

Country Correspondence

Items of Interest Dished Up for the Delectation of "Watchman" Readers by a Corps of Gifted Correspondents.

AARONSBURG.

Mrs. Mary E. Breon entertained at supper, Friday evening, Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Snyder, of Millheim.

Miss Sarah Cunningham is spending the week with her sister, Miss Lois, and other relatives in Riverside.

Clarence Eisenhauer and Miss McClellan, of State College, motored down on Sunday and are guests of his mother, Mrs. Alice Eisenhauer.

Mrs. Corman, of Howard, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Rossman, assisting them in getting settled in their cosy new home on Front street.

Mrs. Silkman, with her two children, of Yeagertown, came over to assist her father, J. A. Grenoble, prepare for his sale of household goods, Friday, the 23rd.

After being home nursing a sore foot, Frank Weaver, who is employed in Renovo, returned to his employment Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver expect soon to move to Renovo.

During the past week Bernice Gilbert has been a very sick child with a severe attack of pneumonia, but her condition has changed for the better and we hope she may speedily recover.

Elmer Long came home from Burnham, where he is employed, suffering with a very sore finger. Dr. Musser has lanced it twice and is giving it careful attention. We hope his finger may soon be quite all right.

Mr. and Mrs. Shem Aurrand and three nieces, of Milroy, motored to this place Sunday afternoon and spent a few hours with Mrs. Aurrand's uncle and aunt, Squire and Mrs. Stover, and her cousin, Mrs. George E. Stover.

Mrs. M. A. Kennelly, of Lewistown, is the welcome guest of her brother-in-law, J. P. Condo. Rev. Kennelly has been transferred from Lewistown to Hughesville, where he will continue his work as pastor in the Evangelical church.

Sunday evening, March 18th, at the supper hour, the spirit of Mrs. Matilda Adleman took its flight into the realms beyond. For about fourteen years she has been sorely afflicted with rheumatism and has been confined to her room all these years, and for the past four years almost entirely to her bed.

She has been well cared for by her only child, Mrs. Eisenhauer. She was seventy-eight years of age. Her husband died many years ago but those who survive are her daughter, Mrs. Eisenhauer, one sister, Miss Lydia Walter, of Coburn, and three brothers. Funeral took place Thursday, burial being made in the Reformed cemetery in this place.

BOALSBURG.

Mrs. Harry Shugerts, of Altoona, was in town on Sunday.

Daniel Meyers, of this place, is visiting his daughter at State College.

Cyrus Wagner, of Altoona, is spending some time at the home of his parents.

Miss Miriam Zimmerman, of Bellefonte, spent the week-end with friends in town.

Mrs. H. F. McGirk and Miss Anna Dale went to Altoona on Tuesday to visit relatives.

Samuel Wagner, Robert Bailey and Oscar Smith have been quite ill during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maxwell and baby, of New York, are visiting at the home of A. J. Hazel.

Mrs. J. F. Zechman spent last week at Beaver Springs, helping to care for her mother, who is seriously ill.

Rev. and Mrs. John Harkins and sons, of State College, spent several days last week with Mrs. Harkins' parents, Rev. and Mrs. William Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dale and son Frederic, of Oak Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. Clement G. Dale, of Houserville, were recent visitors at the home of Austin Dale.

Rev. George E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Dale, Arthur Dale Esq., Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Musser and Henry Dale, of Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest McGirk, Mr. and Mrs. Millard McGirk and John Rutherford, of Altoona, were in town last Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Henry Dale.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

DEY USETER 'REST FOLKS FUH STEALIN' BUT 'PEAKS LAK NOW' DAYS HITS MOS'LY FUH LARS'NY!!



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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

The brook has found its voice again. The lark has found the blue. The crocus but has found the sun. The sun has found the dew. The butterfly has found the light. The grass the green of May. And Christians all find joyous life On holy Easter day.

While the jokes and often unkind tricks formerly practiced on April Day have now happily gone out of fashion, there was never an epoch when this day of mirth was more widely celebrated than it is now.

Hostesses have come to appreciate the date as one on which the "little nonsense" which is "relished by the best of men" may appropriately be indulged in, and everywhere April Day sociables or theatrical performances of amateur nature, or dances, or suppers are arranged.

