early stage of the season. Handsome new effects in black and white, combined are being shown in high class neckwear. Plain black satin and black and white striped foulards are being combined with embroidered batiste, cluny, Irish, val and narrow black edgings.

The present style in dresses and waists is making extensive use of yokes and chemisettes of plain and fancy nets and all covers of every description. This form of neck dress is becoming to all types of women, which explains its enormous vogue. It is absolutely necessary that these lace and net yokes be often removed to be cleaned, as a few days' wear soils them hopelessly.

Norway's Goat Girls.
 A Norwegian goat girl is able to take care of a large flock of goats. She watches them while they graze, milks them and waits them. The least task is interesting. She takes a little bag of salt, and the goats crowd about her, leaping over each other's back for the privilege of licking her hand after each sip in the bag. She loves the goats and makes pets of the young kids.

Cookery Points

Apple Cooking.
 Some people know only two ways of preparing apples to stew or bake them. Try some of these old ways of presenting "the king of fruits."

For float apple make a nice apple butter or puree from tart fruit, sweetened to taste and flavored with grated rind of one lemon and cinnamon or nutmeg. Put the puree of the ice to become very cold, then beat the whites of two eggs to a stiff froth, adding this to the fruit, which should now be in the serving dish. When it comes to the table cover the top with a cupful of rich cream.

To make fried apples wash and wipe dry some tart cooking apples, cut them in slices a quarter of an inch thick and fry them in butter until tender and brown. Dredge with powdered sugar and serve piping hot on warm plates.

Caramel apples may be made as follows: Mix a skillet put one cupful of light brown sugar and one-half cupful of hot water. Let boil for three or four minutes, then drop in five sliced cooking apples which have been peeled, cored and halved. Let these stew in the syrup until they are tender and juicy then drain them out into a glass dish. In another saucepan have ready one tablespoonful of butter melted with one teaspoonful of flour, and over this pour one-half cupful of cream. When hot add to the boiling syrup stirring briskly for several minutes, then pour over the apples and serve either hot or cold.

Culinary Hints.
 All fruit salads are improved by marinating in French dressing, though later served with mayonnaise. Instead of the individual pate it is more popular now to pass one or two large pates, each guest carrying herself with mushrooms, oysters or cream and sweetbreads. Biscuits or French rolls for formal dinners are more diminutive than ever. The former should be the size of a fifty cent piece and a quarter of an inch thick. A delicious salad is made from different nuts, white grapes, a little shredded grapefruit, pineapple cut into cubes and shredded celery. Mask in mayonnaise or serve with a cream dressing.

When a boiled egg is the usual breakfast dish vary it by breaking it raw into the egg cup and cooking in hot water to the desired consistency. The flavor is quite different than when cooked in the shell.

Dandelions.
 The suburban housewife can find plenty of young shoots of dandelions at this season to use on her table if she possesses a good sized lawn. For salads and pot herbs at this season gather the delicate young leaves early in the morning, as the hot sun of midday seems to toughen them. The dandelion is such a bitter little herb that a salad made entirely of it is not to be advised. The leaves combine well with lettuce or onions and may be used with new beets or deviled eggs. An excellent French cook adds a bit of bacon cut in dice to a salad of bleached dandelion leaves.

Macaroni and Bacon.

To cook macaroni and bacon take a quarter of a pound of macaroni, a quarter of a pound of rashers of bacon, four tomatoes or six if small, grated cheese, butter, pepper and salt. Boil the macaroni in salted water till tender, then drain and cut into short lengths. Fill a buttered baking dish with layers of macaroni and tomatoes, flavoring each layer with pepper, salt and grated cheese and putting some small bits of butter between. Cover the top with breadcrumbs and bake for half an hour in a moderate oven. Serve with nicely fried rashers of bacon on top.

Coffee Cake.

To make coffee cake take one and a half cups of sugar, two of flour, two eggs, two, and a half teaspoonful of baking powder, a pinch of salt, about three-quarters of a teaspoonful of lemon, a quarter of a cup of butter and a tablespoonful of coconut. Melt the butter, break in the eggs without heating and pour in an eighth of a cup of milk and half a cup of cold coffee. Make in three layers. For filling use a pint of milk, half a cup of flour, two eggs (beaten), salt, essence and a cup of sugar. Boil ingredients in double boiler.

Tarragon Sauce.

