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sey. Sue writes they had a very sad thing happen in Mary's family. Her husband's mother and her sister left in July for a vacation trip to Hawaii. They had only been there two days when Mrs. Lombard's sister died very suddenly of a heart attack and she herself had to be hospitalized with a very severe case of bronchial trouble. She will return to California as soon as she is well enough to travel.

Frederick writes that they are expecting his cousin, Philip Field, and his wife and daughter to spend a few days with them. Philip has a position in Washington, D. C. We too would like so much to visit Frederick and his family, see the new parsonage and attend the church there. As he may tell you in his letter, the church of which he is pastor is celebrating its 275th anniversary soon. Their communion service was hidden in a well during the Revolutionary War. There is much interesting history connected with his church.

Martin just came in to see if we had any bones for "Wooly". Poor Wooly has really put in an unhappy month. Because two dogs in town had rabies, all dogs had to be tied up or kept in the house until all danger was over. Wooly was on a chain and every time Martin left the house that dog howled and wailed until he came home again. (Our poor long-suffering neighbors!) Martin has been learning to ride a bicycle and is saving every penny he gets to buy one. He has a bank book and when he has a dollar accumulated goes to the bank by himself and deposits it. He is only seven years old. (Maybe I'm a foolish old grandmother, but I'm proud of my grandchildren.)

When Kristin visited us this summer, I turned over the upstairs to the grandchildren, and with Juliana, Emily, Martin, Kristin and Alison, bubbling over with ideas of what to do each day, had a wonderful time. The only stipulation I made was that they should leave it as clean as they found it. (They left it cleaner!) They spent one whole forenoon sweeping and dusting, even to cleaning the venetian blinds and washing window sills.

We have had a wedding in the Field family circle since I wrote you last month. Mary Jane Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hamilton of Shenandoah, was married to Richard Kowal of Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Hamilton was the former Mary Field. Both young people attended Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, Iowa last year and will return there this fall. Mary has two married sons so she and Edwin will know how it feels to have all of your children married. It is what we know will happen but we are never fully prepared for that time in our lives.

Let us hear from you. We will appreciate your letter. If you have any suggestions as to how the Kitchen-Klatter Magazine and the radio program can be more helpful to you, write and let us know.

Sincerely your friend,  
Leanna.

"Give the Kitchen-Klatter Magazine as a Christmas gift".

Dear Friends:

I doubt if any of us are one bit sorry to say goodbye to summer and greet the fall season. The past months have been particularly trying ones here in southwest Iowa. Until the time we left for California in June the weather had been perfect. One could fairly hear the corn grow and early gardens were wonderful. The lawns were like green velvet. When we returned from the west in late July we found our grass parched and brown, perennial borders dry, leaves dropping from the rose bushes — in fact, our part of the country in the grip of a long dry spell.

Finally the rains came and the latter part of the summer was hot and humid. Although the moisture arrived late it revived the lawns and flowers and instead of a complete loss of our corn crop, there will be a pretty good yield on the fields planted a little late. Enough about the weather. We still have a lot for which we are very thankful!

It has been wonderful that so many of our friends were able to include Shenandoah in their vacation trips. Although there were not so many flowers in bloom as usual they enjoyed seeing the radio studios and calling on their "friends of the air". Several mentioned our beautiful parks and the friendliness of Shenandoah people.

Many of our visitors expressed astonishment that I could do my own housework from a wheelchair. It always surprises me when they ask how I do it for after almost twenty-four years one just takes it for granted. "Where there's a will, there's a way", an old saying goes and it is a true one.

I hope none of you will have to depend upon a wheel chair but if you do, don't think that it is the end of everything. It is only the beginning of a new way of living, a challenge to accomplish what seems at first the impossible. I have practically worn out five wheel chairs and expect to wear out several more.

I sometimes think that the new year should begin with October. In this beautiful month we feel a surge of new life and ambition to indulge in all sorts of new activities. I have three more cross-stitched table cloths to make and I will have finished one for each of my daughters and my sons' wives. Maybe I can start on

At Home

them soon. I should like to be more sociable this winter — have more friends in for dinner, or coffee in the afternoon. I imagine you too feel you don't have time for this but as one mother who was a busy farm wife wrote me, "There are things we must do, things we should do, and things we want to do." I am resolved to do a few more of the things I want to do!

We are expecting a visit from our youngest son Don, and his wife Mary Beth, some time this fall. Gertrude Hayzlett and her husband are coming from California to visit their children in Iowa and their many friends. We will enjoy seeing them again. For many years Gertrude has spent much time helping you help shut-in folks. One cannot measure the good that her "Good Neighbor Club" has done. Many of the readers of Kitchen-Klatter send cards or letters to every name in the column she prepares for us monthly. If you want to be happy, do something for someone else — not because you have to or are expected to but because you want to.

Another thing I like about October is that my neighbors on this street are home from their summer trips. At one time this summer we were the only folks at home in this end of our block. Our neighbors east of us, the Howard Alexanders, spent a month in Tucson getting acquainted with a new grandson. The baby's mother, Mona, grew up with our children and I feel like I should be some kind of a grandmother too. The father, Gordon Overstreet, teaches in one of the schools in Tucson.

My sister, Jessie Shambaugh, plans to go to Connecticut in October to be with her daughter Ruth Watkins, on her birthday. Jessie is another grandmother who finds it hard to have to live so far from her grandchildren. Ruth has three little girls and until they are a little older she will not attempt a trip to Iowa. Jessie's son Bill also has three children. They live in Des Moines, Iowa and she sees them often.

Many of you have asked how our sister Sue is getting along. I am happy to report that our last word from her is that she is feeling better every day. At present she is staying in the home of her daughter, Mary Lombard. Another daughter, Francis lives near enough that she can see her mother often. The other daughter, Margery, lives in Montclair, New Jer-



## PLACE AN ENTRY IN FALL FLOWER SHOWS

By  
Mabel Nair Brown

In recent years the so-called "flower shows" have come to have a most elastic meaning for you are very apt to see many beautiful things at the show which are not flowers at all!

In fact, one of the most attention — getting displays at some of the larger shows are table arrangements, many of them having not a single posy upon them! And my! the accessories that are used in the flower arrangements themselves these days!

Even if you aren't going all-out for a full fledged flower show, perhaps your club would like to devote one meeting to table settings. As many different tables can be arranged as you have room for at your meeting place. These can be set up on a competitive basis; with a judge of course, and ribbons awarded to winners.

But have you ever thought to ask your most talented members along this line to set up a display of table settings as the main attraction at some special meeting such as a Guest Day program? If not, do try it for it is sure to be a hit program with everyone going home inspired to try her own hand at something pretty and unusual.

Each woman might be assigned tables for a specified occasion. Planning tables for all occasions seems a fresher point of view than tables for the months of the calendar.

Here are suggestions for some table settings; perhaps each one could be arranged upon a bridge table.

**FAREWELL OR GOING AWAY TABLE.** This could be keynoted to foreign land theme by placing globe in center of table and marking upon it the destination. Around the base of the globe arrange travel folders, train or plane schedules, etc. Place cards could be patterned after passports or plane tickets. Nut cups could be construction paper suitcases (sketch travel stickers on the sides).

If preferred, instead of the globe, place replica of a small suitcase in center, with lid partly open and such items as paper tissues, tooth brush, hair-net, etc.; peeping out of it (the bulging suitcase idea!) This might stand upon a mat which is a map of a state, and individual place mats could be an outline of this same state. Name cards might be in the form of the letters the absent one is to write home; write names of guests upon small envelopes, with honoree's new address in corner.

Another centerpiece might be one of the little old-fashioned car miniatures now seen in many novelty shops. A few flowers could be tucked into it.

**T. V. SNACK TABLE:** (This might be set up on a coffee table). Perhaps you can find some of the clever wicker baskets, trays, etc., to set the background for this. If this is to be an informal show at a club, you might even have food in the containers so that guests get ideas as to what to serve and how to serve attractively.

**HI, NEIGHBOR TEA TABLE:** This



You can see by this picture that Kristin and Juliana are really growing up. Their skirts are of red squaw cloth that I brought them from California. Dorothy made them.

might require a bit more space, but it will serve a two-fold purpose in that you can show the proper way to set a tea table as well as display the decorations.

For the centerpiece purchase a small size "Welcome" mat to use as the base. (This might later be given to the honoree as a gift at such a party.) Out of pipe cleaners make three little figures to represent trumpeters and curve the arms to hold a trumpet. Make the trumpets from construction paper or gold or silver foil. Place the three figures in the center of the mat. Make "Welcome" flags by cutting triangles from bright colors in paper, which have the word welcome then printed upon them. Glue each flag to a colored tooth pick and insert in a large gumdrop. Place these hit and miss fashion around the trumpeters.

The welcome mat or the flag idea might be used for place cards.

The centerpiece idea, too, might be fashioned to resemble the "Welcome Banner" idea such as cities use to greet celebrities. For the poles to which ribbon banner is fastened, use the candles in holders. (Arrange flowers and greenery around each candle holder). From the ribbon let flutter triangles of colored paper with one letter of the word "Welcome" upon each one. You might put a person's name on the banner too, such as "WELCOME, MARY".