A jolly way to entertain and one which I can recommend from actual experience, is a frolic beginning with a performance followed up with a supper and a dance.

The affair might be advertised as a Topsy Turvy entertainment, and some idea of the solemn nature of the program might be conveyed by the invitations, which could be written on monogrammed note sheets turned upside down, enclosed in envelopes with addresses also topsy turvy.

For the decoration of the parlor or the hall symbols of former feasts are most effective. For instance, holly wreaths and Happy New Year signs can be hung up in prominent places, while specially prepared placards with illuminated lettering could read: A Happy Birthday to You, or any other amusing nonsense that can be thought up.

And in this connection festoons of newspaper fringed and caught up with huge cartwheels or rosettes of the same inexpensive material are worth mentioning as substitutes for the usual crepe paper or flags, as the effect is most ludicrous and truly in accordance with the occasion.

Plant the household broom in a jardiniere of earth or sawdust and attach to it a card such as those used in the botanical gardens, reading "Broomis Splendidus, Domestica." Feather dusters and whisk brooms may also be arranged in pots and given mock Latin names in the same way.

The theatrical entertainment might well be a series of tableaux in keeping with the celebration, which must, of course, be previously rehearsed and provided for in the way of stage setting costume.

Each tableau should remain a secret between the stage manager and the actors in that particular scene in order that those who participate in other "pictures" may enjoy those at which they assist as audience with all the zest of novelty.

Or it may be that a few of the company will act as troupe, not everybody having time to devote to it in advance, the rest of the company looking on.

Of course, the tableaux are nonsense, pure and simple. I will suggest a few to show the plan, which the individual hostess can alter and work out to suit her own ideas of what April Day tableaux should be.

1. Walter Raleigh and Queen Elizabeth (cloak episode) very much marred by the fact that both the queen and courtier wear enormous paper noses while the queen carries an umbrella for which chronology affords no excuse.

2. Bluebeard and his wives. Bluebeard representing the male population stands sword in hand confronting a curtain through which appear the heads of the many wives. The hair of each "wife" is caught up with a pin to look as if she was suspended by it and across the street which serves as a curtain is written in bold lettering: We Died in the Cause of Equal Suffrage.

Our favorite flowers. A very floury cook in gingham apron much padded out to represent great corpulency is seen making bread surrounded by bags of different brands of flour.

Cinderella's slipper. Cinderella seated before the prince, her face much grimed with soot and cinders, extends a foot made absurdly large by stuffing out a stocking, while the prince dubiously compares it with a tiny slipper in his hand.

The discovery of America. A group of school children stand blankly in front of a map of America while a very cross looking teacher, ferrule in hand, points out the different points of interest.

Midsummer Night's Dream. A huge mosquito fashioned of raw cotton and brown tissue paper is seen hovering in mid air while a figure arrayed in wrapper in night cap looks on as if fascinated with terror.

The conclusion of the tableaux will be a signal for the dance or cotillion which may be the least expensive and yet the merriest of the entire year in the hands of an inventive entertainer.

Fool caps of paper for both sexes would make attractive favors for both sexes in the first dance and this is something which any one can make. Those of the boys should be in one color or combination of colors and those of the girls something different. They are to be worn throughout the rest of the evening.

Again little fringed bags of paper confetti either made at home or purchased already prepared could be distributed, or huge flowers of ludicrously combined colors made from crepe paper, with cardboard spiders or beausties made of fruit and nuts.

To decide the question of which man and girl shall go in to supper together pass around cards having the different names pieced, so that they will have to be puzzled out. Thus the name Gray might appear as rGya and so forth. The cards are distributed according to plan and each man takes in the girl whose name he receives the partner also receiving his name to puzzle out.

Maple Sponge Cake.—Cream the yolks of 3 eggs with 3 cupful of shaved, maple sugar. Add 3-5 cupful potato flour, sifted 3 times with 1 teaspoon baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Fold in the whipped egg whites.

FARM NOTES.

—Three inches equal a palm; four inches a hand, and six inches a span. —Barnyard manure or nitrate of soda will often do wonders for rundown orchards on poor soils.

—Indirect manures are those which do not furnish the plant with food directly, but by freeing the plant food locked up in the soil are beneficial to crops.

