ROSE FESTIVALS.

These Are Ideal Ways of Entertaining the Little Folks.

OUTDOOR PARTIES POPULAR.

Plenty of Romping and a Delicious Feast Served on the Porch or in Tents Help to Make and Keep the Kiddies Amused and Happy.

The lawn or garden party affords mothers of small boys and girls an ideal way of entertaining in summer. Indoor parties for the kiddies are apt to be noisy affairs, and unless all breakables are removed before the guests arrive there are apt to be accidents to bric-a-brac and pictures.

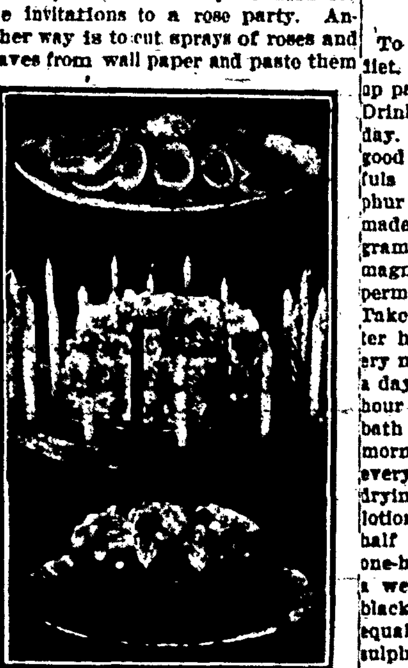
Given a large and attractive porch and a lawn of moderate dimensions, the settings for the affair are delightful. If the garden is one of ample size the little folks may be given a splendid party. Swings and hammocks may be provided. Croquet and tennis, if there is a court, may be played by the older children. Japanese and Chinese paper lanterns make suitable decorations.

The refreshments may be served on the porch or in tents put up on the lawn.

A rose party is just the kind to have in the month of June, when these blossoms are full blown. If the refreshments are served from a special table the color scheme for this should be pink. A great bowl of roses may ornament the center of the table. A crape paper cloth decorated with roses and rose sprinkled napkins of paper may be used.

A very pretty effect is obtained from the use of doilies and a centerpiece of rose patterned cretonne or chintz, as the edges can be pinked. They will serve from time to time and please children more than lace or embroidery.

Rose postal cards may be used for the invitations to a rose party. Another way is to cut sprays of roses and leaves from wall paper and paste them



PARTY SALAD AND CAKES.

on fine bristol board, cutting that out and writing the invitations on the plain side.

If you are giving a very large party for children and you feel that the entertainment of them is too much for you it would be wise to engage a kindergarten teacher to assist, as such a one is experienced in the work and would come for a small price. There are also innumerable games for children and other simple means of entertainment which any mother could successfully conduct.

Suggestions for the party menu need scarcely be made at a time when so many fresh fruits and vegetables are available. There may be a fresh vegetable salad garnished with sliced cold boiled eggs and mayonnaise dressing. Strawberry shortcake should appear on the table and if it is a birthday a cake with candles.

For the two latter the Boston Cooking School Magazine gives the following timely recipes:

According to this authority, a very fine strawberry shortcake is thus made: Sift together two cupfuls of sifted pastry flour, half a level teaspoonful of soda, a slightly rounding teaspoonful of cream of tartar and half a teaspoonful of salt. With two knives work in one-third cupful of shortening; then mix to a soft dough with milk and spread the mixture smooth in two buttered pans about seven and a half inches in diameter. Bake about twenty minutes. Spread the smoothest side of each cake generously with butter, put plenty of sugared berries on each and set one above the other. Pipe whipped cream above and surround with sugared berries. The cake will be at its best if the berries cut in halves are mixed with sugar half to a full hour before serving.

The birthday cake shown here is set in a ring, to which the candles are affixed, instead of as usual, being placed on the cake. This handsome cake is made as follows: Cream two-thirds of a cupful of butter, gradually beat in one cupful of sugar, one cupful of hickory nut meats chopped, the beaten yolks of three eggs, one cupful of milk, three cupfuls of sifted flour, sifted again with two slightly rounding teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and lastly the whites of three eggs beaten dry. Bake in a well greased pan with tube about forty-five minutes. When cold cover with confectioner's frosting and decorate with boiled frosting. Use a plain copper tube for stems, the leaf tube for leaves and a small five pointed tin tube for the blossoms.

