

The Love of Let's Pretend Makes Us All Feel Gay on Halloween

And the Impish Little Sprites That Govern the Activities of That Night Must Think We're Very Foolish

INSTEAD of losing its charm with the passing years, as so many things and holidays do, Halloween is gaining. Every year the celebration is larger and more elaborate. Perhaps it is just because the world is party-mad and this is one of the finest opportunities of the year for a party.

But I don't believe so. I like to think that it's because the love of let's pretend in all of us is really much greater than we admit, and this occasion gives us a chance to indulge it.

It's fun to be mysterious for a while; it's fun to hark back to our childhood, and play for an evening.

WE ARE only too glad to yield to the call of the little sprites that take charge of things on that night. The rest of the year we behave as if we really felt as grown up and dignified as we look.

But inside there's a disaffected something that just looks forward to Halloween as its "night to howl."

Even then, sometimes we keep up our pretense of being rather above this kind of thing, and of taking an interest in the children's party and dressing up just to please them.

But we're really quite as amused and interested and delighted as they are. And when we go to a party ourselves:

There's something about the mystery of Halloween that's alluring, as mysterious always is. You know perfectly well that the somber-looking soul who seems to feel so out of place in his own and bells is really your best friend's nice husband, who is a perfect gentleman.

He has asked you for several dances and has talked in the most solemn way about how beautiful you are.

You know perfectly well that the next day you will see him and his children and whether he had a good time dancing with you the night before, but that foolish love of let's pretend within you keeps you thinking all the time, "Maybe it isn't Bill, maybe it really is some stranger."

A delightful idea!

THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE To "Billie R." Your letter has been referred to the Movie Magazine page, where it will appear and be answered in the Letter Box.

TO CLEAN A WHITE HAT To the Editor of Women's Page: Dear Madam—Please tell me how I can dry-clean a child's white chicken hat. MRS. L. B.

FOUR CATS NEED HOMES To the Editor of Women's Page: Dear Madam—Please publish a few words in your column asking that I may find homes for a beautiful gray cat and three kittens. The mother cat is a couple of years old, but is as pet as well as a wonderful mouser. I must find homes within a few days. MRS. L. G.

ADVENTURES WITH A PURSE IF YOU abide by the wise slogan, "Do your Christmas shopping early," you'll be hunting about the shops to see what is to be had this year in the way of acceptable, useful and inexpensive presents. I found something yesterday for the small brother which he is sure to like, because, in his words, they look like "million dollars." (Chloisette our link in several combinations. There is green and gold and there is one in gray and white. The links are backed with metal that looks very much like sterling silver. Sounds awfully expensive, doesn't it? But the price tag was marked fifty cents.)

I wonder if you have seen the perfume bottles to be worn about the neck? They are glass flagonettes made on the shape of Omar Khayyam's jug. The surface is decorated with colorful flowers made in a design. The bottle in all is about two inches high and fits onto a black silk cord to be worn about the neck. The cord is decorated with tiny sealing wax beads. It seems a very attractive addition to the costume and also is a convenient way of carrying the perfume. It is priced at \$1.

LOVE NOTES BY KAY KEAN Exit Husbands Beware the subsequent flame of jealousy. More welcome than a red hot link in a theatre fire is a husband's chance to quack the sub staff and wily waiting.

WHAT'S WHAT BY Helen Deets Long long ago the "Forty-Niners" the diggers made rich overnight by the discovery of gold in California. It was a ridiculous belief that they invested large part of their sudden wealth in diamonds, and adorned themselves with large studs, gold chains, etc. Yes, in that period, it was not considered bad form for men to wear jewelry, so long as they did not make the display too flashy.

AN UNUSUAL GIFT There are some who are even now starting their Christmas gifts, and for these people of foresight, here is a delightful suggestion. Surely there are on their gift list at least two or three girls who like to cook, so it goes without saying the present of a quaint apron would be appreciated. This one, however, is not the ordinary variety, but something to be fixed in the chafing dish or when they slip out into the kitchen to make coffee. It is of black satin, slips over the head, and is decorated with an artistic design of colored sateen flowers applied with a black buttonhole stitch. The round neck is finished with creamy sateen, and this material also forms the hem.

