

MABEL'S CHITCHAT

The "Game" Garden Tea Latest Outdoor Social Amusement.

COMPETITION GREAT FUN.

New Touch That May Be Given to a Last Year's Belonging—Wild Flower Garden Made on a Half Dollar Scrap of Ground.

Dear Elsa—Summer tea parties are fascinating this season. Everybody dances at these little gatherings as much as—I mean more than—they drink tea, punch, etc. The other afternoon I went to a delightfully "snappy" (by the way, this and "wonderful" are the slang words that are being worked overtime this summer) tea served in the garden of a friend's home.

It was given in honor of two girls who were staying in the house and who frankly owned themselves "utterly frivolous." "So I am giving a tea party to match," my hostess whispered, as she hung round my neck a label bearing a large number.

"Just as if I am a motorcar or a thing at auction to be knocked down to the highest bidder," I laughed.

"That last is more or less what you are," Mrs. H. replied. And, as a matter of fact, time proved that I was. So I carried off a very beautiful silver rose bowl, which was the first prize for ladies.

But I must explain the competition. It was both novel and original, and it isn't easy to find these two qualifications at "game" teas, is it?

After having been duly numbered each guest was given a little card, with pencil attached, on which was written: "If you had to choose between instant annihilation or marriage, which girl (or man) in this room would you take for your life partner? Please put down the number of the candidate you select. N. B.—It is against the rules to vote for annihilation."

Each card bore the number of the person holding it, and it would surely have been discovered if guests voted for themselves, which of course would not be fair, since the lucky owner of the highest number of votes took first prize. What a mean insinuation this is, but it would spoil the appearance of the page if I erased it, so let it go as an expose of my really truly self.

To come back to the competition, a lot of pleasure was given to a dear old bachelor colonel of seventy-three, who easily headed the men's poll and was presented with a charming leather blotter. The popularity of the girl who got the most number of votes was easily accounted for because she was going to be married the next week, and the men felt they could vote for her without compromising themselves.

Another story: If you have a summer parasol that needs rejuvenating try Katherine L.'s latest scheme. You know how Katherine loves pretty things, and this parasol idea of hers is really worth while. The sunshade was originally a beautifully embroidered one of white linen with a design of roses, and after carefully washing and bleaching the parasol she tinted the flowers in rose shades and the leaves with water colors.

This gave an entirely new touch to a last year's belonging. Katherine, the immaculate, as we call her, always uses a little water color paint the correct shade of yellow on the extension part of the poles of her russet shades in order to keep them looking like new.

With apologies to Mr. Kipling—another story: I know how fond you are of wild flowers, so a garden I saw recently immediately suggested your bright bonny self to me. It was a wild flower garden, and, as the owner expressed it, she had made it from a scrap of ground "as large as a half dollar," and it certainly does blossom like a rose.

"The best way to make your garden," said the woman who knew, "is to transplant your flowers from the woods. It is almost impossible to gather wild seeds. The wind and the birds get ahead of one. And the florists have very few of the seeds needed. Some of the wild plants that come from bulbs can be procured from the nurseryman. Many of the violets and hepaticas, but practically all of the plants, must be taken from the woods."

"Begin your garden," continued the flower enthusiast, "by transplanting a bit of the soil as well, for few of the flowers will thrive in ordinary garden soil. Dig out a space of fourteen or fifteen inches deep and fill it with leaf mold and loam from the woods. If you can't do this mix a little sand and much fertilizer in with the garden soil if it is heavy; if it is light and sandy enrich it thoroughly with manure."

"When the bed is accomplished begin to transplant the flowers and plants. In a moist, shady corner pile some stones. It is here that the ferns and moss can be placed."

This garden is going to be lovely all summer, and I am sure the advice is reliable. The results so far surely prove it in a most satisfactory way.

Why don't you start a garden of this sort on your half dollar plot? Time's up; so, with all good wishes and a pleasant month of roses for you all, devotedly yours, MABEL.

Sugar Rolls.
The next time you are making rolls try putting a lump of sugar in the middle of each before the last rising. When the rolls are baked the sugar will partly melt and will make a delicious roll.

AN ASPARAGUS TIP.

Try This Very Satisfactory Way of Cooking This Vegetable.

