

changed each familiar article into something strange and ghostly. Half afraid to look behind us, we sat on our little footstools close to Grandmothers knee, while we listened to the stories of her childhood days when the next door neighbour lived ten or fifteen miles away, when bears and deer were often seen, and Indians were frequent visitors. In those old days no building was "raised" without a large gathering of the neighbours who came on horseback with their wives riding on pillions behind them, and corn-huskings, apple-parings and quilting bees were occasions of great merry making.

And so when, at one of our W.A. meetings, it was proposed to have a quilting bee to finish some quilts which we had in hand, we greeted the proposal with enthusiasm. A quilting-bee! Oh yes! and we will spell it in the old fashioned way, and have an old fashioned day, and do all we can to take everybody back to "Ye olden tyme."

A quaintly worded advertisement was inserted in our local paper inviting every body to come to "Ye Olde Tyme Quilting Bee." A clever friend wrote a "Lyste of ye victuals" on coarse brown wrapping paper. These "lystes" were ornamented with bows of oldfashioned ribbon, and served as menus and souvenirs of the occasion.

"Ye victuals were all oldfashioned dishes, and many ancient cook books were consulted to find out how to make seed cake, ginger bread, doughnuts and similar dainties of the days of our grandmothers. The married ladies assembled in the afternoon and quilted industriously, and in the evening the young ladies in Martha Washington dresses assembled to serve "ye victuals." Colonial tea, pork and beans, pumpkin pie, etc, soon disappeared before "ye olde tyme" appetites of modern men and women, "and all went merrry as a marriage bell." A well trained orchestra who very kindly gave their services, added much to the pleasure of the evening. The treasurer reported a well filled purse, and all went home feeling that our "Olde Tyme Quilting Bee" was in every way a success.

EASY METHOD OF WASHING FOR USE IN MISSIONS.

Put the boiler on the stove with one pail of water. half a cake of hard soap shaved fine, and two tablespoonfuls of coal oil. Let this come to a boil, add two or three pailful of water, put in the cleanest clothes dry; let them boil twenty minutes. Take them out, put in the other articles and repeat same process. Pour water over the clothes in the tub to cool enough to wring out of the suds, and put them at once in the rinsing water that has been blued and made ready. After standing a short time, wring out and hang out on the line, only collars and wristbands need be rubbed. Colored clothes are washed out of the suds after the white ones have been disposed of. The only skill required is to use the right amount of coal oil, one tablespoon to a pail of water is the right quantity.