**BABY SHOWER TABLE:** For centerpiece use a small umbrella fashioned from pipe cleaners and covered with paper. Then from outward end of each rib of the umbrella have one of the very tiny celluloid dolls swinging in a tiny triangle of outing flannel (just as we see baby pictured carried by the stork). Around the base of the umbrella place some of the miniature doll toys (rattles, bottles, hot water bottles, etc.) Or you might place pink and blue flowers around the base and then use the toys at each place as favors. The nut cups can become dainty bassinets by add-

ing life-saver wheels, a pipe cleaner handle and hood of a half paper lace doily.

**ANNOUNCING THE ENGAGEMENT:** For the centerpiece use a clear cellophane sack (you're going to "let the cat out of the bag", you know). For each guest have a very tiny pastic or china figurine cat. Around the neck of each one tie a ribbon bow on which is attached the paper with the names of the engaged couple. Fill the cellophane bag with these, tying the bag shut with a big bow. Streamers could run from bag out to each place. These could be tied to cats inside the bag, if desired, so that at the proper time each guest would pull her cat out of the bag and learn the news. The clear glassware would seem to go best with the cellophane. Each guest's place favor might be a tiny nosegay corsage done up in small cellophane bag and placed beside each plate.

**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** (Perhaps you would prefer yours be a Silver or a Ruby (45th) anniversary using same general idea). For a very beautiful and different centerpiece use a cake decorated to represent the family Bible opened to the family record pages. This is made using rectangular loaf cake, trimming a slant edge on all sides. Cut a V-shape piece down the center to get open-book shape. Ice the cake in white, and edge outside lower edge in deep brown. On one side of book (or page) write with icing word "Marriages" at the top, and below it put names of honored couple, date and place. On opposite page write "Births" and write names of their children. Tiny rosebuds and leaves could decorate the pages. Use gold color icing for writing.

Place card souvenirs could be snapshots of the couple, or of them and their family, mounted upon gold-edged correspondence cards.

Another beautiful centerpiece using gold (or yellow) and white color scheme is made by cutting numerals "50" in large size numbers from the white strayfoam. Place them in center of table. Then outline the edges of the numerals with greenery and small yellow mums or rosebuds; thus the numbers seem to rest in a bed of flowers. A single matching flower might be placed beside each plate. To each stem tie two white paper hearts, using gold ribbon. On one heart have the couples' names and on the other the date and perhaps the "50" — all written with gold ink. Use white damask cloth, or a very pale yellow one, and preferably a rather plain white china with perhaps a gold border, or small floral design with yellow predominating in color. Crystal glassware would go nicely.

## THE COVER PICTURE

Halloween means fun for the children. Juliana and Kristin help Emily, Martin and Alison make Jack O' Lantern faces on paper bags. These make wonderful disguises to wear on Halloween Eve. If there are no pumpkins available the children can still have fun with paper bags.



## NEWS FROM RHODE ISLAND

Dear Friends:

By now you have read all about the hurricane that struck Rhode Island on August 31, 1954. I am writing this letter on that "red letter day". It is now 8:30 in the evening; the wind has completely died down, and the town of Bristol is very dark and very strangely quiet. This has been a terrible day of destruction, and I want to tell you exactly what has happened since early morning.

We have known for several days that a hurricane was off the coast of Florida, but when we went to bed last night there was nothing on the late radio news to alarm us. When we woke up this morning and turned on the radio for the early news we heard that the hurricane had taken a very sudden spurt of speed and change of direction and that the edges of it would touch New England, but that there was nothing to be alarmed about. The storm was said to be a very weak one and all that we would have here in Rhode Island would be rain squalls and gusts of wind.

Although I am writing this letter in Bristol, we are still staying at our summer cottage, and when I heard the news this morning, it was at the cottage on the lake. Even while the radio was telling us to expect some strong gusts of wind, the storm that was bearing down on us from across the lake had all of the appearance of a hurricane. By nine o'clock we were having a frightful wind storm, the electricity had gone out, and I had had to put out the fire in the fireplace because of the down draft through the chimney. As the storm increased in intensity and trees began to fall around the cottage, we were positive that the hurricane had arrived, but by that time there was no electricity to run the radio. Our Aunt Hazel in the big house a short distance through the woods from us was alone this morning, and so at 9:30 I made a mad dash down the path to see her and to make certain that she was not too frightened. I found her frantically trying to mop up water that was blowing under the windows and doors. She was too busy to be afraid. I noticed that some of her lawn chairs were blowing away and so I ran out to rescue what I could. There on that lawn about twenty feet above the beach I knew that the storm was really serious. The wind was so strong that I feared for a moment that I would not be able to get back into the house. Never have I felt such a force of wind. I made it back through the trees to our cottage hearing a large tree fall down across the path behind me. I didn't stop then to see how narrowly it missed me, for there were other small trees and branches whizzing through the air like flying missiles at that moment.

Once back in the cottage I had to work like mad to help Betty fight the flood of water that was coming in under the windows. The wind was so strong and the rain so intense that water actually sprayed up under the tightest windows. The next hour was one of the longest hours of my life.

The cottage shook and trembled under the blasts of wind, and every moment we expected some large branch to come hurtling through the roof. At eleven o'clock the wind shifted to the opposite direction, and we knew that half of the storm was over. I prayed that our cottage could just hold out for another two hours, and I am glad to tell you that it could. We had a lunch of sandwiches for we had no heat of any kind. We drank milk for when we have no electricity at the cottage we have no water.

I had planned to drive to Bristol to take care of some important business this morning, and just as soon as the wind began to let up a bit after lunch, I started out. As I drove down the forest road I noticed quite a few trees were down and that the electric wires and telephone wires were down, but for the most part the road was clear, and once I gained the main highway there were no obstructions at all. As I drove along the road toward Providence I remembered that I had a car radio. Why hadn't I thought to use it in the morning when our electricity went out? I turned it to one Providence station and then to another and then to another only to discover that all of them were off the air. Only then did I realize that the storm might have been worse in the vicinity of Providence and Bristol than it was at the summer cottage. I drove on a few miles trying to find radio news of some kind when I heard a Providence station come on the air! These are the first words I heard: "This is Providence. This is Providence. Do not panic. Get off the streets. The water is now over the tops of the automobiles in downtown Providence. If you are driving your car toward downtown Providence, turn around and go back. Whatever you do, do not come near the heart of the city." Well, that sounded serious enough, and I had to go to downtown Providence to get to Bristol. As I neared the city I began to see real damage. Many times I had to drive the car up over a curbing and onto a lawn to avoid a fallen tree or fallen wires. No traffic signals are working anywhere in this part of New England, for there is on electricity, and that means that at every intersection it is every man for himself.

The tide had begun to turn just at noon and the tidal wave that had poured into downtown Providence was mostly back in the harbor again by the time I reached the heart of the city. As I drove slowly through the streets I could see where the water had risen to second floor levels in places and all of the automobiles that were parked along the street and in parking lots were a mess. After much detouring and in general a great deal of difficulty, I got through the part of the city that had been flooded only an hour before and began a weary way down the other side of the bay to Bristol. Time after time I had to turn back and seek another route because of high water or fallen trees, and the nearer I came to Bristol the more I realized that the very worst of the storm damage was down in our beautiful city.

When I turned down the street on which our church and parsonage are situated, my heart turned to a stone. The last block was an agony of suspense. From the street it is difficult to see the parsonage because of the jungle of fallen trees around it. Our beautiful, stately, trees are gone, and our garden is ruined, but thanks to God, the house is intact. The church lawn is a wreck of fallen trees, but the church is safe.

When I got out of the car I was afraid to look at our house, and when I did look my eyes were soon blinded by tears, but not for long; there was work to do. Thanks to our perfectly wonderful neighbors who took care of our house while we were gone, I found everything in good shape inside, but some of our parish were not so fortunate. From the time I arrived home until this very hour, I have been checking on as many of our parish as I could on foot. Some of my neighbors had me in for a bit to eat at supper time. The meal was cooked on a gas stove in another neighbors home. Here in the parsonage everything is electric. As of this moment there is no possibility that our town will have any electricity for at least another week or ten days. Fortunately we do have water, and some homes have gas.

The worst damage in Bristol was caused by the tidal wave just two blocks from the parsonage. Tonight I obtained a police pass and was allowed to go through the militia and police lines to look at the damage. Large boats were carried out of the water and right up into the town. Several of our nicer buildings on the waterfront were completely demolished. Automobiles were carried away by the dozens when three of our largest auto dealers had their places of business torn apart by the wind and the waves. There is oil on everything — oil that was pushed up out of underground tanks by the force of the flood.

