

HICK'RY BENDER
By Byron Williams.



Did ye ever make a "bender"—
"Hick'ry bender" on th' ice?
There ain't nothin' half so ticklish,
Ex fer fun will half suffice!

On a thawy, soggy mornin'
In th' bayou or th' creek,
Where th' ice is mostly rubber
An' it's not so very thick;

Git th' lightest little feller
In th' bunch to venture out
Where the frost is sort o' crackly,
An' th' surface not so stout!

If it holds him, send another
Just behind th' little kid,
Keep'n' close up to th' first us
In the track where he has slid!

Now we add a heavy skater—
One, two, three, all in a row
'Til th' ice begins ter rubber
An' th' waters overflow!

Pretty soon it cracks like sixty!
Hick'ry bender! Oh, what bliss!
Lots of fun an' lots of danger,
Bendin' lower like this!

Then ye whoop an' dare each other,
Skatin' fast acrost th' spot,
Which jest bends an' bends, like
hick'ry—
And which breaks—jes' like as not!

Ain't no fun like it a-goin',
'Ceptin' it may break in two
When a feller gits some careless—
Breaks "ke-slosh," an' lets him
through!

Been in lots of ticklish places,
Where th' water is quite wet,
But there's nothin' like a bender!
Hick'ry jest bet!

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Health & Beauty Hints
By Katherine Morton

Summer is a splendid season for fostering a child's good looks. Great Nature stands with her arms wide for the little ones, inviting healthful play in the open air, when muscles are hardened, finicky appetites improved and inches and pounds taken on. But the mother must be very careful about food on the hotter days—be careful, indeed, all summer long—and the daily grooming of the little body must be thorough and regular.

Sponge the little body down very gently with tepid water if the child seems too tired for a tub bath, and repeat the operation several times during the hottest days. A teaspoonful of ammoniated toilet water will make this sponging doubly refreshing, but if this is used be careful not to have the water get into the youngster's eyes. When the little head feels burning hot, and the hair is soaked with perspiration and is sour as well, a shampoo would not be amiss, and it would doubtless be relished. The extra combing the small head gets at this time would be an added comfort—you know how pleasant a combing is to your own tired head—and when it is time to dress the youngster for the afternoon pay more attention to finding the garments that will keep it cool than to putting on those for mere looks. High necks and long sleeves are a crime in hot weather, and so, for that matter, are stockings;—to the wee children who are allowed the bare-necked, bare-armed and bare-legged conditions of dress.

A delicate nursery powder, with the fragrance that appeals to the senses, is an added refreshment after the bath, and it is absolutely needed for the children who chafe easily, or are given to little eruptions from heat or indigestion. Violet talcum, prepared for nursery use, is about as good a thing as can be had for general purposes, but if the child is suffering from summer rash this preparation would be more cooling and healing:

Elder-flower water1 ounce
Glycerin1 ounce
Borax½ dram

Mix these together and apply night and morning and during the day.

Now what is the chief cause of the summer rash, and the reason for much of the peevishness, and a good deal of the light physical pain a growing child has in summer? Improper food, you may be sure, food as heavy as that in winter, overeating, too many cold drinks, overripe or underripe fruit. On a hot day—one of the dog day kind—indiscretion in food is especially dangerous, particularly if a heavy meal is eaten when the child comes in overheated. A child's food up to eight years of age—and often later—needs always to be the light, easily digested sort. Milk is the most natural food for childhood, and very often it is refused by the youngsters because it is poor or badly kept. Tepid milk is a nauseous mess on a hot day, but milk must not be drunk too cold either, particularly when children are warm and tired and are inclined to take their beverages at a gulp. If the household has that very precious blessing a cellar, the best way to keep milk is to put it in carefully cleaned and sunned bottles, which can be covered, and then set them on the cellar floor. The coolness of this underground chamber will keep milk at just the right temperature, and also preserve more of its delicious quality than if it were put on the ice.

Social Forms and Entertainments



Polite Notes.
Will you kindly advise the custom concerning letters of condolence and congratulation? Should letters be sent only to friends out of town, or may they be used between friends in the same city? Are letters of condolence better than a call? ANXIOUS.

Letters of condolence are always proper, no matter whether to a person living out of town or in one's home city. A card with the word "sympathy" or "to inquire" left at the house of course, only the nearest and dearest friends see a bereaved family; but afterward they look at the cards and letters and deeply appreciate all who have thought of them in their sorrow. Letters of congratulation are always acceptable, enhancing whatever the good fortune may be by sharing with one's friends. The good book says "rejoice with those who do rejoice and weep with those who mourn," or words to that effect, and it is a pretty good maxim to follow.

