

Making the Home Comfortable

DISCREETNESS AND CARE.

Use of These Qualities Will Aid Much in Home Comfort.

A young woman once took a table-cover of Chinese silk of a becoming hue, cut a hole in the center large enough to slip her head through, added a gold cord at the waist and wore the garment to a tea. The round part cut from the cover was twisted about her head as a turban. This is a little too ingenious for general application.

Two young artists have utilized a ten by ten roof-top opening from their studio back door in a very clever manner. A few laths, made a lattice along the entire end to protect them from the too intimate view of their back neighbors. A little dabbling of paint gave it a fine weather-beaten look. Vines took lovingly to the lattice. A small transplanted bush added its fresh, vigorous green. Daisies brought from the fields grew blithely in their new home.

A small cast of Narcissus on a pedestal looks down into a pan of water around which are placed stones and pots of marigolds. Against the red brick wall on one side wooden boxes, piled high with cushions, serve for seats. Against this wall also a discarded panel forms a wall-fountain, and at the base of this a basin moulded of plaster is filled with ferns and vines. A Greek key is painted on the wall. A narrow scantling extends from the lattice to the studio door, and from this a little Pompeian lamp is suspended. Another lamp of Venetian wrought iron hangs in a corner.

The top of a big tree spreads its branches over one end of this charming little roof garden, which serves as a summer dining room for these city dwellers, who have made one barren, only spot a garden of delight.

It cost almost nothing but a discerning eye, a little time and the ingenious use of materials at hand.

There are many ugly unsightly spots in both city and country that would respond as readily to the capable man or woman's discernment and care.

HOUSE CLEANING HINTS.

Some Suggestions Toward Getting Best Results From the Work.

House cleaning at any time is a matter of importance, and the appended hints touching helpful aids may be of value to many housewives.

A good, easily made polish for varnished furniture is made of eight

ounces of alcohol, eight ounces of raw linseed oil, one-half ounce of balsam of cedar and one-half ounce acetate ether. Dissolve the oil in the alcohol, add the others and apply with a flannel cloth, rubbing until dry. If the furniture is oiled (not varnished) rub with a cloth wrung out of kerosene oil, and it will look bright and new.

In cleaning paint, use water to which ammonia has been added until it feels slippery. For spots on white paint, whitening may be used. Take a wooden cloth, dip in warm water, squeeze nearly dry, put a little whiting on the cloth, rub the spot gently, and wash off in warm water.

White spots may be taken from varnished furniture by rubbing with a cloth dampened with spirits of camphor.

To remove mortar and paint spots from windows, rub the mortar spots with hot, sharp vinegar, or if fresh, cold vinegar will loosen them. Rub the paint with camphene and sand. To clean the kitchen stools, plunge all hair pins, sauce pans, kettles, etc., into a boiler filled with hot water in which washing soda has been dissolved. A good cleaning fluid for this purpose may be made from one pound sal (or washing) soda, one-half pound stone lime and five quarts water. Boil a short time in a copper kettle, stirring occasionally. Then let settle and pour off the clear fluid into a stone jar or tin. Add this to the clear hot water.

The kitchen should have a painted wall, so that it can be washed with a scrubbing brush.

SICK ROOM HELPS.

Burning a string in a sick room will purify the air. To clean a stain on mattress, apply thick paste of starch, let dry and brush off. If it is not entirely removed repeat.

Used in water as a daily gargle, borax keeps the throat healthy. Used in water for cleansing the teeth, it "disinfects" them and prevents the decay.

For excessive perspiration, particularly under the arms, use equal parts of powdered alum and corn starch.

BAKING SODA BLESSINGS.

To relieve toothache rub baking soda round the tooth and rinse the mouth with hot water.

A half-teaspoonful of soda in a glass of hot water will relieve heartburn.

Novel Entertainment Suggestions

JAPANESE PARTY.