—It is estimated by fruit market specialists that proper grading and handling has extended the marketing period of apples from four to seven months.

—Experiments in rotation have proved that larger crops of a better quality always results if the rotation plan is suitable to the conditions prevailing.

—Try a little publicity this year and notice the results. Place a sign over the gateway, neatly displaying the name of the farm in a conspicuous and attractive manner.

—For early potato mixture: 150 pounds nitrate, 100 pounds sulphate, 300 pounds tankage, 400 pounds raw bone, 800 pounds acid phosphate, 240 pounds muriate of potash.

—Better products, rather than more poor or ordinary products, should be the aim. One reason markets are so poor is because they are offered so many poor products. Good products are seldom poor.

—Planting the same crop on the same land season after season will soon impoverish the soil for that particular crop and smaller yields of poor quality will be shown on the average each year.

—Eggs for incubation should never be held longer than ten days. Those that are three or four days old hatch nearly as well as those set immediately, but after they pass that period, they start on the decline.

—As a rule, farmers keep their horses too warm. Their stables are too close, especially in the summer, but this is true also of winter. A well-fed healthy horse does not need a blanket in the stable, summer or winter.

—Clean up and burn all fallen limbs and so far as possible reduce the number of hiding places for hibernating insects. Protect the young orchard against mice and rabbits by wrapping the trunks of the trees with felt paper or veneer.

—Crop rotation is a success. It can be practiced on some farms more conveniently than on others. On raw farm lands the problems of rotation are harder to solve, but there are few farms that can not be handled on the rotation plan, at least in a modified form.

—In passing one sees many homes, occupied by the same people for many years, where not a shade or fruit tree or ornamental shrub is visible. The attractiveness and value of such places would be much greater if shade and fruit trees, shrubbery and a few vines and flowers were planted.

—One of the reasons why failures occur in dairying is because proper attention is not given to details. There are those with such expanded ideas that to look after the more minute portions of the business they would

think it a waste of time. For this reason they are always branching out on a grander scale, not giving heed to the leakage that is so constantly going on.

—Hot water is a simple, but effective remedy for caked udder after calving. There should be frequent baths with hot water. This should be followed by rubbing with a mixture of one part turpentine to two parts of melted lard, applying quite warm. The udder should be rubbed and kneaded each time. A teaspoonful of fluid extract of poke-root should be given internally three times a day. This treatment should be continued for two full weeks.

—Low producing soils generally need organic matter. It has been determined through experiments and soil analysis that seldom do we find soil without a liberal amount of plant food of all kinds, but this food is not liberated or made available to the plants unless there is also a liberal amount of organic matter in the soil. Neither will added food in the form of commercial fertilizer be of avail without organic matter. There is nothing better for the soil than to turn under a crop of cowpeas, peanut vines, sweet clover, velvet beans or other green manure crops.

—Many farmers object to turning under a crop that might make good hay, but those who have followed this practice find that the succeeding crop of corn or other grains is enough larger to pay a profit on the investment. Continuous cropping will eventually wear out the best of land.

—A number of changes in the federal fruit and vegetable grades which will be of importance to Pennsylvania growers, are proposed by the federal authorities working in conjunction with the various State agencies.

Federal officials conferred with officers of the Bureau of Markets of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture regarding the changes, several days ago.

The principal changes that affect Pennsylvania are the two additions to the potato grades. The first is a combination grade consisting of any lot of potatoes of which at least 75 per cent by weight, meet the requirements of U. S. No. 1 and the remainder of which meet the requirements of U. S. No. 2.

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling,

not more than 5 per cent. by weight, of any lot may be below the prescribed size and, in addition, not more than 5 per cent., by weight, may be below the requirements of U. S. No. 2, but this tolerance shall not reduce the percentage of U. S. No. 1 in this grade below 75 per cent by weight.

Another addition is that of U. S. No. 1 Small. This grade is the same as U. S. No. 1 except as to size, which is not to be less than 1 1/2 inches in diameter. This is intended to take care of the early stock that comes principally from the south.

Another change which will probably become effective is that in the tolerance allowed on defects. This tolerance has been increased 6 to 10 per cent. by weight, but no one defect shall exceed 5 per cent. by weight.

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