

COUNTRY ENTERTAINING

THE IDEAL WEDDING IS THE COUNTRY WEDDING
Some Suggestions for September Events

After all, are not the multiplication of ceremonies and heaping up of show around the elemental bond between man and woman simply getting farther away from true beauty instead of nearer?

Suitability is one of the principles of good taste; but uniting the extremes of convention and originality with marriage seems going directly in face of it.

Hymen in "As You Like It" unites the happy lovers "under the green-wood tree." Could anything be sweeter?

The perfect suitability of flowers to the occasion of a wedding is generally recognized, and flowers adorn the bride and her attendants while the groom puts the finishing touch to his toilet with a white blossom in the lapel of his coat.

Her wedding is one of the occasions when the country girl may congratulate herself upon the spot where her lot has been cast. Whatever may be done in jungles of brick and stone, where folk forget the hue and atmosphere of Paradise simplicity is the right note in the country wedding.

Individuality and sincerity are in their native element in the country, and friendliness springs up spontaneously.

No hired hands, but those of loving sisters and girl companions, should twine the wreaths which decorate the nuptial altar in home or church. There is sure to be more of the aroma of sentiment about such work, even though less mechanically perfect than in that of a professional florist.

If the spring flowers typify the delicate hues of dawning joy and the opening bud of perfect love, these of autumn suggest the richness of life and the golden harvest of two united hearts.

NOTE OF PERSONAL INTEREST.

Country guests are apt to be the friends and neighbors who have watched the bride grow from childhood to womanhood and feel a real possession in her, and joy in her

happiness. Even should they take to themselves the privilege of frankly expressing their feeling, the kindly meaning of the speaker at least may generally be counted on.

In the strenuous vortex of a great city, even personal interest seems at times to undergo a thinning out process. And it may be for this reason that those families who have country as well as town houses often elect to have their wedding at the former.

GUESTS BY RAILWAY.

The mother of the country bride has additional responsibility, as there are usually friends from a distance to be entertained beneath her roof. Sometimes kindly neighbors will assist in this part of the function should the house party threaten to exceed the accommodation at the bridal residence. But if there are no other houses to fall back upon rooms should be engaged in the town or village for the superfluous guests while friendly touches of hospitality, such as meeting them at the train or arranging little comforts in the hired rooms, will make the strangers feel within the pale of the family footstep.

If convenient a dinner or supper including all the guests from a distance, the evening before the wedding will create a most pleasant feeling for the important day.

The hostess need not of course, feel under obligation to pay the expenses of friends in hotels or lodgings unless she has expressly invited them as her guests. Everyone understands that a wedding is a costly matter in any case, and should be unwilling to put their hostess to any more expense than the occasion necessarily calls for.

Should a number of the guests live within a short distance by rail, they will doubtless come and return on the same day; in which case the host should try to have a sufficient number of conveyances at the station to bring all to the house. Unless, of course, the church or the house, if the wedding is to be there, be near enough to the station for the young

people to reach it on foot, in which case a few carriages for the older ones will be all that is necessary. Neighbors would, no doubt, gladly lend their conveyances for the great occasion.

Apart from the fact that weddings in the daytime early after lunch, are more sanctioned by custom it will be readily understood that guests coming by train can more easily arrive and depart for a day than for an evening wedding.

ELABORATION AND COMFORT

The question of viands is always an absorbing one. If a good caterer is available and can be afforded this will certainly relieve the hostess of a great deal of preparation. But home preparation is usually both more attractive and less expensive.

What is prepared depends to some extent on the hour for which the ceremony is set. A wedding at high noon seems to necessitate something fairly substantial so near the luncheon hour. Nothing is gained by elaboration at the expense of comfort so that the daintiness of croquettes and pates may be distinctly challenged by the solid satisfaction of roast beef.

One woman, whose means and position were undoubtedly offered her guests after an early wedding the following: Bouillon in cups; hot roast beef, with carrots and green peas; lettuce salad with French dressing; icecream, cake, coffee and candies. A box of wedding cake was laid at each place.