A QUIET OVERSKIRT OF SILK CORD Loops of silk cord make this charming overskirt. Sew one end of the upper edge of the skirt. Make loops four inches wide and six inches long, all around the skirt. About three inches down from the first side of the first loop, join another piece of the cord. Make a six-inch loop and join it between the first and second loop of the first row. Continue in this way till you have the required number of rows of loops to form an overskirt of a beautiful length. The cord is long enough to cover the entire length of the skirt. The last row. Knot these strands into groups of three and fasten long silk tassels to them. This stunning overskirt is usually pretty on an evening frock. FLORA

Please Tell Me What to Do THE STUNT YOU CAN'T LEAVE OUT

Letters to Cynthia's column must be in an envelope with the writer's name and address. The name will not appear in the column unless the writer so desires. Unkind letters and letters without proper address will not be printed. Cynthia will accept no correspondence unless it is written with an absolutely necessary.

For a Sense of Humor Dear Cynthia—"Le San" letter has hit me "between the eyes." I should rather say your answer to his letter. Oh, if people could only realize how much a sense of humor affects your whole life! It is easy to smile and be cheerful, when everything is bright, but how many of us can keep so when things look black? There was an article in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER on the Woman's Page which "Le San" I hope, has read. It told of people who after a long time of being without a sense of humor, have a little "le San" in them. You people who are always grumbling, try it.

It is not my desire to make you a stinging reply, but rather to give you my own opinion. I expect you to care what I think, since I am only a woman.

A Sane, Fine Letter Dear Cynthia—May I write to "Le Penseur" with your permission? I don't know "Le Penseur" possibly you will not know the person to whom I am writing. I am a woman, and I believe man's life is a struggle with woman as well as with the world.

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THE SUPERIOR SEX BY HAZEL DEYO BATCHELOR John Steele marries Anne Temple knowing that she has a secret in her past which she refuses to divulge. He knows, too, that she does not love him, but during their honeymoon, he is so long in getting to know her that for a time he is very happy. Then Steele begins to think about Anne's past, and when he finally discovers that she has a child, his mind leaps to the fact that she has a secret in her past.

RETRIBUTION STEELE had not gone to Illinois in his efforts to discover Anne's secret. He had sent a private detective, and he thought of this as a matter of being out of the way of the Grand Central Station. Some day he would have to know. Anne couldn't have kept the past away from him forever. Anne says that she is to come far away from him. In the meantime, Steele regrets the fact that he has not given Anne a chance to explain, but he cannot bring himself to do so. He is a man of honor, and he will not let her know that he has a secret in his past.

THE STUNT YOU CAN'T LEAVE OUT Various kinds of poultry discussed in Mrs. Wilson's Cooking Talk Today

By MRS. M. A. WILSON Copyright, 1922, by Mrs. M. A. Wilson. All rights reserved. SQUAB and squab chicken, and duck are cooked in the same manner as chicken; namely, by either broiling or frying. This poultry is very tender and will cook in the minimum time allowed.

Wild Ducks The birds are usually delivered to the housewife with all the feathers on, and should be dipped in boiling water, twice, for three minutes to loosen the feathers, and then pick clean. Many of the best sportsmen declare a wild duck should be fried pickled. I have seen both methods used, and I know that there is really little difference.

How to Prepare Poultry Sturge by holding over the gas or coal fire, if down on hairs or visible on the skin. Then place the fowl on back, and with a sharp knife remove the head and feet; lay open the skin down the back of the neck and loosen, and remove the windpipe, the crop (which is white sack holding the food), and the attached sinews. Now cut an opening across the belly just below the thighs, and only sufficiently deep to sever the skin and flesh. Now insert the hand in this opening and gently work up and around in this cavity, loosening the entire intestinal tract; and insert the fingers, in the very top part, just as the windpipe, the crop and the windpipe as it was cut out with the crop, and pull out this entire mass.

With a sharp, pointed knife, cut out the vent, and remove the entire mass.

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