

times without the offender. Then one day the small figure sat in its usual place and in the aunt's arms was the two-year old brother. They called at the door. "Are you having a pleasant outing?" I asked little Nora. "Yes," she beamed. "I used to spoil our rides; now I'm showing little brother how to make everybody have a good time."

"We had to go without Nora for a few days," remarked the aunt quietly, "but now she is trying to think of others as well as of herself."

In this case the aunt was more truly the mother than the child's own parent. For she understood that mother-love should be something more than the gratification of a passion, and this insight gave her the courage to face the child's passing disappointment for the benefit of her future welfare.

What seems of slight importance at the moment assumes a quite different aspect when considered in the light of its future results.

Young People's Forum

Conducted by Marion Dallas.

A Canadian Poet

SEPTEMBER, month of all the year,
When Summer dyes in the lands,
Gives her heaped basket to thy hands,

And all her ripened greenery;
I know thee of the hazel eyes,
The sunny face, whose shy surprise
Peeps through the smoke-lit scenery.

—Wilfred Campbell.

Fern Farming For Our Young People.

It is a strange thing how many chances to make money right at hand we are likely to overlook. For instance, what country boy has thought of picking and selling in a nearby city the ferns that grow so plentifully in the woodland or on his father's

farm? Yet in all the big cities where cut flowers are sold by florists in quantities, there is a demand for certain varieties of ferns.

Those delicate decorations which add such beauty to the florist's cut flowers, are known under a number of names, such as "lace," "dagger," and "Boston." They may be distinguished from what are commonly called "brakes" by the fact that the former will keep fresh a number of days after they are broken from the roots; the leaves will not curl up unless they are left in the sun. The "brake," being a weed-like plant, will wilt in a short time when cut or broken off and it is easily injured by the frost, it being one of the first plants to be killed there has been a slight frost, while the dagger ferns are not injured by a moderately low temperature. They may also be distinguished by a physical appearance.

When to Pick and Pack.

During September picking is begun to supply the winter trade and the work is continued as late in the fall as the gathering can be done to advantage on account of the cold weather. The ferns are broken off near the ground, counted and tied in bunches. The ferns should be packed in wooden boxes according to the size of the plants. Newspapers are used to line the boxes and a few spruce boughs are placed on top of the ferns to protect them. Bats are used for the tops of the boxes, leaving more space for air than at the sides and bottom of the box. The boxes thus packed which are intended for winter use, are shipped by express and placed in warehouses where a temperature of 28 degrees Fahrenheit should be maintained.

Something New in Cans.

There is such a demand just now for cans of jam, etc., for our boys overseas and for the hospitals, that a "Can Party" will be found not only

practical but a means of social enjoyment also. The admission fee is a can of vegetables or fruit. The posters announcing it may be decorated with pictures of cans cut from advertisements and bear the words:

Come to our Can Party:

Come when you can;

Bring what you can;

Stay as long as you can.

(Add the day, date and hour.)

When the guests arrive they receive a small can which contains paper, pencil and the following puzzle:

A Shelf of Cans.

The can that gives light;

A can that is sweet;

A can that is truthful;

And one you can eat.

A can that's a city,

And one to erase,

One spanning the river

And one that's a pace.

A can that's a savage

Away for a boat;

A can that's a country,

And one which will float.

One useful in warfare,

A diseased disease,

And one which will warble

With sweetness and ease.

Key.

Candle, Candy, Candid, Cantaloupe, Canton, Cancel, Cantilever, Canter, Cannibal, Canal, Canada, Canoe, Cannon, Cancer, Canary.

The refreshments should be served on tin plates and consists of sandwiches or cakes, not both, in respect to the call for thrift in social gatherings. Serve coffee in tin cups.

A Riddle for Little Folks.

I sit in a corner and never am heard,
To make a petition or utter a word.
Yet I can travel by night and travel by day

And carry your message, wherever you say.

I am blue, I am pink, I am green, I am red.

The smallest of prices is set on my head.

When I start on a trip, though I stick to my place,

I am sure to receive a hard blow in the face;

I'm present in the square, but my character's such

That you best not compel me to work overmuch;

For I run you one errand and that errand run.

My life is ended and my usefulness done.

Answer—A postage stamp.

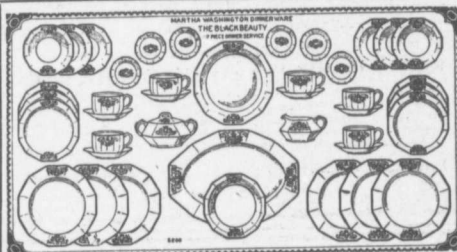
Two Games to Enliven a Dull Evening

One of the players takes a poker in his left hand and transferring it to his right says, "He can do little who can't do this." At the same time he knocks the stick three times upon the floor. The other players then must each take the stick in turn and try to imitate him. The trick lies in the stick being taken in the left hand and transferred from thence into the right before knocking it on the floor. The players almost invariably receive the stick in the right hand and transfer it to their left, thereby incurring a forfeit.

Poor Pussy.

All the players sit in a circle as being chosen out. This one kneels before each player in turn and says in pitiful tones "Meow." Each player when addressed by "pussy" must say without smiling "Poor Pussy." "Pussy" addresses each player three times trying her best to make them laugh. If they laugh they must exchange places with "Pussy," but if not "Pussy" moves on to the next one. Those sitting round should change their places occasionally and try to keep a solemn face during the performance.

When endeavoring to remove an ink stain from clothing try applying freely mixed mustard. Leave it on about an hour, then rinse in clean water.



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