If you were to be in Bristol tonight, you would not be able to believe your eyes. This town is a wreck. Only a few homes have been lost, but hundreds of trees are down along with utility poles and lines. Soldiers are guarding the streets to prevent looting. It is very dark in this town tonight. One does not realize how dark it can be until there are no street lights, and no lights in any homes except from candles or oil lamps. I am writing this letter by the light of an oil lantern that I borrowed from a neighbor. I had hoped to be able to use my flashlight, but the bulb burned out. Just at this moment a large firetruck went by with a loudspeaker blaring out: "Get off of the streets. Return to your homes. The storm is turning back and will strike us again. All people off the streets!" What a strange thing to hear, and how unreal it seems. Frankly I do not believe that the storm will turn back.

There has been some loss of life. Some friends of ours met tragedy this afternoon when they tried to save their cabin cruiser from the rocks. The wife was killed, and her husband is in serious condition in the hospital.



I have heard no reports from the beaches, but I fear that the news will tell us of much death and destruction there. It may be that the people had enough warning to evacuate their beach homes, but then again maybe they did not.

I must close this letter now and with my lantern walk to the postoffice to mail it. I do hope that the mail is going through or it will never reach Kitchen-Klatter in time for the next issue. It would be an awful thing if some soldier were to shoot at me walking through the wreckage with my lantern. If you never see another letter of mine in Kitchen-Klatter, you will know what happened.

Sincerely,  
Frederick.

## WHY SO IMPATIENT?

Why are we so impatient of delay,  
Longing forever for the time to be?  
For thus we live tomorrow in today;  
Yes, sad tomorrows we may never see.  
We are too hasty, are not reconciled  
To let kind Nature do her work alone;  
We plant our seed, and like a foolish child

We dig it up — to see if it has grown.  
—Phoebe Cary

## IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE

An article I once read said that the average woman spent almost five years of her life gossiping. I would hate to believe this is true for often gossip has wrecked the lives of innocent people. Why does anyone like to repeat unkind remarks that they have heard? Yet some folks seem to relish just such conversation. Before speaking of anyone we should ask ourselves "Is it true? Is it harmful? Is it going to help the one about whom we are talking?"

The fact that four years of our lives are spent washing dishes does not amaze me for being the little dish washer for a big family as I was growing up and having raised a large family myself, I know I spent many hours over the dish pan! Dish washing time gave me a wonderful opportunity to think through family problems, plan meals or memorize bits of verse I had propped up on the window sill. It was never time wasted.

I think it would be fun to keep track of time for at least one week. It might amaze you when you realize how much time you spend in accomplishing certain tasks.

Leanna

## TALK FAITH

Talk faith. The world is better off without  
Your uttered ignorance and morbid doubt.  
If you have faith in God, or man, or self,  
Say so; if not, push back upon the shelf  
Of silence all your thoughts till faith shall come;  
No one will grieve because your lips are dumb.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

# The Children's Corner

## SCRATCHY CAN TALK

By Arlette Palm

Of all the little ponies in the neighborhood Scratchy was the smartest. You see, Scratchy could talk!

The only person who could understand the little brown and white pony was a little boy named Stevie. Scratchy belonged to Stevie, and next to his Mommie and Daddy, Stevie belonged to Scratchy.

Scratchy turned his pretty, little head, held his ears high in the air, and scratched the dirt with his right front hoof. This he always did before he talked to Stevie. Do you suppose that is why Stevie named his pony Scratchy?

The happy little pony cried,  
"Whee-ee! Whee-ee!  
Jump on me,  
You'll have fun  
While I run!"

Away they went down the road. Behind them the dust was making pretty pictures in the air. Stevie was singing his own special song in his own special tune,

"Away, away, away we go  
Scratchy and I don't go slow,  
Bouncing, bouncing in the air  
Like I'm in a rocking chair."

WHOOOPS! All at once Scratchy stopped with all four feet flat on the ground.

"Come on, Scratchy, let's go!" yelled Stevie.

The brown and white pony slowly turned his smart little head, held his ears high in the air, and scratched the ground with his right front hoof, and said, "Stevie, can you read? That black and yellow sign over there says STOP. That means cars, trucks, tractors, buses, bicycles, and ponies like me should STOP. MY! MY! Stevie, you should obey the traffic signs. You must learn to be more careful."

Stevie scratched his own little head thoughtfully and said to himself, "What do you know! Scratchy can read!"

Stevie wrapped his arms around his pony's neck, hugged him tightly, and whispered in his ear, "Scratchy, I love you. You are the smartest little pony any boy could have."

I think so, too, do you?



Take an old wheel chair, a paste board carton, a chest of old clothes, an afternoon upstairs at grandmother's house and Kristin, Juliana and Martin can have a wonderful time.

## RIDDLES

1. What is the hardest thing about learning to ride a bicycle?
2. Can you spell donkey with one letter that has no curves?
3. When water becomes ice, what great change occurs?
4. Name a carpenter's tool you can spell forward and backward the same way.
5. What happens when there is an eclipse of the sun?
6. Why is an empty purse always the same?
7. What has eighteen legs and catches flies?
8. How many does daddy, mother, and Bobby make?
9. Why does a warm day give an icicle a bad reputation?
10. Why is a dog often called Rover?

## Answers

1. The pavement.
2. I.
3. A change in price.
4. Level.
5. A great many people come out to look at it.
6. Because you can't see any change in it.
7. A baseball team.
8. Two and one to carry.
9. Because it becomes an eavesdropper.
10. Because that's his name.

## AUNT SUE'S JITTERY JINGLES

If you have a little brother  
Sweeter far than any other  
I am sure you share each toy  
With this darling little boy;  
Give him jolly things to play with,  
For by taking care of brother,  
You are helping darling Mother;  
And you'll feel so warm and happy,  
When you run to meet your Pappy,  
And he'll kiss you hard and say,  
"I'm glad you've had a happy day."

Did you ever think how good  
Mother is to cook your food?  
To make it tasty as she's able  
And place it neatly on the table?  
Don't you think that when we eat  
We should keep our place all neat?  
Not let soup or cocoa slop.  
Or let meat or jelly drop.  
Now that you are getting biggish,  
I'm sure you do not act so piggyish.  
And if you'd say, "Mama thank you",  
I think it would be lovely too.

—Sue Conrad.





## GOBLIN JAMBOREE FOR HALLOWEEN

By  
Mabel Nair Brown

Make *spooky mobiles* by cutting out silhouettes of cats, bats and witches from black construction paper. Suspend from the ceiling with fine thread. Place lights behind them so that the slightest breath of air will start them moving and cast the spooky shadows on the walls.

### Games To Play

*Pussycat prowls* is simply Musical Chairs in a new guise. The players are the cats and to help the idea along, place white stockings over their hands to give them paws. Instead of the usual chairs have a circle of plastic bowls placed on the floor (Cats love milk in their bowls, you know!) As the music plays the cats march around the bowls and when the music stops, all cats try to have a "bowl of milk". Of course one bowl is removed each time and thus some cat is left out of the game. The last one left becomes "King Cat" for the evening and is given a paper crown to wear.

*Witches' Brew* is a real mix-up for the guests. Type up several copies of a blood curdling ghost story. Divide your crowd into several groups giving each a copy. Next, cut the stories apart, probably sentence by sentence. Pass out the slips to all the players. Each group has enough slips to make a complete story. See which group can get their story together first. Let them glue their slips to a sheet of paper. Then have someone read the story, perhaps by flashlight, while the rest of the room is darkened.

### Refreshments

For a real Spook Brew, serve hot chocolate, cider or fruit punch from a large pot (cauldron) which you place upon a heap of shredded red paper arranged with a few sticks to resemble the fire. Instead of regular cups or glasses use tin cups or small sized cans to serve the brew. With this you might serve doughnuts. (Why not slip the doughnuts over a clean handle of a child's toy broom?) If you want dainty tea sandwiches, cut rounds of bread and in half of them use a thimble to cut three holes and use a sharp knife to make a slit for the mouth. Put bright orange filling (cheese) between these sandwiches to show up the features on the jack-o-lantern face. Have you ever used a round cookie cutter to cut pumpkins from orange gelatin? Place the gelatin faces on shredded lettuce and use mayonnaise, pimento, olives or whatever you have to make the features.

A clever tray favor can be a big black cat made by using a fat prune as the body. Use the tiny black gumdrops on toothpicks to make the legs, head and long curved tail.

Never overlook the many possibilities of decorated cookies for Halloween refreshments as you can make pumpkin faces, cat faces, great arched-back cats, bats etc. Children love to take these to school as room treats. Other clever treats are to buy the orange colored lollipops and glue construction paper features to the cellophane wrappings so that you have a pumpkin face on the stick. You can dress lollipops as witches, using crepe paper for the dresses and peaked hats.

## GAMES FOR ANY PARTY

### The Name's The Thing

Listed here are common expressions which need a proper name to complete them. Can you fill in the correct name?

1. "Rob \_\_\_\_\_ to pay \_\_\_\_\_"
2. "Quicker than you can say \_\_\_\_\_"
3. "Let \_\_\_\_\_ do it."
4. "She's a dumb \_\_\_\_\_"
5. "For the love of \_\_\_\_\_"
6. "I have a \_\_\_\_\_ horse."
7. "Living the life of \_\_\_\_\_"
8. "It's the real \_\_\_\_\_"
9. "For \_\_\_\_\_'s sake."
10. "He's a good \_\_\_\_\_"
11. "That's a \_\_\_\_\_"
12. "I'll give you just three days' \_\_\_\_\_"

Answers: 1. Peter, Paul; 2. Jack Robinson; 3. George; 4. Dora; 5. Mike; 6. Charlie; 7. Riley; 8. McCoy; 9. Pete; 10. Joe; 11. Jim; 12. Grace.

