For the Hostess Chat on Topics of Many Kinds, by a Recognized Authority

An Unique Party.

There are "novelties in entertain-tent" at the seashore as well as in town, and this scheme of a New Jersey girl is one that "took" wonderfully. The affair was held on the broad piaz za surrounding the house that faced the grand old ocean.

The invitations were for a "bottle" party; each guest was requested to bring a bottle (empty) any size or Of course every one wondered what the result would be when the motley collection of bottles appeared

on the table waiting to receive them. After a few moments spent in speculating as to the future of "those bot the hostess brought in yard lengths of crepe paper of many colors cotton, pins, odds and ends of ribbon etc., and requested each guest to se lect a bottle and transform it into a doll; there was a supply of corks to use in forming heads, which were cov ered with cotton.

A half hour was allowed to finish these creations; prizes were awarded for the best, worst and funniest.

Next the hostess passed cards with

pencils attached, numbered from 1 to 20; the guests were taken into a room in which stood 20 bottles, each bear ing a tag numbered from 1 to 20. low paper concealed the contents of the bottles, which were pill size up to the bottles, which were pill size up to gallons. One "sniff" or "whiff" was POTATOES NEW, POTATOES OLD permitted, then the supposed contents were written down opposite the number on the card.

Lavendar salts, bottles of cologne, and sachets were given as prizes.

The next test was very pretty. Each

guest was blindfolded and led around the room in which flowers were ar ranged in vases on mantel and tables. The one who recognized the most flowers by the odor received a handsome nosegay surrounded by a frill of lace

The refreshments consisted of flower forms made in ices and creams with dainty little cakes ornamented with candied rose and violet leaves.

For a Children's Party.

There have been so many requests for a children's party that I have made a special effort to get these pretty ideas for decorations, feeling sure that mothers could adapt for their own us

the schemes suggested.

Clown cakes will be much appreciated by youthful guests; bake a sim-ple cake mixture in small round muffin pans. Frost some with white, some with chocolate, making eyes, nose and mouth of contrasting color. Around each put tiny frills of colored crepe paper and the cakes will look like funny faces beneath little bonnets

With these serve circus lemonade Take large smooth skinned lemons, cut off one end, hollow out and place in ice water. Cut off black courtplaster eyes, nose and mouth. dry the shells and paste these on in as grotesque a manner as possible. Then make little dunce caps of red and white stiff paper, leaving a hole at the

with lemonde, put on the caps, stick in the straws and they are ready to

For a centerpiece have a tiny tent, with miniature animals in a procession. At each child's plate have a wee tent of paper, a flag on it, with a rail fence of opera sticks around it. Under each tent have salted peanuts.

Have striped paper bags filled with popcorn and the small guests will be perfectly delighted with the "circus"

A Potato Supper.

Church suppers have been and probably always will be a commercial asset in raising money. A "ladies' aid" society issued these catchy invitations, which were printed in red or common brown wrapping paper and scattered broadcast in the hotels and boarding houses of the seashore resort, where summer visitors helped out largely in furnishing the where-withal to run the little church furing the long nine months of winter. I give the invitation so that our readers may cut it out for future use, scheme is adaptable for any time or place:

A sociable next Friday night! Look down below, first left, then right, And you will see the "Bill-of-Fare" In English language written there:

POTATOES NEW, POTATOES OLD.
Some we will boil and some we'll bake,
And some serve in a hot loaf-cake;
Potatoes also we'll prepare
In brown croquettes as light as air,
And some make up in griddle-cakes
As nice as any French cook makes.
And then dessert—for those who wish
We will prepare some dainty dish,
"Fit for the gods," you'll think, we know,
Though mostly made of potato.
This sociable is to be given
Between the hours of four and seven,
At — Hall next Friday night,
And one and all we here invite;
Be sure to come; don't be afraid.
Your presence will—"THE LADIES AID."
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Stylish shoes are highly arched. Striped effects rule supreme is kirtings.

Many summer coats are lined with shantung. Sequins play a leading part in fam

decoration. Military straps are among the popu-

ar sleeve trimmings. The white lace veil is more widely worn than any other.

Hats are larger now than they will be later in the season.

Mohair is the favorite material for utomobile dust coats.

Pongee hats, matching pongee cosumes, are smart just now

Walking costumes are a bit severe ith little trimming. Linen frocks with short skirts are

popular for street wear.

