

About the House

A GARDEN PARTY.

If you want an excuse to dress up, why not ask your friends to represent their favorite flower at an afternoon or evening garden party? Since June is the month of roses, you might choose this flower as your own and send this invitation out on rose colored cards:

Miss Crimson Rambler bids all the flowers to a party in her garden on June eighth.

Time (Flower costumes)
Place R. S. V. P.

Most of the girls will come as gay crepe-paper duplicates of their favorites, but don't be surprised if some of the boys come looking like giant buttons or cardboard hearts from which blood seems to flow.

If your party is outdoors you won't have to worry much about decorations; nature has taken care of that for you. Of course, if your party is at night you will want to string up Japanese lanterns for additional light. And you may want to serve your refreshments from a rose-decorated booth on the porch.

As the flowers arrive, give each a jagged bit of rose-colored cardboard on which there are a few words from some flower quotation. Tell them that he will find his partners for the first event by matching up with the other flowers who complete the quotation. When the various quotations have been assembled, there will be some quaint bouquets, indeed. Imagine a gaudy sunflower grouped with tea roses, sweet peas, and forget-me-nots!

Each group is given a score card on which tables one, two, and three are listed. The groups progress from table to table—these are placed quite a distance apart—and guess a series of flower odors at each. When the rounds have been made, each group gives its score to the judge, and receives another card on which they find an odd jumble of letters.

This is called a Rosebush Contest. Again they work as a group, and the ones who find most parts of a rosebush on their cards are awarded tiny nosegays.

To match up the flowers for supper partners, let the girls and men draw from two baskets in which identical flowers have been placed. If there aren't enough different flowers, you might use the same flower in various colors, as red, yellow, pink, and white roses and the various colored pinks and pansies.

When partners have been drawn, they may seek the rose booth and help themselves to a rosy supper. You might serve:

- Rose-colored Lemonade in Paper Cups
- Dream Sandwiches
- Salted Nuts
- Rose-frosted Sponge Cake
- Strawberry Ice Cream

As your guests eat, you might give them some rose riddles to guess. If you prefer, you can give each couple a card with a pencil attached, on which to put down their answers. If they tire of this, let them have a try at Alphabet Flower Ships. This is a game that was played half a century ago, so that it's about old enough to be new.

The leader explains that each guest represents a ship named a certain letter of the alphabet, and when called on must say: "My ship is loaded with —"; that is, the name of a flower beginning with the letter the leader has called.

For instance, the leader calls "C" and points to a certain guest. Immediately she must answer: "My ship is loaded with candytuft." If "B" is called, the guest may answer "begonia." It would be well for the hostess or leader to have at hand a dictionary for reference. The faster the game is played the more enjoyable it is.

You might finish the evening with a rose hunt that will send each guest off with a souvenir of the evening's fun.

CARE OF THE SCALP.

Among the minor ills—those, namely, which do not threaten life or impair physical efficiency—there is perhaps none that occasions more distress than the various troubles that affect the hair of the head. "A woman's glory is her hair," and man's would be his if he could only keep it! In most cases he could keep it if he would only begin to care for it soon enough but good hair is like good health; we seldom appreciate it or think of means for preserving it until it begins to depart, and then it is often too late.

Many of the troubles with our hair—lack of lustre, brittleness, dandruff, thinning or actual baldness—come primarily from lack of nutrition. The skin of the scalp, unlike the skin of the rest of the body, is stretched over a bony surface, so that its blood supply must be brought from a distance and is almost completely shut off by pressure against the skull such as that made by the rim of a man's straw hat or his derby. The stiff hat, by the way, is undoubtedly the main reason that so many more men than women grow bald. The few instances of baldness in women can usually be explained by lack of care or by neglect of some disease of the scalp.

The great thing in caring for the scalp is to maintain a good supply of blood for nourishing the hair bulbs. Massage—that is, vigorous rubbing night and morning combined with pinching the scalp between thumb and forefinger—will help greatly. If that is done faithfully from early life, a man may, if he avoids the stiff hat, not only preserve his hair but also retard or prevent its becoming gray.