Milady's Mirror

Cultivating Plump Elbows.

The hot, drying, scorching rays of summer work havoc with the complexion, and the girl who wants to have a pretty skin to match her soft, transparent white and faintly tinted summer gowns must take a great deal of care of herself.

Fashions change, it is true, but all girls love pretty, dimpled elbows, even if the sleeves displaying them are not to be worn, and fortunately there is nothing easier than to bring sharp, thin, bony elbow joints into shape.

Where arms are too thin the use of cocoa butter is to be recommended. This, being a byproduct of the cocoa bean, is nourishing and fattening, but the skin must be in condition to receive it properly. Thorough cleansing, softening and opening of the pores are necessary, that full benefit from the application may be felt. Cloths wrung out of warm water should be applied at night. They should be held on until a little cool, then warmed again until the skin feels soft and is pink. Then rub with a generous amount of cocoa butter, slightly warmed, in each palm, the opposite elbow placed in the hand. Use the motion around and around until all greasy feeling is gone. This takes quite awhile, for cocoa butter is rather greasy, but a little practice will soon prove that the process is not too tiresome.

The rubbing may be continued up from the wrist if the forearm be a little too thin, and from there to the shoulder where the whole arm seems to require the addition of more flesh, but if only the elbow joint is bony just on that joint will answer.

Banishing Blackheads.

To cure blackheads be careful of the diet. Eat nothing rich or greasy. Give up pastry, new bread and sweet things. Drink two or three glasses of milk a day. See that the digestion is kept in good order. Take one or two teaspoonfuls as required of confection of sulphur every night and get this mixture made up: Sulphate of iron, sixteen grams; dilute sulphuric acid, one dram; magnesium sulphate, one ounce; peppermint water to make six ounces. Take a dessertspoonful in a little water half an hour before breakfast every morning. Walk two or three miles a day. Drink a glass of cold water an hour before each meal. Take a hot bath every night and a tepid one each morning. Use a tar toilet soap, and every morning, after washing and well drying the face, sponge the following lotion lightly on: Boracic acid, one-half dram; rectified spirits, one and one-half ounce. Steam the face once a week; then squeeze out the largest blackheads and apply a mixture of equal parts of boracic ointment and sulphur ointment.

A Hint For Golfers.

A woman golfer who owns a beautiful, smooth complexion attributes the preservation of her skin to her plan of dissolving a little isinglass in hot milk, bathing her face in it and allowing it to dry on before she ventures out. Any feeling of contraction soon passes off, and the isinglass forms an invisible coating to the skin and protects it from the ravages of the wind. Instead of isinglass either gelatin or white of egg beaten to a froth may be employed. The latter is an excellent remedy against all chapping and is in itself a cleanser. A good plan after the face has been exposed to the wind or cold is to sponge it with rosewater into which has been dropped a little eau de cologne or lavender water, or as a further emollient apply cold milk to the skin.

Tinted Face Powders.

Of recent times the Parisiennes seem to have gone mad over tinted face powders and tinted wigs. The very latest idea is a pale lemon yellow face powder, which is supposed to give an extraordinary softness to the skin.

An artistic but highly unnatural cyclamen pink rouge is used in conjunction with the pale yellow powder, and the throat and neck are coated with flesh pink and pure white powder. This peculiar makeup is intended for evening use only.

The lemon yellow and cyclamen pink makeup look effective on a fair haired woman who possesses a pair of dark gray eyes.

Lovely Eyelashes.

To produce sweeping, curling lashes daily attention is necessary. Get a soft brush made for the purpose and gently brush them twice a day. The last thing at night apply this eyelash cream: Sweet oil of almonds, one-half dram; simple tincture of benzoin, one-quarter dram; glycerin, one-half dram; lanolin, one-half dram; attar of roses, one drop. This increases the growth and silkiness of the eyelashes. To make them curl upward lay one finger under them and raise upward. Do this as often as you can think of it.

Softening Water.

If your skin is delicate and gets rough in the spring keep a fine muslin bag full of oatmeal on your washstand, and whenever you wash dip the bag into the water and squeeze it hard several times.

This is excellent for softening the water and keeps the hands and face smooth.

SUMMER JACKETS.

Dainty Lightweight Affairs to Wear With Washable Gowns.