### Red, White And Blue Quiz

1. Red \_\_\_\_\_ was one of our greatest football stars. (Grange).
2. White \_\_\_\_\_ is a way of admitting surrender. (Flag).
3. Blue \_\_\_\_\_ often follows Sunday. (Monday).
4. Red \_\_\_\_\_ which the Israelites crossed. (Sea).
5. White \_\_\_\_\_ of New England. (Mountains).
6. Blue \_\_\_\_\_ and the Trail of the Lonesome Pine. (Ridge Mts.).
7. Red \_\_\_\_\_ The old song pleads that we remember. (River Valley).
8. White \_\_\_\_\_ How we long to be rid of it! (Elephant).
9. Blue \_\_\_\_\_ of Kentucky is famous. (Grass).
10. Red \_\_\_\_\_ is the emblem of mercy. (Cross).
11. White \_\_\_\_\_ is dreamed about in a popular song. (Christmas).
12. Blue \_\_\_\_\_ are the state flower of the Longhorn State. (Bonnets).

## A 50-50 DEAL

"My little cousin whose father rented their farm to a tenant, heard him say that one-half of everything raised on the farm was theirs. When twin babies were born to the tenant she said, 'Daddy, we must go and get our baby, you said half of everything was ours.'"

## CHECK-UP TIME

By Edwyna Payton Fenton

OCTOBER—and it's time to check up on those good resolutions you made so confidently nine months ago. 1954 was the year you were going to DO things; perhaps certain and positive acts of remembrance like the long delayed visit to your family in the back-home town; giving your aunt's bracelet to your dearest nephew's wife; or a plan for achievement like pulling from a dusty drawer the story you had outlined years before; or gaining a sense of spiritual growth in a more regular church attendance. Perhaps you had lumped all your good intentions together, and headed the resolve with capitals "Get More Out Of Life." Maybe you had jotted down the resolution that every day you would say something kind to someone, or write a far-off author or entertainer that you had enjoyed their effort to entertain you—not gushy, insincere prattling, but an honest analysis of their endeavor.

Did you really start at all, on that good resolution path, or did your resolves fall in the face of the demands of too many busy days? It's human nature to love another chance, another opportunity to make good on a project dear to you. January was nine months ago, when the year was crisply new and everyone was making long lists of resolutions. You took a mental tuck in life, and started out fresh with a whole new yardage of time and days in which you were to do all those things long on the waiting list. Well, you have one-fourth of the yards left. The whole course of a life can be changed in an afternoon—THINK what you can do with three whole months.

Perhaps your January list was too long. Now can come the sifting day, when you separate the chaff from the wheat; and these kernels can be the nucleus for a new way of life. A few resolutions well kept are better than too many broken. One must be discriminating, even in resolution making. So select the most needed changes, and hew to a disciplinary line about it; but have joy with your resolutions—allow your eyes to linger on the picture of the end of the year with a good many hopes realized.

Most of our failures to make a success of resolution time, comes from not having enough faith. It is putting faith TO WORK, which makes the difference in your days' stint of resolve keeping. Do not feel inadequate to the responsibility, which your new chart of living has imposed; but let it be a guide to a more confident way.

Time itself has a way of checking off a part of your resolutions list—time that brings different situations, different demands, and different perspective to new solutions arising out of old needs. That is why CHECK-UP time is imperative.

Think positively instead of negatively about these things you have resolved to do. Make a placard for your desk or dresser lettered with the old words of Goethe, "HE WHO IS FIRM AND RESOLUTE IN WILL MOULDS THE WORLD TO HIMSELF".



## A LETTER FROM DOROTHY

Dear Friends:

When the big yellow school bus drove up to our door this morning a very excited Kristin got on and started off for her first day in the sixth grade. She looked so grown-up in her new red skirt which was a little longer than Mother thought it should be, but just the length Kristin wanted it. This is the first year that the bus has come to the house after her and needless to say we are all three very happy about it.

This has been a very busy and exciting month at the Johnson house. So many things have happened that I just hope I can get it all in one letter. When I wrote to you last month Juliana was here visiting us and Emily and Alison were to come in just a few days. They arrived on schedule and the four little cousins had a wonderful four days together. They didn't get a bit homesick and we thoroughly enjoyed every minute of their visit with us.

Juliana was supposed to go home when Emily and Alison went, but the Chariton Saddle Club was going to Afton, Iowa to be in their big Centennial parade later that week and she wanted to go along and ride in the chuck wagon while Frank and Kristin rode their horses. I was called to work that week while the regular girl was on vacation so I didn't get to go, but Kristin and Juliana had a wonderful time. The day Juliana left she went on a long trail ride with the Saddle Club (I stayed home so she could ride my horse) so I'm afraid she went home a very tired little girl but a very happy one.

Kristin and I had hoped to go to Shenandoah for a week but we could only manage to squeeze in three days. I spent all of my time at the sewing machine and felt I got quite a bit accomplished. I made Juliana and Kristin skirts just alike out of the beautiful red squaw cloth Mother had brought them from California. The girls promised each other they would both wear them the first day of school, so that was the skirt Kristin put on this morning. Then I made Kristin two other skirts and a blouse.

This past week-end Frank and Kristin and I participated in one of the biggest events that has occurred in Iowa for many years. I know that all Iowa readers of Kitchen-Klatter know what this was, for the benefit of the other readers I will go into detail. One hundred years ago this month the first Iowa State Fair was held at Fairfield, Iowa, and in commemoration of this over three hundred people left Fairfield at 7:00 o'clock on the morning of August 24th traveling as they did 100 years ago in stage coaches, covered wagons, in buggies and on horseback for Des Moines, a distance of 124 miles. This group was on the road four days, camping out at night at pre-arranged spots.

Thirty-four members of the Chariton Saddle Club joined the group at their last camping place and rode into Des Moines with them. Our group had to be in Monroe, Iowa, at 5:30 in the morning ready to get lined up



Dorothy made four skirts for Juliana and Kristin.

and under way by 6:30. Since Edna and Raymond were also going, we took our horses and went in Chariton the afternoon before and stayed with Edna and Raymond until time to start. Our horses had to be loaded into the big semi truck at 3:00 o'clock in the morning so we had to get up at 2:00 so that we could have a bite to eat and get out to the stables in time for the men to help load. By 3:30 we were on our way to Monroe. Raymond's sister drove us over and brought the car back. When we got about half way there it started to pour down rain and of course it was still dark and raining when we unloaded the horses and saddled up. All of us had brought our raincoats so we didn't get wet, but we were afraid it would rain on us all day, and we were all feeling a little gloomy.

By the time we were lined up and ready to leave the camp grounds the rain had stopped and everyone was in a happy frame of mind. It was a perfect day for riding because the sun stayed under the clouds most of the day, in fact we only had bright sun and extreme heat for the last two hours of the trip.

There will always be a soft spot in our hearts for the wonderful reception we got in the little town of Prairie City. By the time we reached there we had ridden eight miles without getting out of the saddle. As we approached the town we heard this loud speaker telling us to ride into town and stop for a rest. The Lions Club there, and I'm sure everyone else in the town was helping, had set up canteens along the street where they served us with all the free coffee and donuts we could eat, and milk for the children. They even had people there to hold our horses while we got off and rested. I don't know how many brand new shiny tanks they had along the street filled with water for the horses. All day long the caravan group talked about the wonderful thing the people of Prairie City had done for us. I'm sure these people will not be forgotten very soon.

At 11:00 o'clock we stopped along the highway for lunch. It took two hours to feed and water all the horses, and the people. Big trucks filled with oats and water drove down the line and we got what we needed for our own horses in the buckets that were furnished for that purpose. We got our own lunches from the big canteen trucks that drove down the line.

The original plans called for a camp-site that night at a spot five miles east of Des Moines, but since the traffic had gotten so very heavy and they expected it would be worse in the morning, and the camp-site was very wet and muddy, the committee in charge decided it would be best for all of us if we continued straight on into Des Moines, where a lovely camp-site had been set off for us on the State Fairgrounds.

A big corral had been made for the horses here, with plenty of oats, hay and water for them. We had a perfect night for sleeping out under the stars, and by morning everyone was well rested. We were up before the sun and after we had gotten cleaned up we walked down to the main part of the fairgrounds so that we would have as much time as possible to see some of the exhibits before time to get back to camp and get ready for the big parade. Kristin and I wanted to see the Home Furnishings division of the 4-H exhibits since that is the project we will have this next year in our County; then of course we saw the school exhibits. Of course Frank and Raymond had headed for the horse barns and that is where we met them. They had to take us all through the barns to see the beautiful horses and Kristin was especially interested in all the beautiful ponies.

