

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

A DAILY THOUGHT.

Fortune doesn't change men; it unmask them.—Paine.

The gate-top braces, in links of plain and engraved silver, folds to the size of a ring and expands to fit any arm. Equally adjustable is the gold or silver serpent. It can be used as a necklace as well.

Garnets are in again. You can find nothing more becoming to a brunette than one of the new garnet necklaces with graduated star pendants.

A supper is so much more often served by some member of the family than by the maid, that is to say, those of Sunday evening, or after some small entertainment, I believe a few suggestions concerning these delightful informal meals will interest the hostess and possibly be of considerable help, especially to the young housekeeper.

If it is possible much of the preparation for a Sunday supper should be done the day before. Viands for sandwiches or to reheat or serve cold may be prepared, jellies or frozen puddings made, cakes baked, and a supply of such staple articles as canned shrimps, deviled ham, imported sardines, beef tongue or anchovy, and other pastes, olives, tins of crackers, fruits such as figs, dates, etc., salted nuts, cheese, and in fact all kinds of delicacies which may be bought from a fancy grocer, should be within ready reach.

The chafing dish plays an important part at present in the dining room; it is well to have at least two, well equipped, also see that they are kept in perfect order. The chafing dish cabinets are a great convenience, and of course a small table, or two, as the case may be, are very essential. These should be spread with a cloth, usually a heavy linen is used, and a large metal tray is placed under the chafing dish. There are so many accessories and pretty appointments for the chafing dish table now and procurable at such a variety of prices, there is really no excuse for the hostess to deprive herself of these genuine comforts.

In setting the supper table one may use either the polished table with dollies, or a fancy linen cloth. The newest supper cloths are inset with lace and also have a lace border; or they are of the beautiful new brocade linen. The table should be lighted by two single candlesticks with pretty shades. The decorations should be very simple, a low flower bowl or fern dish placed in the center is the conventional decoration, but a newer idea is to have four very small vases containing odorless flowers; the new Wateau baskets either of silver or glass being especially charming, placed near the corners.

At each cover should be laid a service plate; if bouillon, soup in cups, or fruit is used it should be placed upon the table before the meal is announced. To the left of the plate arrange a breakfast fork, fish fork (if shell fish is to form a part of the menu), and two teaspoons. At the right place a tea knife, game knife, if small birds are to be served, a bouillon spoon, and a grape fork or other fruit spoon if required, also a butter spreader. If bread and butter plates are used they should be placed at the top left hand side of the place, and individual salt and pepper dishes, at the top. These little dishes either in silver (lined with glass), or in cut glass have replaced the salt shakers entirely on well appointed tables. Glasses for water or any chosen beverage should be placed at the right of the plate, and as it is now the custom to serve water from glass pitchers for this meal, either a water pitcher or bottle is placed on a tray with a dolly and set on the corner of the table nearest the hostess.

Sandwiches should be placed on the table in a covered glass dish, and the small breads or cakes in a cake basket. The coffee or tea service should be placed upon a tray, and if a chafing dish service is to be used, this should be arranged on a side table and placed near the place of the hostess. Upon the serving table should be arranged several sets of plates and all the dishes which might be required in changing a course, so that it may be accomplished by the hostess with ease.

There are so many charming dishes in which to serve relishes, such as one can arrange a supper table most attractively and at comparatively small expense.

The small silver that the housewife who entertains occasionally should possess, consists of two dozen teaspoons, one dozen dessert spoons, one dozen soup spoons, one dozen table spoons, one dozen after-dinner coffee spoons; also one dozen each of bouillon, orange, and chocolate spoons. One dozen each of dinner, dessert, oyster, and fish forks; also berry and ice cream forks, and cold meat forks. One dozen dining knives (the steel bladed with ivory handles are best), one dozen silver tea knives, one dozen game knives and the same number of fruit knives and butter spreaders; also for serving, a good carrying set. In single pieces, a soup ladle, fish knife, gravy ladle, salad set, several sugar tongs, a butter pick, whipped cream ladle, cheese scoop, ice cream cutter and a number of bonbon, olive, salted almond spoons, also a tea strainer, or ball.

An authority on such subjects gives the following theory of serving wines at dinner. First, all red wines should be served at a temperature of about 55 degrees Fahrenheit. White wines should be served directly from the ice.

Immediately after the soup, dry white wines are offered, such as French wines, Marsala, Sherry, Madeira, dry Sauterne, etc.

With the fish, dry white wines are also served. With oysters, Chablis is preferred. With relishes of botcher's meat, warm entrees, red wines, Burgandy or Bordeaux.

With cold entrees and other cold pieces, fine white wines are served.

With the roast, come the fine Bordeaux or Champagne, or both. With the entrees, Champagne alone.

With the dessert, liqueur wines, such as Frontignan, Lanel, Alcañate, Malvoisie, Tokay, Lacrima-Christi, etc.