Giving a Breakfast.
Would you kindly give a few suggestions as to the menu and entertainment suitable for a breakfast for about 15 young ladies? This is for no special occasion, but I wish something a little different. SUBSCRIBER.

For so many guests you will probably seat them at small tables. It would be pretty to have a different color of candle and flowers at each table. Serve first a chilled fruit mixture, chicken and mushroom patties, Saratoga potatoes, tiny hot, buttered biscuits, olives, salted nuts, radishes. Asparagus salad or tomatoes stuffed with shrimp.

A strawberry mousse, with small cakes or a tutti-frutti ice cream makes an acceptable finish. Grape juice, iced tea or coffee may be the choice of beverages, with a cordial.

Afterward have a reading or a short musical programme. Perhaps you have some friend who is clever enough to entertain with personal reminiscences of some unique or interesting experience in travel at home or abroad.

Etiquette at a Reception.
Will you kindly inform me the proper thing to do at a reception? Should I leave my calling card? What should be served? S. A. B.

Greet your hostess, be served to refreshments, leave your card and take your departure, is about the prescribed formula for an afternoon reception.

Tea, coffee, chocolate, sandwiches, wafers, nuts and bonbons, salad, sherbet or ice cream are the usual refreshments served in the dining room. Two or more ladies, generally intimate friends of the hostess, "pour," one or two waiters assisting in the service.

Birthday Stones.
Some months ago I saw a list of stones allotted to the 12 months in the year; perhaps it was in your column, from which I derive much benefit. Will you kindly print this list? OLD READER.

The birth stones are: January, garnet; February, amethyst; March, bloodstone; April, diamond; May, emerald; June, moss agate; July, ruby; August, sardonyx; September, sapphire; October, opal; November, topaz; December, turquoise. MADAME MERRI.

Some Chautauqua Facts

First Chautauqua:

The world's first Chautauqua was held in 1873 at Chautauqua Lake, N. Y.

First Circuit Chautauqua:

The first circuit Chautauquas were held in 1904 in the State of Illinois, by the Lincoln Temperance Chautauqua.

Out of almost 600 Chautauquas to be held in America in 1912, at least 125 will be operated by the National Lincoln Chautauqua System, successors to the Lincoln Temperance Chautauqua.

Our coming Chautauqua is one of this number, and our town one of the few fortunate ones to be thus favored.

Half Million Pleased:

Last year one-half million pleased patrons attended the session of the Lincoln Chautauqua. This year the attendance will probably exceed three-quarters of a million.

Season tickets now on sale. Buy your season tickets today.

The Chautauqua Ideal

Every citizen in the community should be actively interested in this Chautauqua because it provides a program that would be a credit to a city many times as large as this one.

It gets people into the habit of coming to town and then makes them glad they came.

It will contribute to the moral, intellectual and social growth of the community. It will promote individual thinking. It will present the kind of clean, wholesome entertainment and instruction your young people should have and therefore make them better satisfied with their home and surroundings.

It will tend to curb the desire most young folk now-a-days have to crowd to the big city instead of remaining at home where opportunities are so much better.

It is character-developing, and it costs each individual but a few cents.

—From Address by Chas. F. Homer, Manager of Redpath Homer Chautauquas

The Season Ticket

You can buy season tickets for the Chautauqua from the Committee or pay for your admission at the tent.

If you buy season tickets it will cost you 12½ cent per session or 6¼ cents per number. It is transferable and secures one admission for one person to each number during the entire six days.