Shampooing the healthy scalp beyond what is necessary for cleanliness—once every week or fortnight—is harmful. There is nothing better for the shampoo than tincture of green soap. After the washing, the hair should be thoroughly rinsed in cool or cold water, and then a very little yellow vaseline or a mixture of vaseline and lanolin should be rubbed into the roots. When the scalp has been neglected the hair may become dry and lack lustre. For that condition a pomade of equal parts of citrine ointment, yellow vaseline and lanolin is useful. A little of the mixture well rubbed into the roots at night once a week or so and washed out with a

shampoo of tincture of green soap in the morning will often bring back the natural beauty of the hair.

HOUSE OR HOME.

A house is built of bricks and stones,
Of sills and posts and piers;
But a home is built of lovely deeds
That stand a thousand years.
A house, though built a humble cot,
Within its walls may hold
A home of priceless beauty, rich
In Love's eternal gold.

NATURE STUDY RECORDS.

It would surely be interesting for the girls of a community to set out to discover how many flowers, birds or trees they can find in their vicinity in the course of the summer holidays. At a camp one year on the closing day, after only a week's search, the girls went in a procession and attached names to all the trees they had identified and presented to the camp on a birch bark roll a list of forty-five flowers they had discovered. If such tests were preserved, compared from year to year, and additions made, they would become really fine records.

Detachment.

If on some perfect planet we could stand
And with disinterest view the lives we lead,
See through our clearer eyes the life indeed,
Stripped of its daily dole—the small demand—
A clean cut, naked fact; could we command
The strength that we assume, the pride—our creed—
Whereby in confidence we dare exceed,
Or say we do, all else Creation planned?

Could we in that brief interval compare
With tree, with rock, that neither stir nor fret?
With humble soil that doth no pride beget?
We could not. Yet we light our centuries
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Not So Bad a House

Lady—"Aren't you a hamed to come to a house like this to beg?"
Hobo—"Oh, don't apologize, ma'am—you ought t' see some o' th' houses I've went to to-day!"

Preserving Ancient Buildings.

Paris, like London is finding that the stones of its ancient buildings, particularly its churches, are falling to decay with alarming rapidity. It is estimated that it will cost at least \$1,000,000 to restore St. Paul's Church and Westminster Abbey to their original strength and beauty of surface, and the Parisians are manifesting much uneasiness about the condition of Notre Dame and some of their other beautiful old churches.

A committee of French chemists who have been investigating the matter report that the soot and the sulphurous acid that are always present in the air of great industrial cities is responsible for the trouble. The soot is deposited on the stones, where it collects and condenses the acid, which becomes oxidized and converted into sulphuric acid. That in turn, acting on any kind of limestone, produces sulphate of chalk, a substance that crumbles easily.

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OLD CHUM

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There are several instances of adventurous white men who by their courage or force of character have imposed themselves as rulers on the less advanced dark people of the Pacific islands. Perhaps the Brookes, who have for three generations been rajahs of Sarawak, are the most famous. Another royalty, a woman who has received little if any advertisement, is referred to in a news dispatch in an English newspaper. Elizabeth Mahoney, the "White Queen of the Pacific," says the Manchester Guardian, has just returned to Sydney after a reign of thirty-three years in one of the South Sea islands, the "Southeast Isle," which lies on the extreme south-east of Papua.

Mrs. Mahoney and her husband first settled on the island more than thirty years ago. Both were much respected, and when her husband died eighteen years ago Mrs. Mahoney took upon herself his varied activities of trading, engineering, carpentering, farming, gold digging and navigating. She gained enormous influence over the natives and was the unconditional sovereign. She extended her trading and employed native labor to dig for gold. She has become extremely wealthy and owns a little fleet of ships, the largest of which is of twenty tons; she has often acted as pilot and engineer on it.

The population of the island numbers five more whites—Mrs. Mahoney's son, his wife and three employees. There are seventeen thousand natives, and virtually all are subject to her.

When a baby is born among the Armenians of Russia, the nurse takes the infant and covers the skin with fine salt. The mothers think that salting ensures their children's health and strength, and that it will keep evil spirits away.

In Russia there are estimated to be 1,229 women to every 1,000 men. Germany comes next with 1,100 and Austria 1,069.

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This has proved successful, but the step-like series of shafts and levels by which the bottom slopes are reached has become so cumbersome as to involve an excessive cost in hoisting and ventilation.

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