You might be interested in how they lined us up for the big parade. We were placed in groups according to the number of days we had ridden with the caravan. All those who had ridden all the way from Fairfield, or four days, were in group four; all those who had ridden for three days in group three, etc. Group four came first in the lineup, then group three, etc. When the caravan left Fairfield the first day there were 320 horses, 260 of these were being ridden, and 60 were teams which pulled the wagons and buggies. At every camp-site more wagons, horses and people joined the group. On Saturday, August 28th, at 1:00 P.M. when the caravan passed in front of the grandstand at Des Moines and officially opened the Iowa Centennial State Fair, there were 528 horses, 428 of them being ridden, and 40 horsedrawn vehicles — a real spectacle.

To have been able to participate in this event even if for only two days was a wonderful experience for all of us, and especially thrilling for Kristin. Our only regret is that we didn't feel we could spare the time to start with the group at Fairfield and been with the caravan for the entire trip.

I notice by the clock that Frank will soon be in for dinner so I must get busy and rustle up something to eat. Until next month . . .

Sincerely, Dorothy





### NINETY MINUTE ROLLS

- 1 cup milk
- 2 tsp. salt
- 3 Tbls. shortening
- 4 tsp. sugar
- 2 cakes compressed yeast
- 1/2 cup lukewarm water
- 3 1/2 cups flour

Scald milk, add salt and shortening, let cool until lukewarm. Add sugar and yeast to the 1/2 cup water and dissolve. Combine mixtures and 2 1/2 cups flour and beat well, then add the other cup of flour and mix to a smooth, soft dough. Shape immediately into rolls. Put into greased pans, cover and let raise 40 minutes. Brush with melted shortening 5 minutes before putting in oven. Bake 20 minutes at 450 degrees.

### TOMATO-and-MUSHROOM RAREBIT

(Chafing dishes are back in style. If you have one and are tired of the usual creamed dishes that most people prepare, try this unusual and delicious "main course".)

- 1 No. 2 1/2 can best quality tomatoes
  - 4 Tbls. finely chopped onion
  - 1 1/2 Tbls. Worcestershire sauce
  - 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
  - 1/2 tsp. salt
  - 1/4 tsp. sugar
  - 1/8 tsp. red pepper
- Liquid from 2 small cans of mushrooms

### BANANA CREAM

- 1 envelope plain gelatine
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3 ripe bananas
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Soak gelatine in cold water until dissolved. Pour boiling water over it, add sugar, stir until dissolved and then cool. Rub bananas through sieve and add to the cold mixture. Fold in whipped cream. Turn into mold. Very attractive and delicious served in the whole molded form and surrounded by frozen raspberries or strawberries that have been almost thawed.

### BAKED HEART

Wash heart thoroughly. Remove veins and arteries. Rub inside and outside with salt and pepper. Fill with poultry stuffing and sew or skewer. Brown in hot fat. Add 1 cup water and 1 cup canned tomatoes. Cover and bake in a slow oven (300 degrees) until tender, about 4 hours.

## "Recipes Tested in the Kitchen - Klatter Kitchen"

By

LEANNA, LUCILE and MARGERY

### CREAM CHEESE DRESSING

- 1/3 cup French dressing
  - 1/2 pkg. cream cheese
  - 4 Tbls. finely chopped dill pickle
- Mix thoroughly. This is delicious over tomato salad.

### SQUAW CORN

- 6 slices of bacon
  - 1 can corn (2 cups)
  - 3 Tbls. grated onion
  - 4 Tbls. chopped pimento
  - 4 Tbls. chopped green pepper
  - 3/4 tsp. salt and little pepper
- Slice bacon in pieces and place in pan and cook slowly until slightly brown. Add vegetables and simmer for 15 minutes.



### ENGLISH RAISIN COOKIES

The friend who sent in this recipe said that for years this has been a favorite in her family, that she has given the recipe hundreds of times. When someone tastes the cookie they just naturally want the recipe. We hope that you like it too.

- 1 cup sugar
  - 1 cup shortening
  - 2 cups quick cooking oatmeal
  - 2 cups flour
  - 2 beaten eggs
  - 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
  - 1/2 tsp. allspice
  - 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
  - 1 cup cooked raisins
  - 5 Tbls. juice from raisins
  - 1 to 2 tsp. vanilla
  - 1/4 tsp. salt
  - 1/2 cup nut meats
- Mix ingredients well and drop by teaspoon on greased cookie sheet. Bake in a moderate oven.

### PUMPKIN PIE WITHOUT CRUST

If some one in your family should not eat rich pie crust, try coating the pie pan with butter or shortening and dusting it well with flour. Put in the pumpkin mixture and bake. This will make a nice thin crust which should not be too rich.

### ESCALLOPED CORN AND CELERY

- 2 cups corn cut from the cob (or canned)
  - 1 cup chopped celery
  - 1 Tbls. minced green pepper
  - 1/2 cup hot milk
  - 2 Tbls. butter
  - 1 tsp. salt
  - 1 cup buttered bread crumbs
- In a baking dish arrange alternate layers of corn, celery and green pepper. Combine hot milk, salt and pepper and pour over the vegetables. Cover with bread crumbs that have been moistened with a little butter. Bake 25 minutes in 325 degree oven.

### PEANUT BUTTER BREAD (For School Lunches)

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup peanut butter
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup milk

Sift dry ingredients; add milk to peanut butter and blend well. Combine with dry ingredients and beat. Bake in greased loaf pan for 45 minutes in a 350 degree oven. This is best after it has stood for a day.

### SOFT MOLASSES COOKIES (For the lunchbox)

- 3/4 cup sour milk
  - 1 1/2 cup molasses
  - 1/2 cup melted shortening
  - 1 3/4 tsp. soda
  - 3 cups flour
  - 2 Tbls. ginger
  - 1 tsp. salt
  - 1 cup chopped raisins
- Enough additional flour to make a soft dough

Mix molasses, butter and milk. Sift flour, ginger, salt and soda together. Add molasses mixture slowly, stirring constantly. Add floured raisins and roll out to 1/4 inch thickness on lightly floured pastry cloth. Keep dough as soft as possible. Bake in 375 degree oven for 20 minutes. Molasses cookies burn easily so watch carefully not to overbake.

### CHEESE WAFERS

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 tsp. Tabasco sauce
- 1-5 ounce jar sharp spreading cheese

2/3 cup sifted flour

Cream together the butter and Tabasco sauce. Blend in cheese, then flour. Form mixture into roll, 1 inch in diameter; wrap in waxed paper and chill. Cut in 1/8-inch slices, place on greased baking sheet and bake in 350 degree oven for 10 to 12 minutes. Makes about 4 1/2 dozen. Try these the next time you serve a salad to your club ladies and see how much appeal they have!

### FOR APPLE PIE

Try cooking the apples just a few minutes before putting them in the pie shell. The pie will bake more quickly and will not be so apt to have a sagging crust.



## SANDWICHES FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES

### FILLING FOR NUT BREAD SANDWICHES

3 oz. package of cream cheese  
2 Tbls. orange juice  
1/4 cup chopped raisins

### DATE SANDWICH FILLING

1/2 cup chopped dates  
2 Tbls. orange juice  
2 Tbls. chopped nuts  
2 Tbls. tart jelly  
Combine and mix thoroughly

### BEEF-EGG FILLING

1 small glass dried beef  
6 hard cooked eggs  
Grind the beef and chop the eggs.  
Moisten with salad dressing.

### CHEESE-HAM SPREAD

1 1/2 lbs. boiled ham  
1 lb. cheese  
6 sweet pickles  
1 medium green pepper  
Grind through food chopper and add salad dressing to moisten,

### MEAT SPREAD

2 hard-cooked eggs  
2 cup boiled or roasted meat  
2 stalks of celery  
3 sweet pickles  
Grind through the food chopper and mix with salad dressing.

### LIVER SAUSAGE SANDWICH

Mix with chopped stuffed olives or hard cooked eggs, green pepper and mayonnaise.

### CORNED BEEF

Shred and mix with catsup, grated onion and salad dressing.

### BOLOGNA

Grind and mix with chopped pickles.

### CHICKEN

Chop chicken and combine with drained crushed pineapple and salad dressing; or mix with finely chopped celery, sweet pickle and mayonnaise.

### PORK OR BEEF

Boil, grind and mix with chopped pickles and salad dressing.

### TONGUE

Boil, slice thin and use with mayonnaise seasoned with a little horseradish.

### TUNA OR SALMON

1 cup tuna or salmon (remove small bones)  
1/2 cup finely cut celery  
2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Mix with salad dressing to spread-ing consistency.

### QUICK HAMBURGER PATTIES

A quick way to make hamburger patties is to season the meat and roll it out on a floured board. Cut round cakes with cookie cutter. The flour helps them to brown nicely.

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### OLD SOUTHERN CORN PONE

1 cup buttermilk or sour milk  
1/2 tsp. soda  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. salt  
3 Tbls. shortening  
1 1/2 cups corn meal

Dissolve soda and baking powder in milk. Place corn meal in bowl, add salt and shortening. Mix well with finger tips. Add milk until you have a very stiff batter. Shape into pones (round flattened cakes) and place on well-greased pan. Bake in a very hot oven.

