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## Interest to Women

### PARTIES THAT BOX THE COMPASS FOR INTEREST

Cynthia Proctor Tells How to Conduct a Series of Merrymaking Reflecting the Environment of Holland, Russia, Mexico and Spain

(By Cynthia Proctor)

With so many of our friends becoming cruise-minded and starting out for the Coronation, for France, for the West Indies and All Points North, East, South and West, we have been besieged on all sides for ideas for 'Parties 'Round the World.'

Let's take a hop, skip and a jump to Holland, to Mexico, Russia, and Spain and give you the highlights of pleasant parties for all these spots. Sort of a round the world flight in a few paragraphs.

#### Holland

Use blue and white for your Dutch party, cut invitations from cardboard in the shape of wooden shoes or Dutch mill. For a table cover, the tile effect, with a white paper table cover, and perfectly square place mats cut out of blue crepe paper. For a centerpiece, make a yellow cardboard windmill with silver sails and blue roof, removable for favors, with small tulips around the base of the mill.

Make nut cups of two wooden shoe cutouts of pale yellow stock. Fasten a nut cup in between, fasten a paper tulip and ribbon with place card at back of shoe.

Costume accessories might include white Dutch caps (crepe paper), with two long yellow crepe paper braids for girls, and big blue cat's whisker paper bows for boys.

Room decorations can be made of large blue and white tiles with silhouettes of windmills, tulips, wooden shoes. Tiles may be cut of crepe paper and fastened to the wall with transparent tape.

#### Mexico

What a chance to use your bright pottery dishes in a Mexican party! Red, yellow, national blue and dark amber for your color scheme, of course, and as many bright wall hangings and blankets as you can round up.

Cut invitations from black cardboard in the shape of a Mexican sombrero, and paste red dots around the edge—write the invitations in white ink. Table covers will look like Mexican blankets if you overlap crepe paper in gay colors and fringe the ends. For a centerpiece use a basket of heavy pottery bowl containing pineapple, red peppers, green peppers, if you can get them, bananas, oranges and alligator pears. Or a beautiful mound of burnished gourds will do. Small sombreros will cover nut cups for favors. Decorate the edges with red, yellow and blue dots.

Ask your guests to come dressed as Mexicans and if they are in doubt about what to wear, suggest a wide 'cummerbund' of a giddy-colored cloth or a wide brimmed sombrero. Lacking that, a ten gallon hat will do. Have the ladies arrive demurely dressed with mantilla and black lace mitts, couqueting behind a wide black fan. Large silhouettes of cacti, sombreros, possibly donkeys or the bright colored pigs, and large draped blankets or shawls will form decorations.

#### Russia

Now to skip the continent and the high seas to Russia with its still brightly colored vermillions and its yellow and gold to contrast with sombre black. Cut invitations in the shape of a Russian boot, cover your table with a vermillion crepe paper with gold lace edge crepe runner through the centre. Bands of crepe in the same colors around the edge of this skirt may be stitched to the cloth.

Brass candlesticks of the forked type may be placed at either end of the table and in the centre you can place a Russian doll. You can make one by wrapping a megaphone topped with a new tennis ball and wrap both in a gay shawl of crepe paper, decorated in bands of bright colors. Mark features on the doll and add a kerchief made of a white hanky.

Russian food is so popular your party is sure to be a success.

#### Spain

If you'd like to strum a guitar under a languorous moon, plan a Spanish party. Use canary yellow, American beauty and jade green with black accents. For the men send invitations written on the back of a red rose cut from cardboard. This is sure to interest and excite curiosity. The ladies get a guitar cut from the black cardboard, with the invitation written on the back.

Go in for discreet shadows and much romance in Spanish decorations. Use on your buffet tables, yellow crepe paper covered with large flat flowers in American beauty and jade green by cutting large and small circles and pasting them on the paper in irregular form. Fringe around the skirt of table to match. The hot spicy, Spanish dishes for your menu, the rumba and the slow tangos for dances, an imitation moon, soft music and sweet nothings whispered in the breeze should provide the perfect Spanish party.

## SLEEPY EYES ARE NEVER VERY BRIGHT

(By Elsie Pierce)

Come spring with everything new and budding and bright and beautiful and unless your eyes are bright and shiny they seem all out of keeping with the season. Our eyes tell more about us than any other feature. Our eyes are used more and abused more than any other feature; our eyes can help us achieve beauty more than any other feature.

You wonder, then, why women don't give their eyes more attention and less abuse. So do I. It is one of those little ironies.

The screen and stage stars, more than any other class of people, know the importance of keeping their eyes beautiful and bright. They know that youth lies in clear, healthy eyes unmarred by surrounding lines.

Louise Latimer says 'get enough sleep' if you would keep your eyes young. She makes it a point to do so, particularly between pictures. She also keeps her eyes as clean as her skin by bathing them frequently with soothing eye preparations.

Most screen stars emphasize these two points. Contrary to what many imagine the stars get plenty of rest and sleep. In fact, between pictures many male and female stars go on

strict rations of rest instead of parties.

Recently we discussed make-up for the eyes and noted how cleverly shadow can be employed to make protruding eyes look less prominent, small eyes look larger, close-set eyes seem wider apart; eyes set far apart seem to look closer together and so on. There is no doubt but that we can do a great deal with make-up to create optical illusions. In fact once the art is mastered one's poorest feature may apparently become one's best.

