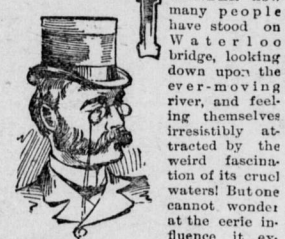


A PATTERN OF VIRTUE.

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"Who are you?" she asked, "that you should so concern yourself about the fate of a stranger?"

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"My name," was the bitter answer, "has been disgraced, and I will not add to my folly by involving my family in my disgrace. As for my home, it is truly a magnificent one. The air, the sky, the water and the roaring noises of civilization are all mine to enjoy ad libitum. Why, I am quite rich!"

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A Fishing Disaster. Mr. Jackson—Hello, uncle! I thought I met you about half an hour ago going toward the millpond for a day's fishing.

Uncle—Dat was me, yassir. Mr. J.—Why are you returning so soon?

Uncle—I done lit up wid a zaster, sah. Yo' see I war gwine long mighty carless wid mer mouf full of worms, an' Sam Oaler done come erlong an' gimme a suddint slam on de back an' knock dem worms down mer soppus.

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The crown princess of Denmark is a royal "highness" by nature as well as by birth—being six feet three inches tall. CATHERINE DE MEDICI, queen of France, wore the longest train on record. It was her bridal robe. The train was borne by twenty pages, and was forty-eight yards long.

A DRESDEN LUNCHEON.

It is All the Vogue for Springtime Entertainments. A Delightful Combination of the Dainty with the Elegant—Every Dish, Cup or Saucer Used Must Be of Genuine Dresden China.

A very dainty and flowery style of luncheon is the vogue for springtime entertainments, and into its scheme enter all the features, each and every one, of the pretty table and its setting forth. This is known as the Dresden Luncheon.

First of all it is imperative that the menu be as simple and limited as good taste will allow. Five courses, or six, including coffee, are now considered sufficient for the most elegant and formal luncheon party.

Bouillon, game, an entree, a salad, dessert and coffee, is the accepted menu. With this most sensible innovation of simplicity care is taken that the appointments of service and table decoration are as light and dainty as the repast. That they are very handsome and exquisite in detail does not mean that the effect of simplicity is not secured in perfection.

The Dresden luncheon is considered to combine the dainty with the elegant more delightfully than any other design of artistic entertainments yet seen. The keynote is the blending everywhere upon the table of the delicate Dresden china colors, blue, pink, yellow and violet.

The fine flowers seen upon the royal china are scattered in embroidery over the linen centerpiece; on this stands a Dresden bowl holding an old-fashioned nosegay of pink rosebuds, hot-house daisies with their yellow centers, pansies and heliotrope. These are tied

loosely together with a bow of blue ribbon, which gives the needed touch of that color, unless one is able to get natural forget-me-nots or some other natural forget-me-nots or some other fine blue flowers, like sellas. A few airy and smaller bunches of the same flowers, in little cut-glass stands, are placed about the table.

The finger-bowl mats are embroidered to match the Dresden flower centerpiece, and floating in the water of the bowls are the different flowers; in a few rose petals in one, a daisy in another and a pansy in another until each has one.

Every cup, saucer, plate or dish used is of Dresden china, the greater variety of their shapes the prettier. The ice cream is served in small satin cases, in the different pale colors, blue, pink, violet and yellow. When boxes in these colors cannot be procured plain white is used. On the top of each is tied a little bunch of satin flowers composed of tiny pink rosebuds, blue forget-me-nots, a daisy, a bit of heliotrope, or a few violets.

At the place of each guest is a name-card, done in the Dresden design. The cards are made of water-colors paper and the design painted in water color. The color of the painted ribbon bows in the designs given varies in the different cards in blue, pink, yellow and violet, and where the loop and end extend over the edge they are cut out, making the ribbon look more realistic.

The sign of all Dresden ware from the royal factories is the tiny blue crossed swords on the reverse or bottom of the dish, without which no piece is genuine; so on the back of the cards one must be sure to paint the sword sign in just the right shade of old blue, thus making complete the idea of a veritable feast of royal Dresden.

A very new and pretty design for name-cards at these luncheons is the violet one shown in the second picture. A plain white or cream square envelope is used for this card. Where the name is to be seen an opening like that of a picture frame is cut through the face of the envelope, a line of narrow gilding finishing the edge. The name of the guest is written on a plain card and put inside the envelope so as to show through the opening.

Some other small graceful flower in place of the violet is sometimes painted on it with good effect; and if one color, as yellow, for instance, predominates in the table decorations, a design of jonquils or buttercups is chosen.

A cardboard rest is tied in at the top of these envelope cards by a narrow ribbon caught through two little slits in the envelope over the one in the rest itself. They are then stood around the table like dainty little picture frames, which in reality they are, making the most charming souvenirs when taken home and a small photograph substituted for the card with the name on it.

It would be difficult to conceive a more spring-like picture than this dainty Dresden table, surrounded by pretty girls in light flower-like toilets fluttering with the laces and ribbons of the present modes.—Judith Carrington, in Chicago Record.

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