### PIGS-IN-BLANKETS

1 cup flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
2 Tbls. shortening  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1 1/2 cup milk

Mix to a dough. Place on floured board and knead gently. Roll out 1/4 inch thick and cut with a 3 inch cutter. Spread each piece with small amount of mustard and place a Vienna sausage (the kind that comes in cans), on each piece of dough. Roll dough around sausage securely. Fry in deep fat, 350 degrees, until golden brown.

### TO MAKE HOMINY

Wash corn thoroughly and soak in lukewarm water for one hour. Dissolve 2 Tbls. lye in one gallon of water. Add the soaked corn and boil for 30 minutes. Rinse off and rub to remove eyes and dark spots. Let stand in fresh water for 2 or 3 hours, changing the water until all lye is removed. Cover with fresh water and boil until tender. Pack while hot in jars and cold pack 3 hours, or 60 minutes in pressure cooker.



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### RICE-CHEESE SOUFFLE

1 cup cooked rice  
2 Tbls. flour  
1/2 cup grated cheese  
2 Tbls. melted butter  
1/2 cup milk, scalded  
3 eggs  
Salt and Cayenne

Combine butter, flour, and milk. Cook over hot water until smooth and thick. Add well-beaten egg yolks and rice. Cook 5 min. and remove from fire. Add cheese, and mix until melted. Season with salt and cayenne. Cool. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into well-oiled casserole. Set in pan of warm water. Bake in moderate oven, 375 degrees, for about 20 minutes, or until an inserted knife comes out clean. Once you serve this you'll find the family asking for it often. It is truly delicious.—Margery

### EGGPLANT, ITALIAN STYLE

Slice 1 large eggplant. Beat 2 eggs and mix with 1/4 cup grated cheese. Salt and pepper to taste, and 1 Tbls. minced parsley. Dredge egg plant slices in this mixture and brown in a small amount of hot fat. When brown pour 2 cups tomatoes over egg plant and cook 2 minutes. Transfer to buttered baking dish and bake 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Serves 6.



## A VISIT WITH LUCILE

Dear Friends:

It is 8:30 in the morning, and since I'm not broadcasting on this particular day I think I'll sit down right now have a visit with you.

Juliana has just started down the street towards school with her two good friends, Diane Whitney and Susan Vaughan. They looked for all the world like a trio of butterflies as they swung off down the hill in their yellow, red and turquoise dresses. I'll confess that I stood on the porch for several minutes and just watched and day-dreamed! Stark reality tells me that Juliana is a sixth grade student this year at the Church street school (practically in our business district), but I still find it hard to believe.

Russell and I feel very fortunate to have Diane and Susan right across the street, because for most of the eight years we've lived here there have been no children of Juliana's age near us. We were always acutely aware of this lack, believe me! And if you've ever had a comparable problem you know how delighted we were when the two properties directly across from us were purchased by families with girls the same age.

The other day I went over to see what Mildred Whitney has done with their home that's been remodeled from top to bottom, and I told her that I could write pages about the things she has accomplished. But in this letter I'll confine myself to only three details, for if I don't limit myself I *will* end by writing pages.

The first thing pertains to their entrance hall and the problem it presented. This particular hall was long and narrow with an open staircase running straight up to the second floor. Closet space was needed desperately, but where to find the room was the \$64.00 question. Well, they found it all right and it would be impossible to find a happier solution.

The long straight wall served as the hall wall on one side and the dining room wall on the other side. The dining room was really larger than it needed to be, so they "stole" 16 inches from it and incorporated that space in a closet running down the full length of the hall. It is divided into sections, of course, with built-in shelves, rods, etc., for each section — even built-in drawers, I might add, for mittens, scarves, and such items that are forever getting buried.

Louvered doors were used for these closets, and Mildred finished these to match the woodwork on the ground floor. I think it is the most beautiful treatment of woodwork that I have ever seen, and next month I'll tell you exactly how she achieved such a finish.

It is difficult to imagine a more stunning entrance hall than the one they now have with that handsome series of louvered doors rather than the original blank wall. They have a world of grand closet area and the dining room is still amply spacious, so if you have a problem at all comparable to the one they tackled it might be that their solution will give you a suggestion.

The second thing I want to mention



A corner in Lucile's remodeled upstairs bedroom. The dark wall at the left is really a sliding closet door.

is the bed in their guest room. Mildred has an exquisite quilt (dating from 1858) that gave her the color scheme for her wallpaper, curtains, etc., but the way she treated the bedstead is the thing that intrigued me. It was an old iron bed (you know the kind with twisted scrolls in the headboard and footboard) with a badly tarnished gilt finish.

Mildred enameled the bed dead white, but she thought of one small thing that simply made *all* the difference. On each of the four posts of this bedstead were round balls, and instead of painting these white (as I probably would have done!) she refinished them with shining gilt. It's amazing how much difference one tiny detail can make, so if you plan to paint an old iron bedstead this winter, think twice before you cover every inch of it with enamel.

I cannot imagine a more beautiful kitchen than Mildred has (or one more convenient, for that matter), and when I saw her stove I told myself that I must be sure and remember to mention it to you friends.

Ample cupboard space, every inch of it "engineered", was Mildred's goal, but she discovered right at the outset that if she used her conventional stove with its oven door that swung down, she would have to sacrifice valuable cupboard area. At this point she decided to have one of these ultra-modern built-in stoves with a separate oven installed in an adjoining wall. My, what a stove! I took one look at the oven, right at eye level, and decided then and there that I'd never replace my present stove with its oven that I practically stand on my head to see into, until I could have one built into the wall.

If you *aim* to remodel your kitchen this winter, do investigate these new built-in stoves. Not only will you have a wonderfully efficient appliance, but you will also pick up valuable space for cupboards.

This next week we expect Russell's parents for a visit that will last for quite some time. We still think it

miraculous that Dad Verness made such a good recovery from the severe heart attack that he suffered on May 8th. He knows too that the doctors didn't give him a chance, so I don't hesitate to mention it in this letter! But I can assure you that we learned, through his illness, never to despair while there was still life, regardless of how black and hopeless the picture might be.

If you have never learned to drive a car but secretly wish that you could, it will give you fresh courage to hear about Mother Verness. She had never driven an inch in her life until Dad's illness, but the doctors told her point blank that his days at the wheel were over and that if she wanted to be able to get around by car she would have to learn to drive. She took action on this advice, and now she has her driver's license and feels competent enough to go anywhere. In preparation for this trip down here she made a "trial run" to old friends who live about 60 miles north of Minneapolis, and the heaviest kind of traffic on that highway didn't worry her.

I've never driven a car in my life, but while Mother Verness is visiting us I think I'll have her teach me how to drive! If she could master a car at her age, I certainly ought to be able to do the same thing.

Tomorrow I am going to start converting this office-study into a downstairs bedroom in preparation for their visit. We wish that they might have been able to enjoy our nice new upstairs, but Dad cannot go up and down a flight of steps so we must convert some of this space on the ground floor into a bedroom for them.

I was saddened to read in the paper several weeks ago that Bess Streeter Aldrich had passed away in Lincoln, Nebraska where she had lived for many years. I doubt, truly doubt, if any American writer ever gave more genuine pleasure to people. I first became acquainted with her when I was only eleven years old and read the delightful "Mother Mason" and "Cutter" stories that appeared in the American magazine. I haven't seen any of those stories in all the years that have passed since then, but I still remember countless details about them . . . and I'm sure that many of you can say the same thing.

Not long ago I received a lovely note from her only daughter, Mary Aldrich Beechner, and I'm certain she wouldn't mind if I quote the concluding paragraph.

"Across the years I shall always remember her saying to me: I have written my books. I have raised my family. However this turns out, it will be all right."

There is such profound wisdom in these few words that I wanted to share them with you. Surely in Mrs. Aldrich's life there was the same fulfillment and sense of completion that she conveyed to us so beautifully at the conclusion of her book: *A Lantern In Her Hand*.

Now it is ten o'clock and I must jump up and think about the many things that are waiting to be done. Do write to me one of these fine autumn days that lie ahead of us.

As ever . . . Lucile



## A "MOTHER GOOSE" PARTY

By Mildred D. Grenier



## — OVER THE FENCE —

"No one pair of hands can do all the work in a household so I try to remember this quotation, 'A good housekeeper is one who can slight her work so skillfully that even the most critical cannot detect it.'—Missouri.

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"The most helpful hint I have heard you give over the radio was that of putting two nails in the chopping block for use in beheading a chicken. I just used it to good advantage for I had 50 springs to prepare for the locker."—Iowa.

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"Leanna, here are my pet peeves. I guess we all have them. I dislike unrinsed dishes, dishrag in a wad stuck up somewhere, trying to visit with a radio going and arguments at the table."—Minnesota.

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"After my son was killed in the war, I thought I could never be happy again. Now, a year later, I have found life still holds much happiness though I still miss him very much. Prayer to my God gave me strength and courage and through trying to help others we help ourselves. We must find happiness in our own hearts."—Nebraska.

