

FOR THE YOUNG.

THE QUILTING PARTY.

Reader: were you ever at a Quilting Party—an old-fashioned quilting party? If not, you will do well to read our description, which, of course, will fall far short of the reality; and this reality, as the thing is now nearly obsolete, you may never have the satisfaction of witnessing. 'Tis one of the pleasantest things in the whole round of a country life to attend one of these gatherings together of the young, and light-hearted. Let it be understood in the first place that these quiltings are indispensable. The quilts, &c., must be made; the girls must have their "things ready" as the phrase is; or they will assuredly meet with no attention from the marriage-seeking young men. The preparation of the requisite of domestic life is a sort of implied declaration of readiness to receive the addresses of the lover, and to encounter the perils of matrimony, and is understood and acted upon accordingly.

When a Quilting is to take place, the respectable young ladies of the neighborhood are all invited: there is no aristocracy; no singling out of favored individuals. They assemble early at the dwelling of their friend, and immediately fall to work, as if their very lives depended upon their exertions.—They consider it absolutely necessary to forward their work in such a manner as to prevent any material encroachment of it upon the hilarity and mirth of the evening. The evening is always looked forward to with a great deal of satisfaction, and many a fine eye glances impatiently at the slowly setting sun, whose tardiness seems to mock the feverish anticipation of the fair quilters.

Night at length comes; a New England winter night—for the Quilting is usually in the long evenings of Winter—with its gorgeous skies; clear, beautifully clear in the dark coloring of sky, moonlight resting like a smile upon the white luster of the snow, streaming through the naked branches of the wild forest trees, and flashing like pale fires upon the distant icy hills. The merry sound of bells now rings upon the ears of the fair listeners within doors.—"The fellows are coming," cries some eager voice, and a sudden smile steal like electricity around the apartment. There is a moment of rapid preparation; a hasty glancing at the small mirror; a trembling adjustment of curls and combs—and then all are seated demurely at work. One after another the "fellows arrive, until the apartment is literally crowded with as merry a company as ever laughed away an evening. The girls however, still remain perseveringly at their work, their fair heads stooping almost to the outstretched quilt before them, now and then, exchanging a shy glance, or a smart remark, or a meaning nod, with the fine, healthy-looking young gentlemen around them. They are soon interrupted; one complains of the loss of her thread, another that her thread has been taken away, and a third that the "fellows plague her so that she won't work, nor touch so," and in a few moments Babble-like confusion is effected, very much to the satisfaction of all parties. The owner of the quilt now interferes, and carefully removes the quilting frame, blushing all the while at the good natured jokes of the young men relative to herself, her quilt, and her lover, who—if she is so fortunate as to have one—is pretty sure to be present. The scene is now all life and gaiety. In one part of the room may be seen the student of the old village Doctor, amusing and astonishing by his quotations of Latin—and laughing at the amazement of his friends. Hard by is the schoolmaster of the district, a privileged and favored personage, you may know him by his pale cheek and fair hands. He is leaning familiarly over the chair of a pretty girl; the very fairest in the room. She is telling his fortune, by the odd and curious method of palmistry; tracing out with her own pretty fingers the various lines of good and bad fortune which intersect the hand of the master. There are strange blushes on her cheek, and they steal at times even to her neck, with a variable and beautiful play of coloring. She knows that the eye of the general favorite is upon her, and her young heart is thrilling with a new sense of joy. Nor will her pleasant dream be broken in upon by disappointment. There is admiration and honest love, but nothing of the deceitful and the designing, in the gaze of her lover.

Meanwhile the sports of the evening go on. The "Blind Man's Buff," with its odd encounters and very ridiculous mishaps; the play of "Paw'n," with its kindly pressure of fingers; the whirling of pewter plate, in default of catching which before its revolution ceases, the delinquent, if a male, is doomed to kiss all the fair cheeks in the company, and vice versa if a female. Then, too, there is a mock marriage ceremony of leaping over the broomstick—a pretty certain precursor of that more imposing ceremony whose bones are broken only by death. But the evening passes away almost insensibly, and the time for departure arrives. The sleighs are speedily laden with the merry company, and the tinkle of bells, and the loud cheers from one vehicle to another, and the rich-toned laugh of the fair travellers, break upon the calm cold air of midnight. There is nothing on earth like a sleigh ride by moonlight; when the path is smoothly worn, and the horse springs onward as freely and lightly as if he were running wild in the desert, and rejoicing in his untamed freedom.

We can duly appreciate the blessings of refined society; we know how much the rugged asperities of our nature are softened by an intercourse with those whose minds and feelings have received the polish of education. Our sole object in the above hasty sketch has been to convince those who from education and habit have learned to hold in contempt the simplest pastimes of our ancestors, that the pure thrill of pleasure may be awakened in the rustic farm house, as well as in the gay halls of fashion, where the chastened and rich light lends a deeper beauty to the fair mirror with its wreathing tresses, and adds a bluish luster to the laughing eye, and where music melts upon the ear, like a very dream of melody and love.—New England Paper.

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