Buy a Season Ticket

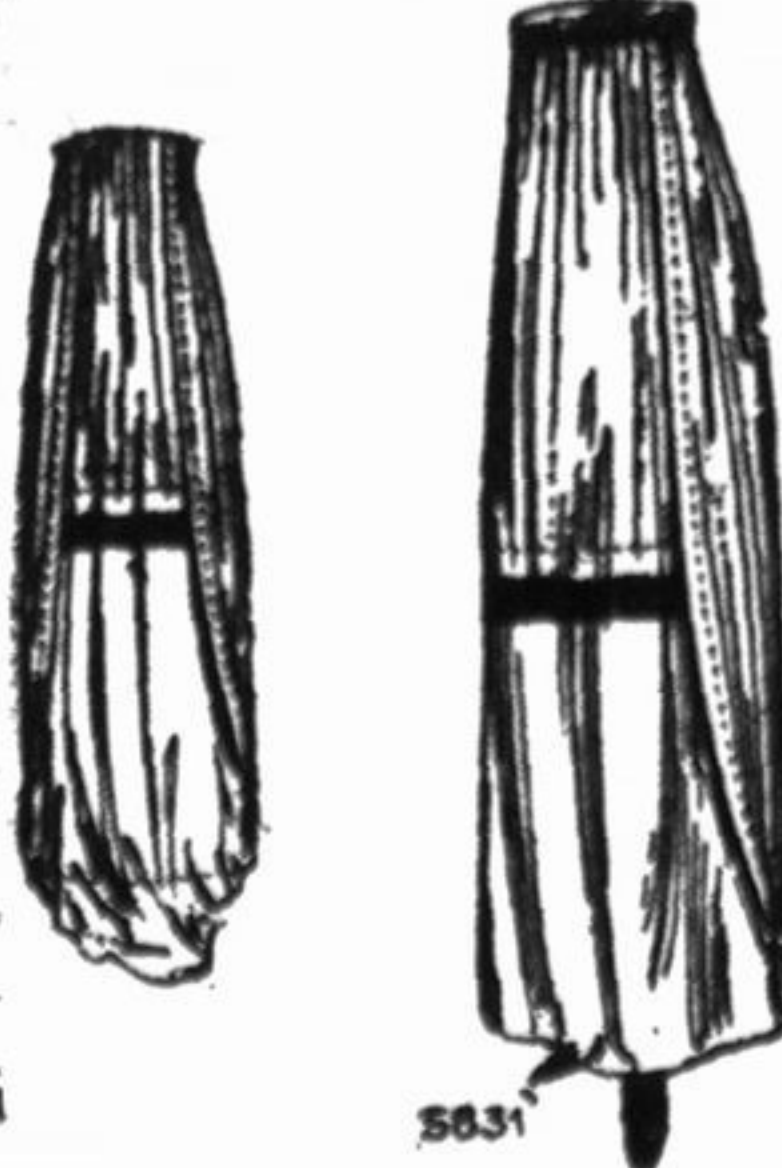
If you pay at the tent, it will cost you three dollars for the same privilege. If you expect to attend only half the sessions you should buy a season ticket.

The success and permanency of the Chautauqua is determined largely by the season ticket sales.

Hunt up a committeeman today and get your ticket from him, thus helping to boost along a local enterprise.

Practical Fashions

LADY'S EMPIRE TUNIC SKIRT.



5831

A splendid design for an evening dress skirt is offered in this number. The model presents an empire tunic skirt, one of the most stylish of the season. It is a simple garment to fashion and has the closing at the center back. The foundation is cut in one piece. The skirt may be finished in medium sweep or round length and the design offers choice of a wide range of suitable fabrics. The pattern (5831) is cut in sizes 22 to 30 inches waist measure. Medium size requires 2½ yards of 36 inch material for foundation, 2½ yards of 45 inch goods for tunic and 1½ yards of fringe.

To procure this pattern, send 10 cents to "Pattern Department" of this paper. Write name and address plainly, and be sure to give size and number of pattern.

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Practical Fashions

WAIST WITH GUIMPE.



5825

A pretty waist model that will serve for development as part of a complete costume or for separate wear is shown in this design. The waist is made with guimpe and in the new coat fashion so much in vogue at the present time. As part of a complete costume the waist is charming made of silk, pongee, marquisette or voile with the collar and revers of a contrasting shade of satin. For separate wear, silk, linen, pique and cotton pongee will serve.

The pattern (5825) is cut in sizes 22 to 42 inches bust measure. Medium size requires 3¼ yards of 36 inch material and ¼ yard of 24 inch satin or contrasting material.

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Large or Small Hat is a Question for the Future



Some experts of fashions say that still larger hats will be worn, while others disagree and say that the small turban shaped hats will be in the majority. The large hat in the photograph is of Panama trimmed with a bow of black velvet and a large pink rose in the front. The small bonnet is of Milan straw and trimmed with rice and rose leaf decorations.

A Bad Sight.
The fisher lad returns a night,
A woeful looking kid,
The boys fish, they wouldn't bite
But the moonlight did.

Nothing Vaguer for Her.
Mr. Washburn—I think I'll take the
husband. You are sure it is made of
solid gold?

Answer—Yes, indeed.
Mr. Washburn—Then you'd do better
than that lady's husband.

The Sequel.
"Hahn was out yesterday develop-
ing the speed of his machine."
"Well, how did it turn out?"
"A case of arrested development."

Small Talk.
"Mrs. Gabby generally confides her
conversation to little things."
"You, she is always talking about
her babies."