In the matter of eyes, however, health comes first. This holds true for the eyes above any other feature. Dark hollows or circles, for instance, may be disguised temporarily by a heavy make-up base and a blend of rouge. But is it really satisfactory? Can you be wholeheartedly content to go on for more than a day or two with such concealing make-up knowing that you are not getting at the root of the trouble? Dark circles are often caused by lack of sleep, by eye-strain, fatigue, by some systemic or physical disturbance. External applications won't shoo dark circles away. You've got to check on your health, on your diet and if the circles persist see your physician.

### Itching, Burning, Stinging

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## NATIONAL UNITY FOR DEFENCE

The Ottawa Citizen says:

Right Hon. R. B. Bennett made a notable contribution to the cause of national unity when he spoke on the Canadian defence policy in the House last Thursday. The structure of national defence could be built up in spite of partisan opposition, but the stability of the structure is more assured when there is leadership on both sides of the House for a united front.

At the same time, the value of Canada's contribution to the defence of the British Commonwealth is greatly enhanced. This evidence of Canadian solidarity may well have a moral effect on the situation in world politics.

There is little doubt that the state of affairs within the British family of nations is noted by the advisers on military strategy in other countries. The results of the Imperial Conference in London next June are thus likely to exercise a profound influence on the peace of the world.

A united front throughout the British Commonwealth should help to cool down the arrogance of Fascist adventurers whose policy is based on the belief that there are glittering prizes for sharp swords. The last ten years of experiment with disarmament has demonstrated that when the democratic countries weaken themselves, the Fascist states become more aggressive. Built on force, they have no respect for more civilized methods. They take advantage of every sign of weakness abroad. They are keen to thrive by discord within the British Commonwealth or by any appearance of strained relations between the great democracies, particularly the United Kingdom, France and the United States.

Because of Canada's strategic position on this North American continent, there is a special weight of responsibility attached to the Canadian part at the next conference of Commonwealth statesmen. There is no need to stress the military aspects of unity within the British Commonwealth. Even less is it necessary to propound policies for the pooling of defensive resources under any form of imperial high command. On the military side of defence, it has come to be the accepted view that for Canada, at any rate, the most effective contribution would be to strengthen the structure of national defence at home in this country.

As Premier Mackenzie King pointed out in the debate last Thursday, in the event of an outbreak of war abroad, there is much less likelihood of troops being transported from one country to another as they were in the last war. The prime minister said:

"I may be entirely wrong, but I doubt very much if the British government itself will ever send another expeditionary force to Europe. I think it is extremely doubtful if any of the British dominions will ever send another expeditionary force to Europe. Were war to come suddenly, I think we would find that the conditions of a world conflict would be so different to what they were in the last war that anything in the nature of expeditionary forces to be sent from one continent to another would occasion a great deal more than second thought."

It may be that other means of co-operation for the security of the nations within the British Commonwealth may be considered desirable. The lessons of history would endorse the prime minister's view that conditions in a world conflict would be profoundly different to what they were in the last war.

The high authorities have repeatedly been in error by planning for a military campaign based on the belief that it would be fought along lines similar to a former war.

For this reason, although the soundness of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's policy in 1910 has at last been acknowledged on the Conservative side of politics in Canada—handsomely acknowledged by Mr. Bennett in the House last Thursday—a Canadian fleet unit of battleship, cruisers and destroyers would perhaps be less suitable for Canadian defence or for co-operation with the defensive forces of other countries. In any case, the prime minister goes to the London conference without being committed to any military policy apart from the measures approved for home defence during the present session of parliament.

Nor need the Canadian people, or any group of opinion in Canada feel apprehensive lest this country should be committed to military responsibilities outside of Canada. Only with the consent of parliament is it possible to do anything even for home defence. Premier Mackenzie King's long record in public life is the best guarantee that parliament will continue to decide on Canadian policy. Experience has demonstrated that there is no possibility of national unity in any other way: without national unity there can be no national security for Canada.

Friendly discussions around a table are infinitely more efficient than discussions with cannon, which solve nothing.—Richard E. Byrd.

## COSTUME COLORS

"What color accessories shall I wear with my spring suit, coat or dress?"

First it was an occasional question from a reader, but now it's become a chorus!

So here are 1937 color combinations—basis costume colors and smart accompanying accessory shades. For it's the way you combine colors that labels your Easter finery 1937! and no mistake. You simply can't escape the importance of color, this spring, and I, for one, wouldn't want to. But the maze of color may seem confusing, and evidently does, judging by a deluge of letters from puzzled readers.

Remember that not more than two or three accessories should be in a contrasting color. Just your handbag and gloves, gloves and shoes, or the handbag and shoes—plus a boutonniere or flower on your hat for a third small note.

If your costume is navy blue, accessories are smart in white, green, red, turquoise, dusty and bright pink yellow, and the two exhilarating new colors—red earth and carnelian; do see them both.

With black, contrast should be white, dusty pastels, especially the shades of rose and pink, yellow and red.

With beige costumes, the color lineup is green, wine, violet, black bright blue and navy. A light color, you see, is highlighted with darker and brighter tones. And a dark color takes light or bright contrast.

Thistle is lovely with touches of wine, brown or brown-wine. You can also use accessories in navy, black, beige and dark brown. Be careful of your hosiery shade; a rosy-beige cast is best with thistle.

Gray, always a spring favorite, is a neutral that looks stunning with many bright colors, sunny yellow, chartreuse (yellow green), blue and green.

## APPROVES PACT ON INCOME TAX

OTTAWA March 31—Approval was given by the House of Commons today to the convention signed by Canada and the United States Dec. 30, 1936, providing reciprocity for a maximum of 5 percent income tax on non residents. Revenue Minister J. L. Ilsey sponsored the resolution, which was adopted without opposition. The U.S. agrees to charge no more than 5 percent on the income derived from sources in that country by Canadians having no residence or place of business there.

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