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## AMUSEMENTS

Conducted by MARION DALLAS

### Delightful Outdoor Entertain- ment

August and early September are the months for out-door entertain-ment: picnics, bonfires, garden parties and verandah teas. We all delight to live and eat outdoors. Nearly every country house boasts of a verandah which renders practicable an afternoon tea. No one enjoys a joys a verandah as though, when it degenerates into a free fight with mosquitoes, moths, flies, etc. It is quite a simple matter to enclose a verandah with wire netting. The writer has just taken a drive through Maine and nearly every farm house (large and small) we passed, had the side or front verandah enclosed and a screen door. It is just a little expenditure of time and money but it makes the family life a good deal pleasanter.

**FORTUNES IN THE TEA CUP.**  
At verandah teas one can create a good deal of innocent fun and laughter by looking into the mysterious, uncanny, weird tea leaves in the afternoon sun. To tell fortunes by tea leaves is, like many other things, extremely easy if one only knows how. The fortune teller always twists the cup rapidly three times, turns it upside down on the saucer, and whirls it around three times more. She then turns the cup right side up and finds that the leaves have arranged themselves into mysterious looking hieroglyphics. Three leaves in the form of a triangle means that your dearest wish will be granted. Circu-

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the shape of a parallelogram should be watched as they mean illness, bad news or loss of money. A long narrow row indicates a man; a broader one a woman. To find out whether the man or woman are friends or enemies, carefully examine the space about them; if the space is clear they are friends; but if it is filled with tiny dots or flakes, they are enemies.

If the leaves are arranged in ob-long or twisted looking figures, it means family quarrels. A clear rim to the cup means a quiet and prosperous existence, while a cloudy rim means the life will be more or less troubled.

**SUMMER CHRISTMAS PARTY.**  
If a hostess wants to be original, let her invite her friends to a Christmas party to be held on her porch a day in August. Each guest is supposed to contribute a new idea for Christmas presents, and bring her thimble. If possible the verandah could be decorated with pine and cedar boughs. Pile bunches of wild grasses in a solution of alum water to resemble frost-touched foliage. A real Christmas tree is not hard to secure in many country districts and it can be sprinkled with diamond dust.

Serve simple refreshments, ice cream and ice drinks, with fruit cake cut in small pieces.

When the ideas have been given and a list made for future reference, let the hostess produce material to make stockings and candy bags to be put away and used at Christmas, either at the school or church concert. If the party is given where there are a number of summer visitors, this would be a nice way to contribute something toward the village life.

**FABRIC CONUNDRUM.**  
If you wish a conundrum for your verandah tea, you might have a list of questions, the answers to which are some kind of fabric.

1. That which the waves do?—Serge.
2. An isthmus?—Panama.
3. To cut grass and a part of the head?—Mohair.
4. A species of poultry?—Duck.
5. A girl's name?—Henrietta.
6. A stretch of well kept grass?—Lawn.
7. A native of a European nation?—Swiss.
8. To pretend and the noise of a mule?—Chambray.

**A TRICK FOR THE GARDEN PARTY.**  
The boys are always looking for new tricks. Here is one for them: Place a few pieces of phosphorus of lime or some sodium in a tumbler of water. It will soon decompose and bright flashes of light will dart from the surface of the water. To those not acquainted with the cause this is a very striking phenomenon.

**RIDDLE FOR THE NON-FIRE.**  
On a hot summer night when it is too warm to think much, and every one is telling jokes (many of them very ancient) and giving riddles, these few "beheadings" will help some:

- Behead a boy's name and leave a degree?—F-rank.  
Behead a part of a chain and leave a fluid?—L-ink.  
Behead to make of B-less in a small degree?—B-less.  
Behead a particle of snow and leave a body of water?—F-lake.  
Behead light emitted from a fire and leave disabled?—F-lame.

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"Wouldn't you like another piece of cake, dear?" asked the good lady of the urchin at the end of the Christmas dinner.

"No'm, I guess not," said the boy dubiously. "I could chew it, but I couldn't swallow it."

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