

## In Honor of St. Patrick

By Marion Dallas.

"S your Irish full of gladness,  
Like the gleam of the sun's  
mellow ray?  
If it is, my dear, there are two of us  
That are glad this Saint Patrick's  
Day."

This month, the day on which we may most easily plan to entertain our friends is St. Patrick's. We may celebrate on that day whether we are Irish or not, for no day in all the year lends itself so readily to wit and humor and wholesome fun as does the 17th of March.

Green of course is supposed to be the color of the old Emerald Isle, so this is the color used for all decorations. The wise hostess will have on hand a supply of last year's ferns, pressed, and these with a few flowers and a roll of green crepe paper makes everything look pretty and green.

## Capturing the Colors.

As for games, one of the liveliest I know of is "Capturing the Colors." Stick up small Irish flags here and there about the room. Have someone play the piano and start all the guests marching in a circle, clapping hands. When the music breaks off suddenly, everyone must rush to capture a flag. When the music begins again, they immediately resume the march. This should continue until all the flags have been captured. The one holding the largest number wins the game. These flags may be made of green paper and pasted on to little sticks if no other flags are available.

## Potato Animals.

Let everybody gather around the table on which has been placed peanuts, raisins, prunes, or other dried

fruit, with a bunch of wooden toothpicks and a paper of wire hairpins. Each player receives a potato, out of which he must fashion an animal or robin, using the peanuts and fruit for limbs, tails, and so on, according to his own design. At the end of a half hour the animals should be set out in array, and judges appointed to decide which is the best production.

## Pin the Shamrock on Paddy's Hat.

Have someone draw an Irishman on a square of white muslin. Tack the square up in the open doorway. Blindfold the guests in turn, giving each a silk shamrock and instructing them to pin it on to Paddy's hat. The one coming nearest to it may be rewarded by some simple Irish novelty.

## Matching Greens.

For this game secure six "samples" of different shades of green cloth or silk, and two good-sized squares of cardboard. Cut each sample in half, pasting one half on one square of cardboard and the remaining half on the other square. Mark one set of samples with numbers, the other with letters, taking care that the two pieces of the one shade do not correspond. To begin the game, one square is hung up at one side of the room, the other on the wall opposite. Paper and pencils are distributed, and each player is asked to indicate which pieces of material match, by writing down the number and letter. Thus: A-1, B-2, and so on.

## Irish Celebrities.

A pleasant diversion would be a contest of famous sons and daughters of Erin. Write on a shamrock card forty-seven guest the name of some celebrity. Jumble up the letters, for instance, O.H.I.T.T.L.G.S.M.D., leaving a space opposite for the correct arrange-



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ment. After guessing the name, write it down in the correct way.

Partners might be found in this way. On one card have the jumble of letters, and on another have the proper name.

## A Purring Contest.

But not everyone will be able to entertain on this day, so for those who wish some other ideas we suggest using the "pussy willow," which appears about the last of March. The invitations might be decorated with "pussy willows," and the rooms of the house could be artistically trimmed with the branches.

For amusement, have cards distributed with the following contest written on them. Each word has the prefix "Pur."

1. Pur and place or stead.

2. Pur and part of the body below the ribs.
  3. Pur and moved rapidly in the air.
  4. Pur and mien or bearing.
  5. Pur and to take an attitude.
  6. Pur and a judicial action for the recovery of the right.
  7. Pur and range of vision.
  8. Pur and short for Silas.
  9. Pur and to run swiftly.
  10. Pur and a screen or shutter.
- The answers are: 1, Purline; 2, Purloin; 3, Purfew; 4, Purport; 5, Purpse; 6, Purvail; 7, Purview; 8, Parsy; 9, Purchase; 10, Purblind.

## A Slight Difference

GRACE: "Oh Mr. Nocoynce, how lovely of you to bring me these beautiful roses! How sweet they are, and how fresh! I do believe there is a little dew on them yet!"  
Nocoynce: "W-well, yes there is; but I'll pay to-morrow."

## A Cautious Owner

PENNSYLVANIA farmer was the owner of a good Alderney cow. A stranger, having admired the animal, asked the farmer, "What will you take for your cow?" The farmer scratched his head for a moment and then said, "Look a-here be you the tax assessor or has she been killed by the railroad?"—The Argonaut.

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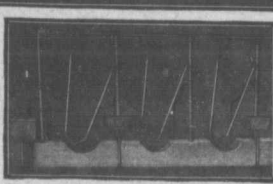
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