

Make Your Halloween Safe, Fun

By JOYCE TOTTEN

Halloween with its traditions and lore is a favorite evening for children, but too often it is marred by vandalism, injuries and accidents.

To ensure the fun and excitement of Halloween for children and yet provide a safe atmosphere, many parents and groups organize supervised events or parties.

With its ghosts and goblins, Halloween can inspire all sorts of different games, decor and contests.

One funny game is Penny in Flour. Clean pennies are placed in a shallow pan and covered with flour. Each guest tries to pick up coins within a time limit, using only his teeth. The one who gets the most pennies wins.

Then there's the Jack O'-Lantern Toss.

Children are lined up about eight feet from an open, carved out pumpkin. Then try to toss pennies or checkers into the pumpkin, the one who gets the most wins.

Children that go trick-or-treating should follow safety rules.

They should stay in a group of four or five, or go with an older person leading them. They should also stay out of the street and cross only at corners or where there are traffic signals and only after looking both ways.

Light-colored costumes or clothes trimmed with reflector tape are safer, and parents should not let pets roam on Halloween and warn children to stay away from other animals.

If you are having a safe and fun Halloween Party here are some foods to prepare for the hungry appetites.

CHOCOLATE CANDY APPLES
3 c. sugar
1 c. water
2 T. corn syrup (white)
2 T. butter
4 sq. unsweetened chocolate, cut up in pieces

Combine all in saucepan. Cook covered without stirring for 3 minutes. Remove cover. Cook to 234°, soft ball stage. Remove from heat and let stand till cool. Add 1 1/2 t. vanilla and beat with electric mixer at medium speed till thickened. (About 10 minutes) This is a double recipe. It covers 50 apples.

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CAKE
Bake large orange chiffon cake. Place cake top-side up on serving plate. With spatula cover sides, top, and inside center hole with a fluffy white frosting tinted orange with yellow and red food coloring. (Color about 1/4 cup with green for the stem.) Smooth frosting in deep curves from top to bottom to resemble pumpkin. Make grooves in pumpkin by using tip of spatula, starting at bottom and going up to center. For the pumpkin stem, insert peeled banana in hole in center of cake. Use pieces of another banana as wedge to hold it firmly in place. Spread stem with the green tinted frosting. Serve the same day, removing the stem for cutting.

EASY CARAMEL CORN
Stir over hot water until smooth. . . .
1/2 lb. caramels (28)
2 T. hot water
Four over. . . .
5 cups popped corn, Kix, Chexes, Sugar Jets, or Trix.
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HOW TO PLEASE YOUR MAN

By Katy Cannon

I've just been taken down a peg by my lord and master—and gotten a hint or two, along the way, that I'd like to pass along in the name of domestic bliss.

Seems that I've been goofing all these years, when I've been taking the ladies (and the dirty dishes) into the kitchen after a dinner party—leaving the men to pass the after-dinner drinks and the cigars.

These days, the old tradition of an hour's separation of the sexes after dinner has disappeared—along with the drawing rooms that made it possible in the first place, and the ranks of liveried footmen who passed the port.

Not only do men and women enjoy each other's company more than ever, but women (and I've got this one from Ned, who meets the unlikely types at the office) are actually staying on the scene to share the cigars.

I'll settle for the aroma myself—it reminds me of all those wonderful movies, when Clark Gable was king and men were men—but I can't say that I object to not leaving the gentlemen to their own devices. After-dinner conversation—when the tensions of the day are vanquished by a good meal—is the best talk of the day, and the men always have plenty of news to bring me from the outside world.

Not that I'm going to stop leaving the table after dinner. Far from it. Next time we entertain, I'm going to leave the room after coffee just the same as usual (who wants to look at dirty dishes)—but this time, I'm going to invite the men to join us.

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