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have witches and cats—cut from black paper-pinned on. Have all the lighting, if possible, done by candles, and baked apple dumplings.

#### Cold Iced Apples

are also very nice. These are done in the following way. Pare and core 12 apples; fill the cores with sugar, grate of nutmeg, and a small piece of butter, and place in oven till nearly done-taking care they do not over cook and break. Ice when cold with the following: Sift six ounces icing sugar in basin, moisten with one white of egg, a squeeze of lemon juice, and, if needed, a little hot water to make a smooth paste. With this ice the top and sides of the apples. If too moist, the icing will un-serve with cream.

#### Nut Cakes of All Kinds

must be in evidence; also all kinds of nuts. A walnut scramble might finish the evening-even grown ups will join in this, for Hallowe'en lends itself to fun, and even the "properest" of the proper standoffish misses, joins in the fun which, on this evening more than any other, has a sort of license for well bred rowdyism. Every thirteenth walnut should have the kernel extracted, and something, say a thimble, fancy pen point, coin, ring, or charm substituted, the shells being neatly glued together again.

Now as to games. To take up the third line of Burns' verse given above we get-

"The burning of the nuts."

This is still observed all over. A pair of nuts is set on the ribs of the fire, and named after a couple. If they roasted quickly side by side, or if they started apart with a bang, good or evil to the courtship was foretold. forms a nice rest after a rollicking game.

#### "Tae Pu' Their Stocks."

This is not now so often observed. In Scotch gardens green kail are largely grown—these being picked off leaf by player dips an arm into the bag, and

witches and cats galore. Scattered leaf as needed, the stock or "runt" rethe cloth have little silver maining in the ground, often sending paper horse shoes (emblems of good up fresh green shoots, and remaining luck), and round the edge of the cloth green all winter. In fact, lots of Scotch women will tell you they never enjoy their kail till they have got a touch of frost. It is the "pu' in" of the well shaded at that. Part of the menu stocks or roots left in the ground that might be apple tart, or individual is referred to. Together, during the evening's fun, lad and lass went to the kail yard and with shut eyes chose and pulled their stock. Even with their shut eyes they groped till they found a straight one, for a crooked one meant the same shape of a life partner. If lots of earth clung to the root, good luck and all happiness in married life was sure to follow.

#### An Apple Peeling Contest.

That is, peeling an apple with the peel all in one if possible, which is then thrown over the left shoulder, when it will form an initial, is more indulged in now than "ducking," that is, seizing with the mouth, apples or parts of them floating in a tub of water, which sport is now mostly reserved for boys, girls trying to catch the apples by dropping a fork from between the teeth into the tub. Many girls get quite adepts at his kind of ducking. Another test of fortune at old fashioned gatherings is

#### The Three "Luggies" or Basins of Water.

To again quote Burns:

In order on the clean hearth stane The luggies three are ranged; And ilka time great care is ta'en Tae keep the luggies changed."

Only nowadays the basins or saucers are mostly put on the table. They contain respectively clean water, dirty water, and no water at all; foretelling marriage with a bachelor, with a widower, and no marriage at all; the searcher for a fortune being led blindfold up to the table and pointing to one of the saucers.

#### A Good Hallowe'en Game

that may be new to many is "The Hallow E'en Lucky Bag." Into a bag put a five cent piece, a ring, a thimble, a crooked stick, a sod of earth wrapped in paper, and a number of little bits of cloth-red, blue, black, and green-all wrapped separately. The blindfolded

chooses one of the little parcels. The ring tells who will be first married: the silver, a legacy; the thimble, hard work all their lives; sod, single blessedness; crooked stick, marriage with a widower; red cloth, a soldier; black, a doctor or a minister; blue, a sailor; and green, marriage with a farmer.

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