

the arrangement of draperies or the manufacture of garments from limited materials, while several little ones who had been unable to arrange for their own dresses, were cleverly fitted out, through the kindness of a member of the Dramatic Club, in an astonishing variety of costumes from the never failing supply of play-clothes.

Unsuspecting grown-ups were assailed with guarded questions concerning famous personages, or, taken unawares, were entangled in the intricacies of national dress. With what unwonted ardor historical and classic characters were studied in order to obtain correct ideas as to costumes and accessories, and how incongruous were the results sometimes, when slender maidens and diminutive juniors appeared arrayed as stately goddesses or doughty heroes of renown. But what mattered it after all, when the spirit of good nature animated all alike.

At last the festal day approached and the various committees of senior girls who were to attend to decorations, entertainment and refreshments, took advantage of a brief holiday to complete their arrangements.

Armsfull of cherry-blossom, sprays of dogwood and flowering currant, ferns and ivy, were brought in and deftly arranged in dining-hall and study. Lace curtains, gay hangings and inviting "cosy corners" transformed the long dining-hall into a most charming "ball-room"—with all superfluous furniture removed and the floor waxed to just the requisite degree of smoothness.

In the study—where the supper table was laid—the masses of pink and white crab-apple blossom on walls and mantel-piece gave the prevailing tone to the decoration which was carried out in the adornment of the table. Long loops of pink ribbon extended from the chandelier to the corners of the table, which was twined with trailing vines and delicate ferns, while the pink shaded lamp shed a soft glow of rosy light over the sparkling dainties beneath.

When everything was in readiness and the busy workers had time to contemplate the result of their labors, they soon forgot the various trials to their patience and good temper during the afternoon—the fruitless searches for hammer and string, the restrictions regarding insertion of tacks, the hasty expeditions through showers of rain to satisfy insatiable demands for more ferns and flowers.

Meanwhile, in a quiet corner of the verandah, another group of girls is busily engaged in painting and writing programmes, each creamy cord tied with blue cord and pencil and adorned with some quaint device in colors, forming a much-prized memento of this memorable occasion.

In the kitchen, a bevy of merry maidens with sleeves tucked up and business-like mien are engaged in various culinary operations—