ATTRACTIVE JACKET.

The dainty wash gown shown here is fashioned of cotton crape in a plain and striped fabric. A stylish effect is achieved by the use of the short frilled peplum. The little jacket with the long shoulder lines is caught together in front with a ribbon bow and buckle. It is short in front and slopes down to a moderate length in the back.

Coats of the Norfolk type are very popular this season. The fullness of the coat from the yoke to the coat edge is gathered in at the shoulders, is fitted smoothly under the arms and confined at the waist under a fairly broad belt made of the coat material. Large patch pockets are a most necessary detail which should never be omitted. They will hold without undue weighting various little accompaniments which will be found handy to possess when indulging in cross country walking.

FANCY HAND BAGS.

Gay Plaids and Roman Stripes Used In Their Construction.

Fancy hand bags are still popular. One made to wear with a taffeta gown was designed of plain silk, the lower part of the bag being of figured silk ribbon. A silk tassel was fastened to it below and a moire band was attached for carrying it.

Black moire purses are seen. A square bag made of black moire had a clasp of German silver and a moire

SMART SILK HAND BAG.

ribbon handle fitted with silver slides. The bag was cut square, lined with gray moire and fitted with a mirror and change purse.

A novelty is the small bag of Roman striped ribbon or plaid. Bags of this sort are chic carried with plain dark suits.

Lace bags, especially those of Irish lace, are smart for wear with white gowns.

Scorch Stains.

To remove scorch marks on linen (unless they are very bad) cut an onion in half and rub the scorched part with it; then soak in cold water. The marks will soon disappear under this treatment if they can be remedied at all.

SEASONABLE SUITS.

Combinations of Colors and Materials Are Modish.

RATINE SUIT.

Combinations are popular this season, even in tub frocks. Not only may two or more colors be united in one costume, but two or more different materials may be used. The frock illustrated here has a separate skirt and coat effect that makes it very acceptable for street wear. The skirt is of white and the coat in rose colored ratine. Very chic are the little collar of soft white embroidery, panama hat and the white buttoned boots.

The woman who is fastidious in regard to her attire does not neglect the small details of dress. Smart looking colonial pumps add a chic detail to her appearance. Gloves, pocketbook and petticoat are all important features of the costume. Convenient gloves for summer are washable ones of the slip on variety. These may be easily cleaned in lukewarm water and soap.

Petticoats are scant, but cut so that they do not catch the ankles in walking. A satisfactory one for wear with the summer suit is of white satine scalloped around the bottom. This may be laundered and will wear better than one of silk.

FASHIONABLE LINENS.

New and Handsome Sets For the Bed Handsomely Embroidered.

Sheets are almost universally hemstitched in a wide hem just to show when turned down. Yet there are many objections to this method of adornment. The threads are very apt to break. Then the hem will have to be taken off or sewed in an ungainly seam, so it will be found wiser to buy those with a perfectly plain hem or, if hemmed at home, to finish with the overhanded hem that is usually found on napkins. A fine crochet lace may go clear across the end that is to fold over and so give the look of refinement that goes with perfect taste.

Pillow slips are also left open at both ends, with lace all around. The bed seems exquisitely dressed with these accessories. An old fashioned bolster case open on either end also has lace, and if desired each of these ends may be tied with a bow of broad ribbon, although a more refined taste will not permit anything in color about a bed.

The pretty "twin beds," standing side by side, with snowy counterpanes, slips and sheets turned down, are most attractive and look neater than any sort of lace or net covers possibly can. Merchants cater now to the newest in every way, and counterpanes are so woven that the corners fit around the posts without having to be pulled into awkward folds.

System In the Cupboard.

How many minutes are lost sometimes by looking for a can or bottle which has been pushed behind something else on the shelves? Here is a simple idea which can readily be adopted: Have made a set of little steps of various widths, having the top step the narrowest. Make them as far apart as the rest of your canisters, cereal and spice jars. Then place the smallest cans on the top shelf, the larger cans on the lower shelf, and so on. In this way you will have only one object occupying the width of a shelf and will never have to look behind one thing to find another.

For Flower Lovers.

A nickeled tin, the shape of a window box, was incased in a raised wicker basket, which had a charming wicker standard. It would be just the thing for an apartment, where window boxes add so much to the appearance of the rooms and yet where they are well nigh impossible owing to the difficulty in moving.