An occasional French blouse utterly departs from the traditions of the year, and instead of being made of the sheers, finest mesh linen, is made of a rather heavy, open mesh stuff, as like cotton voile or two peas, yet with the hallmark of linen in its every thread.

The character of embroidery upon such a blouse is always of the heavier type, as more in keeping with the heavier material.

The prettiest combs, made of some composition which looks just a little like mother-of-pearl, without its iridescence, come for gray haired people, and is far and away more becoming than either shell or amber.

Some have silver or gold trimmings, a few even set with rhinestones, or with some of the many new stones.

EMPLOYEES RECEIVED PRESENTS

Philadelphia, May 19.—After hearing much additional testimony concerning the donations of stock to officials and employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad by soft coal mining companies, the interstate commerce commission adjourned until next Wednesday, when it will resume its sessions in this city and proceed with its inquiry into alleged discrimination by the railroads in the distribution of cars. Frank H. Wigton, president of the Morrisdale Coal company, appeared before the commission and corrected his statement of Thursday that his company had received rebates from the Pennsylvania Railroad within a few months previous to the retirement of General Traffic Manager Joyce in 1903. Mr. Wigton said that upon investigation he found that his company had received no rebates after 1900.

F. L. Sheppard, general superintendent of the United Railways of New Jersey, was examined as to his stock holdings in coal companies and alleged privileges given the Berwind-White company at Tidewater. F. M. Gross, western manager of the Keystone Coal and Coke company, told of men in the motive power department of the Pennsylvania Railroad who owned stock in the various coal companies.

Charles E. Pugh, second vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad, was one of the witnesses. He was questioned regarding his policy with regard to the placing of sidings.

R. L. O'Donnell, general superintendent of the Buffalo & Allegheny Valley division, told of having been given blocks of stock in various coal companies while he was in charge of the car distribution department of the Pittsburgh division.

Mr. O'Donnell said he was given so many stocks of coal companies that he really couldn't remember them all. One coal company alone pays him dividends of \$2400 a year on shares that cost him not a cent. Another company did as well. Others trailed along. When the list had been gone over, it was difficult to figure out Mr. O'Donnell's total income, but if it keeps up he should soon be in the millionaire class. Mr. O'Donnell could see nothing unusual in having all these cartloads of securities thrown at him. He thought it was the most proper thing in the world. Some of the stock came from Robert Pitcairn, President Cassatt's assistant at Pittsburgh, and some from Colonel George H. Huff and Captain Alfred Hicks.

The following statement was issued by Captain John P. Green, first vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, over his personal signature: "The recent developments at the hearing in progress before the interstate commerce commission in this city, in respect to the acquisition and ownership of the stocks of coal companies located on its lines, by officers and employees of the company, and the acceptance of gratuities by its employees, are a surprise to the management; and while it is not believed that these have caused injustice to the public or the company, the facts with respect thereto will be thoroughly investigated, and no ownership or practice calculated in any manner to affect the full and impartial discharge of the duty owed by the company, its officers and employees, to the public, will be tolerated."

MAY BE CRIPPLED FOR LIFE Coach of Penn's High Jumpers Injured Tendon of Leg.

Philadelphia, May 22.—I. X. Baxter, special city judge of Utica, N. Y., who was during his college days at the University of Pennsylvania one of the best high jumpers in the country, injured the Achilles tendon of his right leg so seriously while making a high jump on Franklin Field that he may be crippled for life. He had been asked to come to Pennsylvania to coach the high jumpers, and gave the athletes an exhibition in correct jumping. Although not in condition, he cleared the bar at 5 feet 10 inches, and in landing he either snapped or badly strained the tendon. Physicians at the University hospital believe he is permanently lamed.

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On one occasion a western senator ended a speech by declaring that were certain threatened events to occur he would "leave this country and join some other nation. Even the Comanches he would prefer to this government in such a case."

Senator Wirgall of Texas rose in answer and stated in a tone of grave remonstrance that he trusted the senator would consider well before he took such a step, "for the Comanches had already suffered too much from contact with the whites."

The Italian Baby. No infant receives a warmer welcome to the world or is more happily born than the Italian baby. No infant is the object of more caresses or is more fondly admired. Indeed, no matter how poor the mother and father may be, no matter how large the family, they have very merry times when another son or daughter comes to them. The neighbors are invited in, a feast is prepared, a gallon or two of cheap wine is procured, and the merriment sometimes lasts several days. The Italian considers there are only three great events in the life of man—namely, his birth, marriage and death. These three events never pass without a gorgeous and elaborate celebration. In this simple way they strive to carry out the tender life lesson: "When you were born you wept while those around you smiled. So live that when you die you alone may smile and those around you weep." And so they laugh and drink wine and sing, for they believe it will have an effect upon the life of the quivering form soon to take its place among them.—London Standard.

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