It seems to me that Japanese affairs are especially fitting for a Japanese party, with chrysanthemums plentiful. Such parties are always effective and pleasing to the guests. To make the room as really Japanese as possible much of the furniture should be removed, partitioning off spaces where necessary with Japanese paper screens. Use flowering shrubs, almond blossoms (artificial), chrysanthemums and butterflies suspended by invisible black threads.

The hostess must bow very low three times, saying "Konichiwa" when the guests arrive and "Sayonara" when they leave. Tea should be served with no cups and saucers without handles. Spoon cakes may be served if rice ones are not obtainable, as preserved ginger. If something cold is wished have cherry ice. Those who assist should wear kimono.

Have some young girls in Japanese costumes play "bag ball" (dama). Have a number of brightly colored bags filled with dried beans. Each girl tries to keep as many bags as possible without dropping them. Another amusing game is played by means of a long silk string, in the center of which is a loose knot or loop held midway between the two players who hold the ends of the string. On one side of the loop a player sits. On the other side is a small object, a flower, a bean bag, even a thimble. The player who sits by the loop tries to slip her hand through, grasp the small object and take her hand back again before those holding the loop can draw it tight and make her hand prisoner.

ANNOUNCING AN ENGAGEMENT.

"Polly" declared she must have some unusual way of announcing her engagement, so rather much carefully thought this was evolved: The 20 special friends were asked for a "thimble" party, and there was nothing doing until refreshments were served. Then each guest found a

little envelope on the plate and the hostess explained that inside there would be found a jumbled lot of letters, that the letters of each couple would spell one word, and there was just one word in each envelope, so each one made their word and the light gradually dawned as the story was told by the guests putting their words together. It was great fun and ended the afternoon in a most happy manner as the little bride-elect was a great favorite, and she was fairly beaming when all began to offer good wishes and wanted to know "all about it."

GIVING A PHOTOGRAPH PARTY.

There were four couples, all with the camera craze, so this evening was devoted by the clever brain of the wife of the "oldest photographer." The invitations were on photographic mounts and had pasted on a picture of the house, a tiny print of the host and hostess, a clock face and hands and the hour of eight. The day and date were written in. A little note inclosed asked each guest to bring a half dozen of his pet prints.

A most interesting evening was spent in looking over and comparing pictures, planning trips, etc. For the centerpiece there was a camera, on a tripod, the legs wound with similar and flowers. The place cards were snaps that the hostess had developed and no one but herself had seen. All the others had forgotten them, so they were a most agreeable surprise.

CHURCH SUPPER INVITATION.

The following invitation may assist in planning the church supper.

THE LADIES AID

of Big Pool Will Serve a CHICKEN-PIE DINNER

in the Church Next

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

It is requested that you bring two

plates, but bring more;

If it's cold, all come!

A Good Attendance

Is Desired.

The Population of Richmond.

Some time ago a traveling man, waiting in a hotel here in Richmond

to speak to the mayor, said to an

elderly looking woman: "And,

what is the population of Richmond?"

"What's dat, boss?"

"I said, 'about how many people

live in Richmond?"

"Oh, dat's what you-all wants to

know. Well, boss, I don't 'sactly

know but I 'spects about a hundred

and twenty-five 'thousand' counin'

de whites."

GERMAN SHARPSHOOTERS IN THEIR WELL PROTECTED LAIRS



It is almost impossible for the allies to dislodge these German sharpshooters who are entrenched behind this splintered, sloping shed. The rain of bullets from the allies' rifles is deflected by the steep incline of the roof of the shelter.

BRITAIN'S ABLE COMMANDER.



SIR JOHN FRENCH, Commander-in-chief of British armies in the field.

ORATORY AND CHICKENS.

They Proved the Undoing of An Enterprising Citizen of Wisconsin.

COVINGTON, Ky. — Henry Clay Shelby, the prize orator of Genoa Junction, Wis., and its foremost lover of chickens—the feathered variety—is under arrest in Covington, charged with having swindled the Citizens' State Bank of Genoa Junction out of \$750 by means of a forged check.