Points for Mothers

Embroidered Carriage Covers.

The embroidered articles for baby should be washable, for they will frequently need freshening up. The prettiest white articles are for the baby's crib or perambulator. The little pillows are always fascinating things to make, and the embroidered sheets to match are a suggestion which many needlewomen will welcome. They will make an appropriate gift and one which will not be duplicated as frequently as many other dainty articles.

Pique and linen are the favored materials for making lingerie carriage covers. When the former material is used it is necessary to cut the piece for the underflap and seam it again on the under side, for both sides of the pique are not alike. This flap is drawn over the strap and holds the cover in position. The carriage cover should be cut long enough to extend over the end of the carriage. The width should be ample also.

A simple design is preferable for the cover. Anything elaborate is not considered good taste. A combination of eyelet and solid embroidery is charming for the cover of linen or pique. The edge should be scalloped and buttonhole stitched.

The daisy design is always appropriate for the cover of linen, and the festooned garland of small flowers and foliage looped up with bowknots or ribbons is a design generally admired.

Fancy Crib Sheets.

The tiny crib sheets can be had with hemstitched ends, and in this case it is only necessary to add the embroidery design. If you desire a more elaborate design scallop and buttonhole stitch the top. The top of the sheet is turned down to a depth of eight inches and the design embroidered with satin stitch. Many pretty effects can be obtained with dots. One sheet has a border of interlaced rings formed of dots of graduated sizes. The edge of the top is buttonhole stitched. A second design is an arrangement of daisies, while a third has a gracefully trailing vine along the hemstitched border.

For Outdoor Amusement.

Sand interests every child. It can usually be secured from a nearby builder. Tincups, molds in different sizes, several of each size, can be purchased for a small sum.

The sand should be boarded off in one corner of an outdoor shelter, and as the child experiments and creates with it he is rapidly gaining a sense of proportion. He sees that large molds will not fit into small ones, nor will their contents make a uniform border unless they are placed with those of a like size. Buckets and shovels of varying sizes are also excellent play toys for sand.

A Traveling Bassinet.

When it is necessary to take baby on a long journey he may be made very comfortable in a bassinet built of the traveling baskets or suit cases which have two sections, one fitted over the other. Line each half with quilted cotton sateen. The deeper piece will answer for a cradle. When it is in use the other, if placed over the end lengthwise, will make a nice little shield from drafts. In traveling from place to place pack the baby's belongings in the basket, and carry it by means of a shawl strap. It may be opened up for use on the train or boat.

Exercises With Clay.

Colored clay that is very reasonable in price is most useful in amusing a child. Place a low table and small chair in the shelter, and on this he will never tire of fashioning new forms with the clay. The big muscles need constant and proper exercise. Clay gives this to perfection. Without actually helping him suggest pretty forms for him to make on the clay, as baskets, rosettes and borders made of balls. Sometimes make him a model and then ask him to imitate. Imitation is the basis of all teaching.

Summer Rompers.

A crawling youngster of a year can get about as dirty as any little four footed pig. If the rompers are of white they will be a sight to behold in five minutes; if they are dark blue the dirt will be there just the same, only not visible. A compromise calls for a thin quality of material that easily washes out. No ironing is needed. If such garments are dropped into a big tub of water kept for the purpose they may be hung out dripping, but clean. They will dry in a couple of hours and be ready for wear.

Curing Crooked Eyes.

Crosseye or squint in children is sometimes caused by a peculiarity or slight malformation of the interior of the eye. Take the child to an oculist at once. The wearing of spectacles will probably cure the trouble, or a slight operation may be needed. Do not let childish timidity or your own nerves stand in the way of proper treatment.

Buttons on Shoes.

When buying buttoned boots for the children get the shopman to put the buttons on with patent fasteners before sending them home. Boots with buttons off are always untidy.