For such a meal, seats are indispensable but should the hour set for the wedding clear the time of luncheon, well, a much lighter bill of fare, served from one large table to the guests as they stand about, the gentlemen waiting on the ladies. Bouillon, croquettes, salads and all small viands susceptible of being eaten with a fork would then be in order followed by sweets.

OLD CUSTOMS AND NOVELTIES.

The old customs are kept up with special grace in the country. Let the bride cut the cake, cast her bouquet into the crowd of guests, and retreat to her carriage pursued by the tattered and torn shoe of good luck.

There is no reason why stereotyp-

NO RECIPROCITY NEGOTIATIONS

Awaiting Mr. Fielding's Return to the Capital

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—Pending the arrival of Hon. W. S. Fielding from Nova Scotia a fortnight hence, and the reassembling of the other ministers in the capital for a full meeting of the Cabinet Council nothing will be done respecting the large question of opening up negotiations for a reciprocity treaty with the United States. The whole question has been left in abeyance since the receipt of President Taft's invitation last June suggesting that the Canadian government name a convenient date for a conference. At that time it was pointed out that owing to the absence of Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Paterson and Sir Wilfrid Laurier from Ottawa during the summer the negotiations would have to be deferred until some time in the autumn. Towards the end of this month it is likely the Government will be ready to take the matter up with Washington and it is expected that correspondence will be exchanged shortly looking to the making of a date for a preliminary conference to arrange a place of meeting and methods of procedure, etc.

THE BOY'S LONG EVENINGS

With the summer and outdoor life diminishing with the diminishing light it is as well to consider what will take the place of the sport in the life of the boy, and especially during the long winter evenings when, if he is not interested in the house, he is sure to know something absorbing going on outside of it. Nothing is found more attractive and at the same time more educational than a carpenter's bench, which though for the present merely a sort of intelligent toy to the boy owner, is at the same time training eye and hand, giving practical knowledge he may use all his life and, perhaps most important of all, a hobby that will be a life-long pleasure and recreation. If there should be a vacant room in the household attic turn it over to the boy and his friends, fit it up with bench and tools, and, if circumstances permit engage someone with a practical knowledge of carpentry to give the boys an idea of procedure.

A toboggan of their own making the boys that would cling to a will have twice the fascination for "store" article, and should they be able to fashion with their own hands small pieces of real use to be given by them as Christmas presents their satisfaction with their new occupation will be a solid one.

SCARLET FEVER BACTERIA.

Scarlet fever is just now giving much concern to the Local Government Board and the health authorities of London. Cases of smallpox have been brought down to the vanishing point; but scarlet fever remains as the most formidable, in point of number of patients, of all the notifiable infectious diseases with which the Metropolitan Asylums Board have to deal. Out of 35,868 cases of notifiable infectious disease in the administrative county of London in the year 1908 no fewer than 22,072 were cases of scarlet fever alone. The figure is serious both in respect of the number of persons who have to be removed to the hospitals and of the cost of the treatment generally. In view of all this, the Metropolitan Asylums Board recently approached the Local Government Board suggesting inquiry. It was this action which led to the announcement that a bacteriological investigation had been for some time in progress. The full result is not known, but it would seem that light will, in all probability, be thrown on the point of recurrent infection, and doubtless there will be suggestions as to treatment.

Never waken a child suddenly and never carry a baby immediately into a glaring light when he wakes up the sudden impression of light is very bad for the eyes.

ed lists of courses or dishes should be followed and should anyone in the family be able to prepare any dish with a touch of novelty or originality, it will no doubt be appreciated. Regulation lines are followed in cities perhaps mainly because they save trouble, and they have been found to suit all tastes—which cannot always be said in favor of the novelties.

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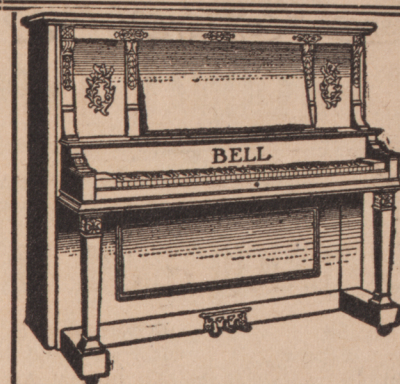
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