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"Do you know people whose only topic of conversation is criticizing their friends? My parents taught me that if I couldn't say something good about a person to keep quiet. I always feel that a person who criticizes is doing it to boost his own ego. A sort of 'I am better than they are' attitude."—Kansas.

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"I wonder if anyone else has had my trouble. I had failure after failure with the recipes I used until I found out that my measuring cup was marked wrong. It might pay some of our Kitchen-Klatter friends to check on the accuracy of their cups."—Iowa.

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"We have had a terrible accident at our house because we left our little girl in the house alone while I went out to help my husband. She cut herself badly and nearly bled to death before I came in. I hope other mothers will profit by my experience and not leave little children alone in the house—ever."—Minnesota.

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"I wonder if all mothers realize the importance of teaching your children that neat personal habits such as clean hair, neck and ears are more important than expensive clothing. Plain clothing of good material, cleanliness, good posture and a gracious manner are important factors of personal charm. These are within the reach of everyone."—Nebraska.

The next time that you wish to have a party for your child, why not make it a "Mother Goose" party? All children love to play "dress up"; specify on the invitations that each one must come dressed as his or her favorite Mother Goose character. Among the small characters knocking at your door, you will no doubt spy the Muffin Man, the Queen of Hearts, Little Black Sambo, Little Bo Peep, Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son and Old King Cole as these characters could be easily portrayed. "The Old Woman Who Lived In A Shoe" character would give some little miss an excellent chance to bring many of her favorite dollies with her to the party; a brother and sister may wish to team up and come as Jack and Jill "fetch a pail of water" between them. Start your party off with a parade of the children around the room and you could award a prize for the most realistic character.

**MOTHER GOOSE RELAY:** The children sit in a circle and each child recites a nursery rhyme as it comes his turn; when a child can think of no more, he drops out of the game. The one remaining at the end of the game is the winner. Or you may have the first child recite the first line of a nursery rhyme and the next child in line recite the next line and so on, until there is only one child remaining in the game.

**JACK SPRAT "MATCH":** Divide the players into two teams. The players on one side name a food that Jack Sprat could eat starting with the letter "L"; then a player on the opposite side names a food that Jack Sprat's wife could eat starting with the letter "F". The team that has the most players remaining at the end of the game, wins.

**LITTLE JACK HORNER GAME:** Place a pie plate full of marbles on a table; the blue or purple marbles are the "plums". Allow each child to walk up to the "pie", blindfolded, and pull out one marble. The children who were lucky enough to pull out "plums" are awarded a small prize.

**THREE LITTLE KITTENS LOST THEIR MITTENS:** Bright colored mittens are cut from construction paper and pasted over round lollipops. Have these hidden around the room before the children arrive, one or a "pair" for each child. If you provide a pair for each child, specify they must find two the same color. After a child has found his mitten or mittens he must be seated until all children have found theirs.

Make your prizes tie in with the Mother Goose theme by awarding Mother Goose story books, coloring books, phonograph records, a small "baby bunting", Little Boy Blue's horn, Bo Peep's sheep, one of the Three Little Pigs in the form of a piggy bank, etc.

For refreshments you could serve Gingerbread Boys with glasses of milk, "strawberries, sugar and cream", some of the Muffin Man's muffins or the Queen of Hearts tarts—be cer-



Kent Grenier as "The Muffin Man"

tain that a small heart is cut from the center of each one!

A Mother Goose birthday cake is going to be the happy climax to this party and will afford you more fun than any other cake that you ever baked! The following suggestions mention just a few possibilities. Once you get started, you will doubtless think of other Mother Goose scenes to create.

To make a "Humpty Dumpty" cake, you will need a two or three layer square cake. Ice the cake in red and mark off bricks with white decorative icing. You may perch a real Humpty Dumpty egg (with eyes, nose and mouth made with crayola) on this brick wall or use a large candy Easter egg. If it is not the season for Easter eggs, you may easily shape one from your favorite fondant recipe.

A "Little Black Sambo" cake may be made in much the same way. You may have either a loaf or layer cake; the tree on top and in the middle of the cake may be a plastic gumdrop tree, a small Christmas variety tree, or one you have fashioned from small branches painted white. Get tigers from a box of animal cookies and place in a ring all around the tree very close together. Little Black Sambo may or may not be on the scene.

"The Queen of Hearts" or "Little Bo Peep" may be made by baking your favorite cake in a large mixing bowl. Invert it for the girls skirt, place a small plastic doll down in the center so only the head and waist show, ice and decorate. For the Queen of Hearts, ice in white and decorate with red hearts made with decorator or stick the commercial ones around her skirt and on her head piece before the icing sets. Little Bo Peep may have full ruffles all around her skirt, caught by rosebuds. Place a small staff tied with a ribbon bow under her arm. If you have a lamb cookie cutter, make lamb cookies, stick with icing to round cookies so they will stand up, and place on the table some little distance behind this cake.

If there isn't room for the candles on these cakes, or candles do not seem to fit in with the scene on top the cake, I like to make rosebuds with my cake decorator around the cake plate and stick the birthday candles in the center of these. When lit, you have a centerpiece that is truly an enchanting fairyland scene.



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It seemeth such a little way to me  
Across that great country, The Beyond,

For it has grown to be

The home of those of whom I am so fond.

And as for me, there is on Death;

It is but crossing with abated breath  
A little strip of sea

To find ones loved ones waiting on  
the shore.

More beautiful, more precious than  
before.

—Unknown.

## DEDICATION FOR A HOME

In recent years it has come to our attention more and more frequently that families who have been fortunate enough to build a new home (generally after much hard work and sacrifice) feel keenly that a simple service of dedication is the perfect way to acknowledge the blessings of God. Within these newly erected walls they intend to live in Christian peace and love, and they seal this pledge, one might say, by asking their relatives and friends to join with them in a simple service of devotion and thanksgiving.

Sunday afternoon or evening is a fitting time to open your new home for such a purpose. All members of the family, from the oldest to the youngest, will greet the guests as they arrive. Soft music in the background adds so much that it is to be hoped you will even borrow a phonograph, if necessary, to achieve this purpose.

If you already have a family Bible (one that has been used for many years and in which records have been kept), place it on a table in the living room, and permit only two other things on that table: a lighted candle and flowers. If you do not own a good edition of the Bible, this is certainly the time to purchase one for it will be doubly precious to you because of the associations connected with the Dedication service.

After everyone has arrived, the host and hostess should move close to the table on which the Bible stands. They will have decided in advance which one of them will make a brief explanation as to the purpose of the gathering, and at the conclusion will ask, informally, for the minister of their church to say a few words.

Probably he will wish to conclude his short speech with a prayer, and following this he will probably lead the group in repeating The Lord's Prayer.

If there are children in the family who can sing, then ask them at this point to lead the group in singing a well known hymn. Adult soloists add a great deal to such an occasion, but the plain truth is that they need an accompaniment to perform at their best—and many, many homes do not have pianos in these days. Surely something can be worked out as far as simple, suitable music is concerned.

A guest book to be signed is an absolute necessity on this particular day, for in years to come you'll find that every signature has genuine meaning and memories connected with it.

Of course your guests will want to look through the house at the conclusion of the short dedication service, and during this period you can prepare to serve the ice cream, coffee (or iced tea if it is a hot summer day) and cake. It's possible that you may prefer to serve sandwiches and a salad, plus cake, but the first suggestion was made for the soundest reason in the world: nothing is easier to serve and your mind can be completely free from any anxiety about sandwiches drying out, salad wilting, etc. This is once that you will not want to feel distracted about what is



Alison Driftmier with her Godmother, Great Aunt Martha Eaton, who just celebrated her 76th birthday.

going to happen in the kitchen. That kind of mental care can be left for the conventional house-warming when the element of dedication has not entered.

The following poem is a beautiful one and could be read at the conclusion of the short service. It would be a perfect way to finish the service if copies could be made and passed to each guest so that all could join in reading it together. The author of this lovely verse is unknown.

"O Thou whose gracious presence blest

The home at Bethany,  
This shelter from the world's unrest,  
This home made ready for its Guest,  
We dedicate to Thee.

We build an altar here, and pray  
That Thou wilt show Thy face.  
Dear Lord, if Thou wilt come to stay,  
This home we consecrate today

Will be a holy place."

Lucile

## SUCH AS I HAVE

Dear God, I offer Thee my hands,  
Sun-browned and square,  
Strong from taking care  
Of calves and chicks and lambs,  
To do Thy will.

O Lord, I offer Thee not beauty,  
But this I know,  
A God who loved also  
All little things, will certainly  
Understand.

—Elsie Van Dame Bailey

## HOLD FAST TO FAITH

The mountain that you climb today  
Will sometime be a plain,  
The fevered earth your feet now trod  
Will be silver-shod with rain.

The now-closed gate will be unlatched  
And from imprisoned bars,  
Transfigured rungs will form for you  
A ladder to the stars.