Asparagus is too fine a vegetable to be carelessly prepared. Think for a moment how absurd it is to boil the delicate green tips for the same length of time as the solid stalks! And yet this is just what the average cook does. With this in mind, hunt through your kitchen utensils until you find a receptacle that will hold a bunch of asparagus upright during the entire cooking process. An agateware pail is a good thing, and the inner kettle of a double boiler is often of a desirable height and narrowness for this purpose. One ingenious housewife always buys a big, new coffeepot at the beginning of each asparagus season.

It is a common tin one, such as campers use, but she claims there is nothing so well adapted to the proper boiling of asparagus. The heavy stalks have an abundant depth of boiling water, while the delicate tips extend above the water line and are steamed, rather than boiled, to a delicious tenderness.

Where many bunches of asparagus must be boiled at the same time the desired result may be gained by placing the bunches horizontally in a large vessel, with boiling water to cover and letting them cook for the first ten minutes in that position. Then prop the bunches against the sides of the kettle so that the tips shall be entirely out of the water for the remaining time. In this way the tips are not overcooked, as they would otherwise be and as they usually are.

An excess of water dissipates the flavor of asparagus. Strongly impregnated as this water is with the asparagus flavor, it is valuable in many ways. Slightly thickened and with the addition of milk or white stock, asparagus soup is an easy and economical possibility.

Where the asparagus is to be served on toast the flavor is increased by moistening the toast with a few spoonfuls of this asparagus water. It is also a desirable substitute for milk or cream in the making of a sauce. In such case any formula for white sauce can be used, simply adding to the blended butter and flour the water in which the asparagus has been boiled. The same suggestion applies to the making of Hollandaise sauce when it is to be served with boiled asparagus.

Summer Frocks.

Flowered voile is one of the popular fabrics of the day whose popularity is not proving their death. This flowered voile is sold in several colors and weaves. Some of it is not within the reach of a scanty purse, but there is much of it that is inexpensive.

The background is generally white or tan, and the latter is more often used for afternoon gowns than the for-



FROCK OF FLOWERED VOILE.

mer. The designs are posies of various colored blossoms in more or less gaudy colorings, some suggesting the futurist school, others as quiet and sedate as any mid-Victorian could desire.

The dress pictured is of this material, and it is as dainty, attractive a little summer costume as the most fastidious girl could wish.

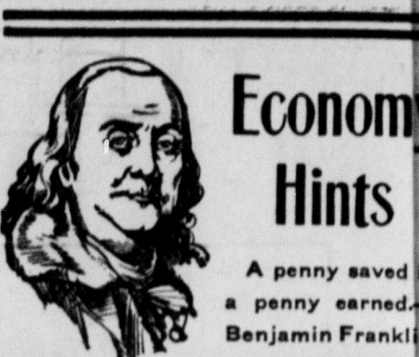
Dishes For Refrigerator Use.

An efficient housewife recently said she always uses separate dishes for the laying away of food in the icebox. White enameled small bowls and plates are used and give the icebox a much neater appearance than a mixed army of bowls and platters. More important, she finds that it is a bad habit to use good dishes in the icebox, as they so frequently become chipped from overlapping or crowding.

When she wanted to use her cake bowl, for example, she said, she always found it full of apple sauce or something and so lost time emptying it. So she decided to keep these separate white enamel pieces just for lay away use.

Whipped Cream Substitute.

Whipped cream on strawberry shortcake is delicious, but the cream is not always obtainable when wanted and is costly. An excellent substitute that is cheaper and quite as tasty may be made by whipping the whites of two eggs to a stiff froth and fold into half a pint of crushed strawberries, pouring the sauce over the cake as each piece is served.



Economy Hints

A penny saved is a penny earned. Benjamin Franklin

How to Halve Household Bills.

There is no one thing alone which stands for economy. One must study the daily needs and be well acquainted with standard prices. There is much truth in the saying, "Where there is a will there is a way."

The cheaper cuts of meat are just as palatable when cooked properly. A tough round steak may be pounded well, sprinkled liberally with flour and seasoned well, after which it is ready for a hot frying pan. When cooked it is deliciously tender. Meat once a day is all that is necessary for any one, especially in summer. Baked macaroni with cheese is a good substitute.

When the oven is on it is well to get as much of the dinner in it as possible so as to save fuel. After the oven is well heated the back burner may be turned off and an even heat remains.

