

VILLAGE

festivities are the order of the day. Do we not have morning receptions, concerts, luncheon-parties, afternoon lectures, kettle-drums, dinners, and dances; Lenox energies being even equal to a Virginian reel on the lawn at the unholy hour of 12 a.m.!

No people are so hospitable as Americans, and few can equal American hostesses in grace and charm in entertaining. They are less self-conscious and shy than Englishwomen, more genial and ready-witted. Their absence of conventionality is also valuable to them, as it leads to original experiments in the way of entertainments which no Englishwoman, hampered by a fear of Mrs. Grundy, would dare to perpetrate. Happily the