

## HOUSEHOLD.

## LUNCHEON AND THE LUNCH TABLE.

The character of a lunch company varies greatly with the purpose for which it is given. It may be an elaborate affair, in compliment to some distinguished guest, or a simple, elegant little collation, served to three or four of one's chosen friends. In our large cities, too, where ladies who are associated together in charity work often-times live at considerable distance from one another, an informal luncheon frequently proves a most convenient occasion for the discussion and formation of plans of work. Perhaps it is because the lunch company admits of so much variation, and may be made to serve so many purposes, that it ranks as one of the most popular of ladies' entertainments.

Table decorations for these occasions are less elaborate than formerly. Less color is used and fewer flowers. A handsome centerpiece, embroidered in white or delicate shades of silk, upon which rests a cut glass bowl filled with flowers, is considered far more elegant than the elaborate decorations so long in vogue.

The table linen is as rich and fine as the purse of the hostess will warrant. The tablecloth may be bordered with a deep hemstitched hem, or with a tied fringe. Careful housewives regret this revival of fringed napery, as it is far less durable than the hemstitched bordered, and requires painstaking work on the part of the laundress if it is to retain its beauty. An unusually handsome lunch cloth has a twelve-inch insertion of Venetian cut work through the center, extending the entire length of the cloth. The beauty of the embroidery is enhanced by a strip of colored satin fastened underneath—in this instance of a delicate gold color, but which may be changed at any time to harmonize with the prevailing color of the decorations. Occasionally one sees a handsomely polished table used without a cloth. The result is not altogether pleasing, however, as the numerous doilies large and small, which seem essential upon a bare table, are likely to produce a rather spotted effect.

The most desirable china for the lunch table is of ivory white, with delicate decorations in dull and burnished gold. A little color is frequently introduced, also, but the simple white and gold patterns are just now most in favor. The dainty Dresden ware, powdered with tiny flowers, is another favorite and appropriate china for the lunch table. A effort has been made by some importers during the past year, to introduce the more substantial English ware, but notwithstanding it is said to be more durable than that of French manufacture, and though it is brought in very attractive shapes and patterns, it has not yet come into general use, the majority of purchasers preferring the fragile, less expensive French china. Elegant simplicity is the order of the day, for these pretty entertainments, and the heavy, elaborate patterns so popular in the china of a year or two ago, are little seen now. Unfortunately for one's purse, however, simplicity does not mean economy in this instance, for the present styles will be found quite as expensive as the more ornate ones used in the past. An advantage which dealers urge in their favor is that, whatever may be the fashion of the day, they will never seem outlandish, many of them being exact copies of designs in use more than a hundred years ago.

It is customary in laying the table for luncheon to arrange at each plate all the knives, forks and spoons, that will be required. Besides these, on the left, stands the bread and butter plate, upon which have been placed a ball of butter, and two small salted wafers which are to be eaten with the soup. Salted almonds are sometimes served in tiny, fluted, white paper baskets, such as confectioners furnish, and are placed at the right of each plate when the table is laid, and are allowed to remain until the table is cleared for dessert.

**JELLIED ORANGES.**—Dissolve a quarter of box of gelatine in one cupful of cold water; add one cupful of sugar and the pulp and juice of half a lemon and one cupful of boiling water; strain. Pare four nines, sweet oranges, remove every particle of white skin. Divide into quarters and slice.

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