To make tarragon sauce, which is a suitable accompaniment to various kinds of fish, vegetables and dressed eggs, beat up the yolk of an egg with a teaspoonful of tarragon vinegar and stir it into half a pint of boiling melted butter after taking the saucepan from the stove. Continue to stir for a few minutes to prevent the sauce from curdling, then add a large teaspoonful of finely chopped fresh tarragon and it is ready for use.

A Cooking Hint.

Whenever you are baking cookies in a piece of muslin over the bread board, stretching it tight. Flour the muslin well and you can roll the dough as soft and thin as you please. A piece of muslin around the rolling pin is still another improvement.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The Foolish Pollywog.

A foolish little pollywog grew tired of being pushed around in the water. He said that he would not go where the fish were found in schools. He thought that he would just step out on his new legs and see if any other creature had to study hard as he. Now, when he rushed out through the reeds he heard the rushes read. They spelled aloud the hardest words whenever there was a cough. He looked about and found the trees were learned in every branch. They turned their leaves so very fast it made his brown cheeks blanch. The daisies were fine penmen, never forgot to dot their "i's." They dotted all the meadows, too, they were so very wise. And even the birds that soared aloft loved well arithmetic. In making out a good long bill they all were very quick. At night the stars came out, and shortly after seven. He saw how very faithfully they studied all the heaven. And when an owl called out, "Who, who?" he scarce could stand it all. The owl so old and wise did look it made him feel quite small. The owl said "You're a pollywog. What is a pollywog?" Which scared the tadpole so he thought, his better was not quite on. "Come, tell me quickly," said the owl. "Don't wait until the dawn." "I do not know a pollywog, but I'm a pollywog." So saying down went pollywog, ashamed, as he could be. And now he's joined the school of fish to learn his A B C.

Progressive Puzzles.

The simplicity of this game is its great attraction, and it is as successful as it is simple. It is only necessary to provide as many small square cards (blank on both sides) as there are guests, several pairs of scissors and a prize if you like, and the game is ready.

The party should be seated in a circle around the room or, better, around a large table. Each one then receives a card, and every third or fourth player a pair of scissors, which he shares with his neighbors. It is announced that each player is to cut his card twice across so as to make four pieces.

The cuts must be straight and must intersect each other, but they may go in any direction, and after the first cut, the pieces should be held in place till the second cut has been made.

Each player now mixes up his four pieces and passes them to his right hand neighbor. At a signal every one tries to put the four part puzzle which he has received together, and the first player who succeeds calls out that he has finished, when all must stop and pass the puzzles to the right again.

The successful player is credited with a mark on the tally kept by the leader. The game then goes on as before until the time limit of half an hour is up, when the person who has the most marks to his credit receives a prize.

Much of the success of this game depends upon the ingenuity used in cutting up the cards, the object, of course, being to make as difficult a puzzle as possible for one's neighbor to put together.

Soap Bubble Races.

Soap bubble races are great fun, and bubbles may be made quite tough and durable by melting a little gelatin and putting it in the soapy water from which they are made. They may be colored by adding a tiny bit of carmine or paint. The children should be divided in two parties of equal number, one party stationed at each end of a long bare table. Each party blows its own bubbles and endeavors to send them by gentle little puffs into the domain of the next party or over the boundary line of the table, which is divided in two by ribbon or tape across the middle. Prizes are given to the side which gets the most bubbles across the goal in a given time, and, of course, the ordinary race consists in each side's blowing its separate bubble as long a distance as possible.

Printing Butterflies.

A game that will amuse the children as well as the grown people is the printing of butterflies. Since no art is required the contest will be equal. Give to each guest a sheet of paper that has a fold in the middle and a knife and pass around a tray containing several tubes of paint—white, yellow, blue, green, etc. Let each person squeeze out a little of such colors as he or she wishes on the side of the paper. Dabs of the paint are then put on to the paper near one side of the crease, and the paper is then folded through the crease and pressed together to shape a butterfly. When it is opened a very remarkable butterfly will be sure to develop. A prize may be given for the best.

Conundrums.

What motive had the inventor of railroads in view? A locomotive. Why should a compliment from a chicken be an insult? Because it would be fowl language. What insect does a blacksmith manufacture? He makes the fire fly. How many of your relations live on your prosperity? Ten-aunts (tenants). What did Adam first plant in the garden of Eden? His foot.

Naming a Hindu Child.

A Hindu baby is named when it is twelve days old, usually by the mother. Sometimes the father wishes for another name than that selected by the mother. In that case two lamps are placed over the two breasts, and the name over which the lamps burn the brighter is the one given to the child.

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