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PRIZE BARY SHOWS

The managers of a church society or charitable organization who are puz-zling over what to give for a real zling over what to give for a real money-taking entertainment can hardly do better than to try one of the ever-popular baby shows. These affairs have been the subject of a certain amount of adverse criticism on the ground that they might start an epidemic of infantile diseases, but testinony is not lacking to show that such the area practically groundless. Tears are practically groundless. One prominent church worker of the writ-er's acquaintance asserts positively that no case of contagion has ever yet come under her observation from such a source, and she is certainly in a position to know, having been one of the tion to know, having been one of the chief promoters in a series of successful enterprises of this nature. No mother would think for an instant of taking an alling child into a gathering of little ones, whether public or private, and, viewed in the light of common sense, it is hard to see why a babyshow should be any more dangerous to the participants than a children's social

party.

The ladies' aid society of a comparatively obscure branch church in a suburb of one of our New England towns
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gave one of these exhibitions some ten
years ago, and the result was such a
tremendous success that the entertains
ment has now become an annual institution of never-failing attraction.
Everyone is interested, irrespective of
sex or sect, and babics are assembled
from all the surrounding suburbs as
well as the city itself, where the event
takes place, to undergo comparison and
compete for the list of prizes. The socity in charge is under no expense
except for the rent of the hall,
which is always engaged with the
provise that if the aftermon set
spould prove stormy, the affair may
be postponed to the first fair day. Committees are appointed to manage sill
the details, and it costs nothing to enter a baby for competition except that
each mother pays her own fifteen ortruenty-five cents admirssion fee, as the
case may be. About twenty prizes are
effered, which are given by frlends of
the society and the different merchants
in the city, and embrace everything
pertaining to babyhood, from a rubber
rattle to a handsome christening robe.
There are prizes for the most popular
haby, the pretitiest, the blackest eyes,
the largest and smallest, the blackest
hair and the reddest hair, the one who
comes from the farthest distance, the
youngest who can walk, and so on
through the list. The three judges
a, pointed to decide the awarding of
these prizes are professional men, one
of them usually being a minister, but
cever the paster of the particular
hurch under whose auspices the en-

tertainment is given. Fortunately for his peace of mind it is understood by the members of his congregation that no man in his position could possibly be expected to discriminate fairly without showing partiality toward the offspring of his own flock.

As each baby arrives, it is presented with a tag bearing a number and this is pinned to the dress, the idea being to prevent, as far as possible, any charge of favoritism on the part of the judges. In spite of every precaution, however, these inoffensive gentlemen have much to answer for, and all three are usually on the terge of nervous prostration by the time time afternoon is over. The hall is always packed, for not only do the relatives and admirers of the separate condidates flock to the scene, but nearly every friend or speaking acquaintance of the judges is on hand to smile over the frantic efforts of these worthles to acquit themselves without disgrace. As for the little tots them selves, they are good-natured and happy as a rule, for the novelty of their surroundings suffices to keep them amused, while, if one begins to free, it is easily quieted with a sip of milk or a cracker to munch on.—[Adeline. [To be Concluded Jan 15.]

FROM BREAD DOUGH.

English Runs: An English friend gave me this recipe, and said that, caten with coffee, these buns were a great breakfast relish with her family. Take enough raised bread dough to make six or eight large biscuits. Roll each piece out separately with a rolling pin to one-fourth inch in thickness Place on a smoking hat griddle, and cook on both sides until slightly browned. "Roll , browned.

browned.

Fried Bread Dough. When your bread is ready for the baking pans, reserve one quart of the dough, and let it get very light. A few moments before dinner is served, put 2 tablespons lard into a skillet, and heat very hot. Cut the dough into small pieces, handling it very carefully, so as not to pack it, and drop into the hot lard. Fry a delicate brown, serve immediately, and you have a dish that will bear repetition.

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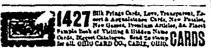
Cinnamon Rolls: One quart raised dough, rolled thinly, and spread generously with butter, sugar and ground cinnamon. Roll up evenly, and cut into silces one-half inch in thickness. Arrange in a baking pan, set to rise one-half thour, then bake is minutes.

Dough Cake: One pint bread dough when ready for the final kneading, 1½ cups sugar, ½ cup butter, 3 eggs, ½ nutmeg, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 cup fruit. Beat the dough, sugar and butter to a cream, add the spices, soda, eggs, and the fruit (dredged in flour). Add more flour if necessary, and bake immediately, making two loaves.

Pancakes: Housewivos, if your bread sponge sours, do not throw it away. Simply add water to thin it, if two thick, allowing one teaspoon soda to every quart of sponge, and fry like any pancake. They have a delicious flavor resembling that of the best buckwheat cakes, for which they are sometimes mistaken.—[Marlon T. Searl.

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