For the Children

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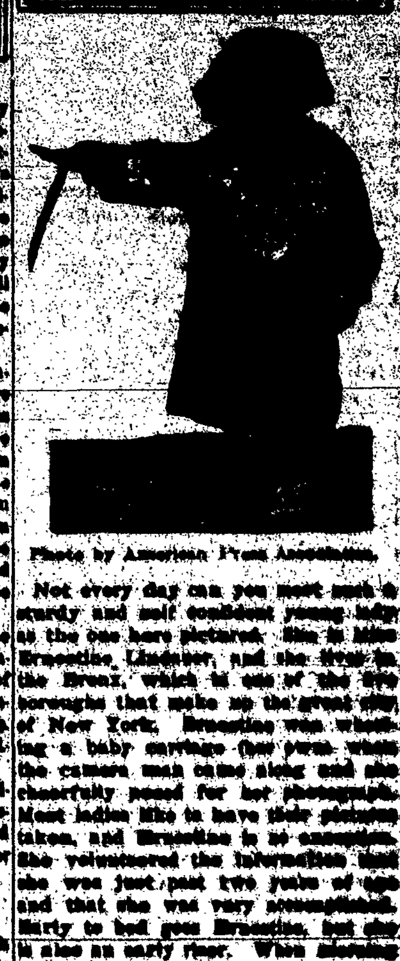

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Not every day can you meet such a sturdy and self confident young lady as the one here pictured. She is Miss Ernestine Lindner, and she lives in the Bronx, which is one of the five boroughs that make up the great city of New York. Ernestine was wheeling a baby carriage (her own) when the camera man came along and she cheerfully posed for her photograph. Most ladies like to have their pictures taken, and Ernestine is no exception. She volunteered the information that she was just past two years of age and that she was very accomplished. Early to bed goes Ernestine, but she is also an early riser. When morning [illegible] she runs to her papa's room and tells him to get up at once or he will be late for work. So you see Ernestine is useful as well as highly ornamental.

Chinese Boy's Recitation.

There was a rich merchant who became interested in a bright little Chinese boy and told his father that he would take him into his employ when he could speak good English. "Not pidgin English," warned the merchant. By the way, "pidgin English" is what is known as "business English" and is pronounced pidgin by the celestial as the nearest he can come to saying "business."

One day the father brought the little boy to the merchant, telling him that he now could speak most elegant English. The merchant did not believe it from the short time he had been at it, but to give him a chance said: "All right. Say 'Little Jack Horner' for me. Do you know it?" The little Chinese boy smiled delightedly, proud to be able to show off his knowledge, and this is what the merchant heard:

Litee Johnny Horner
[illegible] inside corner,
Makee chowchow one Clismas pie.
He put inside tum,
Catchee [illegible] plum—
Hi yah! What one good chilo my!
—Chicago News.

The Candy Stick.

A Connecticut family, just after a snow, gave an old fashioned candy pull to their friends. When the syrup had been boiled sufficiently the dishful was placed on the snow just outside the door, the quicker to cool off and be ready for pulling. Suddenly there was a great racket outside. A pig had entered the yard and chanced to come upon the dish. The surface was cool enough to be comfortable, so the pig, according to its nature, plunged his snout away down to the bottom of the vessel. Then he drew back the candy stuck to him, and then he fled. The people came out in time to see piggy going through the fence. They gave chase, and when they caught the porker the candy had cooled off so that it had to be knocked off with a hammer.

Some Pen Names.

Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain).
Charles Dickens (Boz).
Charlotte Bronte (Currer Bell).
Peter Dunne (Mr. Dooley).
William T. Adams (Oliver Optic).
Benjamin Franklin (Poor Richard).
Mme. Dudevant (George Sand).
John Watson (Ian Maclaren).
Samuel G. Goodrich (Peter Parley).
Joel Chandler Harris (Uncle Remus).
Mary A. Dodge (Gail Hamilton).

My Grandmother's Cat.

The player says "My grandmother's cat is one that begins with A" (like Angora). The next player would say "My grandmother's cat is one that begins with B" (like black). Thus the game proceeds until the whole alphabet is used.

Cubbyholes.

I'd like a house built all upstairs,
With boxes and the floor for chairs,
And full of cubbyholes, just right
For me to live in out of sight.

In nooks and corners I would stay,
And I would always live that way,
And all my cubbyholes should be
Just right for one or two or three.

Like homes of lords and high born dames,
My cubbyholes should all have names—
"The Castle" and "The Witch's Glen,"
"The Secret Cave" and "Robber's Den."

And, like the buccaneers of old,
I'd bury tons and tons of gold
And sometimes play I had with me
A princess in captivity.

And could I be a monarch grand
I'd have no rooms in all the land,
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—Youth's Companion.