"Linden," a creamy yellow green, is

top to receive a straw; fill the cups a leading shade in new dresses.



TUNIC for Boy from Four to Six Years.—This simple little tunic might be made in Holland, drill, or linen; either would be suitable and seasonable; it is quite plain, fastens down the front, and has a turned-down collar; a leather belt is worn just below the waist.

Materials required: Two yards 42 inches wide.

Dress for Girl from Eight to Ten Years.—Cherry red cashmere is used for this dress; the skirt is trimmed at the foot by three small tucks. The blouse, which resembles the sailor style, has the upper part cut in a shaped yoke, and the lower tucked and set to it; the tucks are only stitched down two inches; the sleeve is tucked a few inches at both ends and is set to a tucked wrist band. A sailor collar of spotted drill is worn; the tie matches it.

Materials required: 2½ yards cashmere 48 inches wide.

Dress for Girl from Ten to Twelve Years.—This dainty little dress is in white lawn; the skirt is gathered at the waist and is trimmed at the foot by two rows of Valenciennes insertion; the bodice has a vest and sleeves of tucked lawn and insertion arranged in stripes alternately; the sides of the bodice are plain lawn, so are the epaulettes, but they are edged with insertion and lace

Materials required: Five yards lawn 42 tooless wide 114 down insertion

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TROUBLE IN ROYAL PALACE.

Tidings Borne by Amateur Actor Suf-ficient to Lead Hearers to Expect the Worst.

The Shakespeare club of New Or leans used to give amateur theatrical performances that were distinguished for the local prominence of the actors Once a social celebrity, with a gorgeous costume, as one of the lords in waiting, had only four words to say: "The queen has swooned." As he stepped forward, his friends applauded vociferously. Bowing his thanks, he faced the king and said, in a highqueened." "The swoon has

There was a roar of laughter; but he waited patiently, and made another attempt:

"The sween has cooned." Again the walls trembled and the

stage manager said, in a voice which could be heard all over the house: "Come off, you doggoned fool."

But the ambitious amateur refused

to surrender, and in a rasping fal-setto, as he was assisted off the stage screamed: "The coon has sweened."-Success Magazine.

GAVE HER AN IDEA.



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Samuel Gompers was talking in the smokeroom of the Baltic about a recent, newspaper attack on a rich cor poration.

"It was a cruel attack," Mr. Gom-pers chuckled. "It was as cruel as the Jonesville Clarion's paragraph about old Deacon Hiram Ludlow. This paragraph headed the Clarion's obituary column. It said:

'Deacon Hiram Ludlow of Frisble township, aged 82, passed peacefully away on Thursday last from single blessedness to matrimonial bliss after a short but severe attack by Maria Higgins, a blooming widow of 37 sum -Detroit Journal.

Your Salary.

The universe pays every man in his own coin; if you smile, it smiles upon you in return; if you frown, you will be frowned at; if you sing, you will be invited into gay company; if you think, you will be entertained by thinkers; and if you love the world and earnestly seek for the good that is therein, you will be surrounded by loving friends, and nature will pour into your lap the treasures of the earth. Censure, critise and hate, and you will be censured, criticised and hated by your fellow men.—N. W. Zimmerman.

And Ma Fainted.
"Why did she refuse you?" she asked her son, with fine scorn.

"Well," the boy replied between his sobs, "she objects to our family. She pa's a loafer, that you're and that everybody laughs at Dayse Mayme because she's a fool and talks about nothing but the greatness of her family." (Chauncey threw water in his mother's face, but at three o'clock this afternoon she was still in a swoon, with four doctors working on her.)—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

BAD DREAMS

"I have been a coffee drinker, more of less, ever since I can remember, until a few months ago I became more and more nervous and irritable, and finally I could not sleep at night for I was horribly disturbed by dreams of all sorts and a species of distressing nightmare.

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and find it to be an excellent remedy for children." Dr. S. A. Buchanan, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "I have used your Cas-

toria in the case of my own baby and find it pleasant to take, and have obtained excellent results from its use."

Dr. J. E. Simpson, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I have used your Castoria in cases of colic in children and have found it the best medicine of its kind

on the market."

Dr. R. E. Eskildson, of Omaha, Neb., says: "I find your Castoria to be a standard family remedy. It is the best thing for infants and children I have ever known and I recommend it." Dr. L. R. Robinson, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Your Castoria certainly

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