

AMUSEMENTS

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Showers and Announcement Parties

SHOWERS and announcement parties have become so popular of late that one of the most interesting social questions to the June bride and her intimate friends, is some novel plan for publishing the happy news. There are so many ideas for such delightful affairs that it is merely the matter of making a choice.

An Announcement.

The spider-web idea was used by a hostess who wished to announce an engagement. After the guests had arrived, they were ushered into a room in which tiny white ribbons—of all colors may be used—were hanging from the chandelier. Each took one and followed it in and out of many rooms. Finally, at the end of the ribbons were found articles suggesting wedding.

One guest came upon a package of rice, another a little bouquet of artificial orange blossoms, and so on.

There was a great deal of excitement as each made her discovery. And then the bride-to-be, who had purposely delayed her search, discovered a large box at the end of her ribbon. Inside the box was a diamond ring, which she slipped on her finger amid the congratulations of her friends. Then the guests were ushered out to luncheon.

Letting the Cat Out.

Another surprise is arranged by letting the cat out of the bag in an unusual way. A large cat is cut from cardboard and on it the glad tidings is painted in contrasting color. This secretive pussy is enclosed in a pretty bag made of crepe paper which is further filled with rice or confetti. Ribbons for bursting the bag hang from it, and the receptacle is hung up in the arch of a doorway or above the supper table. When the time comes, the ribbons are pulled and amid a shower of rice, down comes the interesting news.

A Linen Shower.

A novel shower was given recently as follows: The hostess asked 12 friends to meet at her home informally at two o'clock. The bride-elect was asked to come at three. In this way the hostess explained her scheme, which was as follows: She had material for each one to make such articles as a dusting cap, three dusters, a broom bag, ironing holder, laundry bag, kitchen apron, clothespin bag, roller towel, and a case to wind linen dollyes on. The entire cost was added and divided equally, and then each article was wrapped in tissue paper, tied with ribbon and hidden throughout the rooms. When the honored guest arrived the hostess announced that a fairy godmother had confided to her that there were packages of the valuable concealed within the room, to be discovered only by a bride-elect one corner.

and to the tune of bridal music. Whereupon the hostess sat down to the piano and played wedding marches while the bride hunted the hidden treasures, guided by loud or soft tones on the piano. All the packages being discovered, they were opened and the girls all set to work on whichever place they chose. They pronounced this a "utility shower."

Two note-books—one for advice as to how to run the cooking stove, the other for hints on the management of husbands—were passed round and filled by the guests, and the affair ended by a ministerially apparelled personage coming on the scene and issuing admonitions in such clever sermonic periods that everybody went home in a ripple of laughter.

Kitchen Shower.

Where you are entertaining both young ladies and gentlemen at a dinner shower, have some singing and instrumental music. Try this contest, the answer in each case to be a kitchen utensil: (1) What a good workman has and to rent? (Skillet).



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- (2) A vegetable and a concealed dude? (Potato mashers). (3) A chain game of the house? (Broom). (4) Member of baseball nine? (Pitcher). (5) What curious people try to do? (Pump). (6) Impudence and a receptacle for pie? (Sauce pan). (7) When one has little color? (Paill). (8) A letter of the alphabet and a divinity of the house? (Spoon). (9) An affectionate couple? (Spoons). (10) The branching of a river? (Fork). (11) The presiding genius of the kitchen? (Cook).

Tell fortunes from tea-cups and pass around a small cake in which are a ring, button, key, small coin, and straw, each being an indication of coming fortune.

Granite Shower.

The simplest way to arrange the shower is to have all the parcels prettily wrapped up in tissue paper and piled in a large clothes-basket. Keep this in the kitchen until the guests have all arrived. Then arrange a game of "Jacob and Rachael," and lure into the ring to be blindfolded as Rachael, have two of the guests covered with the white paper and ribbon. Place it in the centre of the ring and remove the bandage from her eyes. When inviting the guests, ask each to write some little original verse or message, each of which she must read aloud as the parcels are opened. Then give each a square of cheese-cloth, which he and she must hem neatly for dusters for the bride-to-be. When finished, each must embrace the initial of the worker in.

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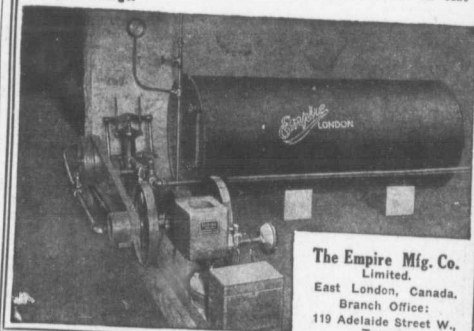
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