Splendid soups may be made by leftovers. Leftover vegetables with scraps of meat, to which a handful of rice is added, are very nutritious. This makes a fine soup. Scraps of bread are saved and either ground for breadings, made into puddings or used for dressings. Plenty of homemade bread is better than too much cake and pastry and is certainly cheaper.

After all, the high cost of living is a matter which can be controlled by the individual. It is not so much the amount eaten as the amount wasted that makes household bills soar so high.

DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS.

How to Battle With Cabbage and Other Plant Lice.

No time should be lost in destroying weeds and insects. It is labor that must not be neglected. Insects are easily controlled if the work is begun in time.

There are two kinds of insects—the biting and the sucking species. To the biting kind belong the Colorado potato (bug) beetle, cutworms, etc., which devour a portion of the plant. The sucking insects belong to the family of plant lice that secure their food from the juice of the plant, sucking it through their slender beaks.

Some internal poison, such as paris green or arsenate of lead, must be used to destroy the biting insects, while a solution that kills by contact, such as kerosene emulsion or tobacco decoction, must be used for the sucking species.

Cabbage and other plant lice are best controlled by spraying with kerosene emulsion, using the 15 per cent solution—a solution containing 15 per cent of kerosene. If the lice are on trees, flowers or rosebushes tobacco decoction may be used with good results. The tobacco decoction is made by taking three pounds of tobacco stems and five gallons of water and boiling for

two hours. It is used without diluting, but must not be applied too hot.

If treatment is begun in time plant lice can be controlled. It must be done before the leaves are curled so the spray cannot reach the pests. There should be several sprayings, four or five days apart, as one spraying will not completely do the work. Clean culture is important in fighting these insects, as with many others.

How to Keep Buttons.

Some housewives save all their pill and lozenge boxes to hold small buttons, and they fasten a sample button to the top of each box. This is a good plan, but not quite so good as one big box having compartments. Into one compartment put the pearl buttons, into another put the bone ones, and still another put the cloth covered buttons, and so on. It takes no more time to put a stray button into its proper compartment than to drop it into a box of miscellaneous buttons, and to find the said button when one is in a hurry is hardly a moment's work, which is quite a different proposition from getting it out of a big box filled with all sorts and conditions of buttons.

Illusions of Wealth.

"Bliggins was assessed for four times the amount of personal property he actually owns."

"Why doesn't he appeal?" "He is afraid to. His wife takes pride in showing the notice to the neighbors."—Washington Star.

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Watery Looking at First, Then Festered. Spread Over Top of Head. Nearly Frantic. Used Cuticura Soap and Ointment. In Month's Time Free From Rash.

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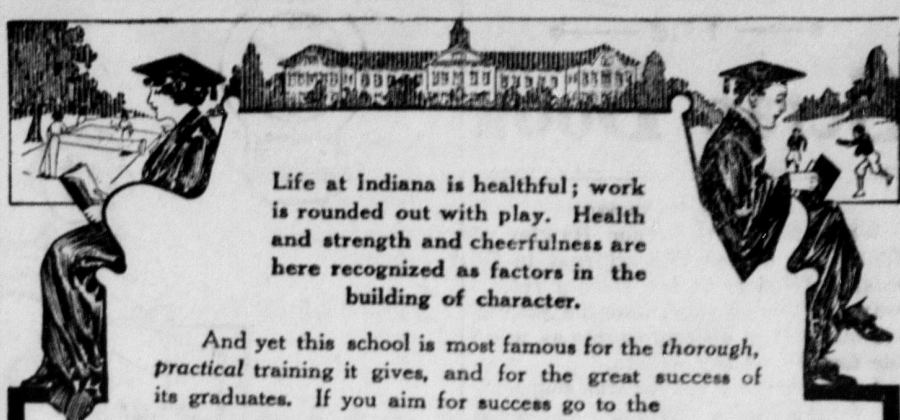
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Parcel Post Package Explodes.

A parcel post package containing fire works exploded in the Bloomsburg post office on Monday, and there was a scampering of clerks to get under cover, as they thought the sizzling, smoking cracking package contained an infernal machine. An inspection after the bombardment disclosed that the package contained only fire works.

GEORGESVILLE.

Last Week's Items. A. C. Dunlap, our Spring Mills barber, says business is about—Earnest Zettie, who is employed at Renovo, spent a day at his parental home.—Harold Rishel spent Sunday with Charles Zettie. Charles Ripka spent Sunday with John Lingte.

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