

The Young Wife

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Bridal 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, 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 all arrived, they were ushered into a room in which tiny white ribbons—or strings 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 a wedding. One guest came upon a package of rice, another an old shoe, a third 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 twelve friends to meet her at her home informally at 2 o'clock, the bride-elect was asked to come at 3. In this way the hostess explained her scheme, which was as follows: She had material for each one to make the following articles: a dusting cap, three dusters, a broom bag, ironing holder, laundry bag, kitchen apron, clothespin bag, roller towel, and a case to wind linen dories 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 room. When the honored guest had arrived the hostess announced that a fairy god-mother had confided to her that there were packages of value concealed within the room, to be discovered only by a bride-elect 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 treasure, guided by loud or soft tones on the piano. All the packages were discovered and opened, and the girls all set to work on whichever pieces they chose. They pronounced this a utility "shower."

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

Kitchen Shower

Where you are entertaining both young ladies and gentlemen at a kitchen 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). (2) A vegetable and a conceited dude? (Potato Masher). (3) A chain of mountains? (Range). (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? (Pail). (8) A letter of the alphabet and a division of the house? (B-room). (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 Rachel," and when your guest of honor has been lured into the ring to be blindfolded as Rachel have two of the guests bring in the basket, which could be covered with the white paper and tied at each end with a huge bow of 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 guest a square of cheesecloth, which he and she must hem neatly for dusters for the bride-to-be. When finished each must embroider the initial of the worker in one corner.

It is very beautiful to see how the God who has bound His world into a grand harmony by its very diversity has arranged for this same end in His church by giving the members their different faculties of work.



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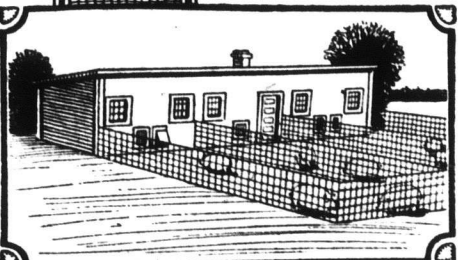
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