His dual affection for chickens and for spell-binding oratory—and the tails of two-prize winning Rhode Island red chickens brought about his arrest.

Shelby didn't waste the \$750 he is charged with taking in investing in the ventilation systems and safety appliances of cafes. If he had he might still be delivering orations in Genoa Junction.

Instead he purchased the two Rhode Island red chickens, the rooster, both prize winners at the Kankakee, Ill., fair. They cost him \$375 each.

When the Pinkerton National Detective Agency learned of his alleged forgery a representative was sent to Genoa Junction to learn about Henry Clay. He was told of Shelby's fancy for chickens and oratory.

A canvass of commission merchants on South Water street, Chicago, brought out the fact that Shelby had purchased the two prize winners, which had been used for advertising purposes.

Shelby was traced to Lake Geneva, Cedar Rapids and other Iowa towns and was arrested in Covington. He had exhibited the chickens in every town he visited. Where arrested he was found to possess more than the \$750 he had received from the bank, according to the charge. The money and the chickens will be turned over to the bank.

The Pinkerton detective lost trace of him in Woodstock during the pursuit. "The chickens had proved all right, according to way-bill on file at the Chicago and Northwestern freight office, but the detective could not learn where they had been shipped from that city.

While wandering about the yards one day he found two feathers too glossy and beautifully colored to belong to any Woodstock chickens. A little further away he found some more.

Following the feathered trail he came to the office of an electric railroad and discovered the chickens had been shipped from there to Lake Geneva.

Shelby will be taken to Genoa Junction and given a chance to say good-by to his two Rhode Island reds, which will become the property of the president of the bank.

CLOVER AND SAND.

The Conditions Under Which They May Be Fatal to Horses.

Balls composed of millions of tiny hairs from the crimson clover plant are sometimes taken from the alimentary tracts of horses. The formation of these strange felt-like balls in the intestines of horses is a singular feature of the somewhat rare cases where nature seems to have made no provision to protect her creatures against their common irritant.

Crimson clover is an excellent forage plant, and all kinds of stock and animals graze it greedily, yet if it is eaten in the full ripe stage it almost invariably results in these felt balls, which are nearly always fatal to horses and mules. Man, however, can control the trouble by feeding the clover before it has become mature, when the small hairs are still soft and digestible.

A quite similar example of one of Dame Nature's slips is the sanding of horses in Florida and other very sandy regions. Here animals in close grazing swallow considerable quantities of sand, and in horses this sand compacts into balls in the animal's digestive tract which become cemented and as hard as rock, choking up the intestines and causing the death of the horse, accompanied by great agony. There is no known remedy for cases of either the crimson clover ball or for sanding.—Washington Star.

THE BOARDING HOUSE GUN.

One Barrel Used To Summon Guests To Their Meals.

Some time ago an Englishman who stopped over night at a Western American hostelry noticed that instead of ringing the bell, or sounding the gong, at meal time the proprietor went to the front door and fired a double-barreled shotgun. Later in the evening the Englishman commented on the strange procedure.

"That's a novel idea of yours," he remarked to the proprietor, "calling your guests by firing a gun."

"Yaas," drawled the proprietor, "it generally fetches 'em round in time to say grace."

"Yes," admitted the Englishman. "But pardon the question, why do you discharge only one barrel?"

"Wouldn't do to shoot 'em both," answered the proprietor. "I have to keep 'em here to collect pay for the meals and lodgings."

Neck Broken But Life Saved.

CORRY, Pa.—Fred Schaub, an Adams Express Company employee, was struck on the head by a falling crate and his neck was broken. Prompt action by a surgeon in relieving the dislocation saved his life.

WAITING FOR THE DAWN.



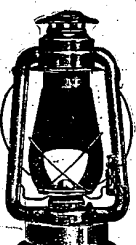
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