Great things will come on His appointed day

It may not be tomorrow, and it may.

—Delphia M. Stubbs.



## MAKING MONEY IN THE HOME

By

Gladys N. Templeton

Do you want to earn money in your own home? Most women struggling hard to "get through" until pay-day have often wished that in some way they could make even a small amount of extra money to help out, but if there are small children or elderly relatives dependent upon your constant presence, then there is no question of doing even part-time work outside the home.

However, there are quite a number of things within the capabilities of the average homemaker and suitable for most localities, so here are a number of suggestions that you might want to turn over in your mind.

Do you have a real gift for doing up heavy linens, fragile curtains, fancy blouses, slip-covers, etc? Only large cities have fine French laundries where such work is done, so you have the field to yourself in most communities. This is an entire area of profitable income that has scarcely been touched, and once you establish a reputation for doing beautiful work your problem will be how to sandwich in the jobs, not how to get them.

If you can sew competently there is almost no limit to the various things you can do. Many women would be more than happy to turn over their mending and patching and button replacing to someone else on a monthly basis. Other women stand in desperate need of finding a good place to get alterations done. Still other women want dressmaking done — and if you're a really accomplished seamstress, you'll always have more customers for dresses, suits, etc., than you can handle.

Beautiful aprons and hand-made toys find a market in towns large enough to support good gift shops. In this type of project you must make up your samples and take the time and the money to go and contact what you hope will be your future outlet for the things you can make. Be prepared to furnish exact figures — never guess at what it costs you to make the article. You can't afford to discover that you're only breaking even for your goal is to turn your time into money.

You may like to cook. Certainly there is no limit here for food is always in demand and a good cook can usually develop a speciality in her pastries, cakes, rolls, bread, salads, pickles, canned foods or garden produce.

I know one woman who made the extra money necessary to keep her daughter in college by baking pies. She went to the two drug stores in their town and offered to furnish them with their daily pies — both stores had long offered pie and coffee in addition to their usual fountain items. They had been purchasing pies of mediocre quality simply because they didn't know where to find anything better, so they told her they would like to try her pies for a month.

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Are you an ex-school teacher? Tutoring is always a lucrative profession, and even though you may be elderly you can make a dependable income tutoring in your home. In this case it is well to keep in touch with the local superintendent of schools, for if he knows that you are available he will have practical advice to give distracted parents who are very eager to get this kind of help for a son or daughter who stands a chance of falling behind his class unless he gets extra help.

Have you ever had any experience keeping books? Many a business man who is just getting started can't afford to hire a full-time bookkeeper and yet he is so rushed himself that his records get sadly confused and behind. This is the man who could solve one of his biggest worries if he knew he could take his books to you once a week, or twice a week.

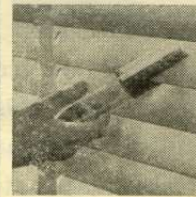
Is your household such that you could have a baby or small child in it, not on a daily basis but for several days at a time? People get emergency calls to leave town and it seems impossible to take the baby or small child — yet where is he to stay? (Not everyone has relatives right at hand to turn to at these times.)

If this is something you can manage, run an ad in your local paper once a week for a month. Once you have taken care of one or two children, word-of-mouth will bring in your future contacts. Since most papers carry routine ads for baby-sitting, etc., it would pay to take just a little more space and run an ad such as this:

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By Gertrude Hayzlett

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Mrs. Odell Glasgow, 2120 Fifth St., Lubbock, Texas, has been shut in for years following a spine injury when she was in a car wreck. She would enjoy mail.

Miss Jenny Marty, Box 67, Milton Junction, Wisc., is spastic. Spends her time in a wheel chair.

Mrs. J. Edgar, 2156 N Fair Oaks Ave Rear, Altadena, Calif., has been handicapped all her life. In spite of this, she finished school and university and became an accomplished musician. She is in a wheel chair now and unable to get away from home. You will enjoy her letters.

Mrs. Edwin Phillips, 1315 — 56 St., Des Moines, Iowa, has been in a wheel chair 15 years. Then July 4th she was in a car wreck and broke both legs and her right arm. Has been in casts since. Mail would help though she likely cannot answer.

Miss Elinor Cantwell, Rt. 1, Pleasanton, Kansas, has been paralyzed from the waist down for 18 years. She is 37 now. Lives on a farm with her father and brother. Gets pretty lonesome while they are out at work.

Mrs. Henrietta McGill, Rt. 1, Templeton, Iowa, is an elderly lady living alone. She has a heart ailment. Write her.

Shirley Stucky, Box 5, Warren, Ind., was 22 last April. She is in a wheel chair. Collects view cards and shakers and wants penpals.

Nita Snipes, Rt. 2, Box 4A, Elm City, N. Car., has been an invalid since she was 3 years old. Would enjoy hearing from you.

Mrs. Betty Lovelace, DeKalb, Mo., has arthritis and some other troubles. She has been a widow more than a year and is alone except for her 16 year old granddaughter. Write her.

Jerral Leroy Smith, Rt. 3, Gloster Rd., Lawrenceville, Ga., is only 13 years old and is a shut in. Send him something to help occupy his time.

Mrs. John Cherry, 1418 Northside, Berkeley 2, Calif., is shut in. She is entirely bedfast — flat on her back. Is alone all day while her husband is at work. Mail would mean a lot.

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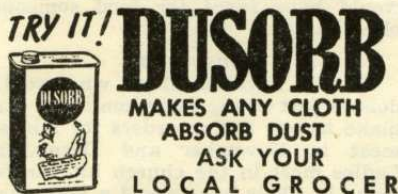
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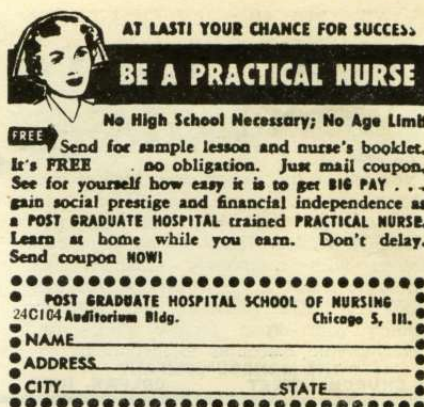
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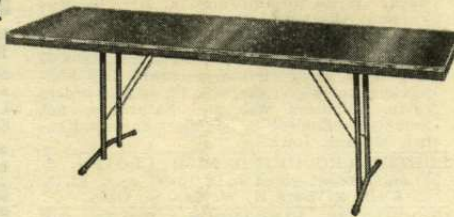




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Blessed is she who serves laughter and smiles at every meal, for she shall be blessed with goodness.

Blessed is she who preserves the sanctity of the home, for hers is a sacred trust that crowns her with dignity.

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#### COLOR FADED DRAPES

A listener suggests using colored crayons to make faded figured drapes like new. Just color pattern with same colors used before and press on the wrong side with a hot iron. (Be sure to lay newspapers on the ironing board before pressing the drapes. This protects the cover).

#### IRONING LINENS

Don't sprinkle linen napkins for ironing. Dip every third one in clear warm water and place between two dry ones; fold and roll together. Always stretch into perfect shape before ironing.

#### USE CARD TABLE

Use a card table while ironing. Stand it near the ironing board and you'll find it handy to lay finished ironing on, especially the flat pieces.

#### CAN HORSE RADISH

Grind horseradish through the food grinder using the fine blade. (I would advise doing this outside.) Mix with white vinegar and add salt and sugar to taste. Do not heat. Seal air tight. It keeps indefinitely.

#### WHEN CANNING PEARS

Many of us have canned pears that were lacking in flavor. Add 2 tsp. of a fruit drink mixture to each quart. When you open the can, simply add the mixture to the juice, then pour it back over the pears and let stand awhile. This gives them color and flavor too. Juice from a bottle of maraschino cherries can also be used in this way. Try this, you'll like the results.

#### PIE CRUSTS

Prevent pie crust from shrinking by making a little tuck across the middle of crust when fitting it into the pie pan. This takes care of the shrinkage nicely.

#### UNUSUAL BAKED BEANS

Have you ever tried using pineapple in baked beans? Do try it. Place a layer of canned baked beans in a pan, cover with a little brown sugar, dry mustard and crushed pineapple. Repeat until pan is filled. Bake about one hour. These are really delicious.

#### DUMPLINGS

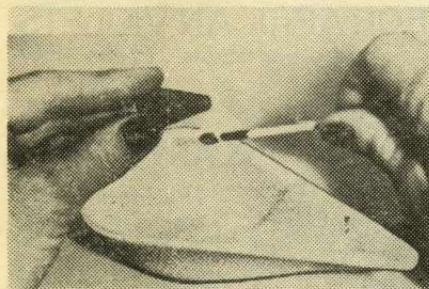
When making dumplings for soup, use thick tomato pulp instead of any other liquid. The juice does not cook out and discolor the soup and the dumplings have a lovely color. I add a little minced parsley to them too.

#### LENGTHEN BLANKETS

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He sees the storms have vanished with their pain,  
Leaving him nobler cut in finer mold,  
Made strong by conflict, purified by fire  
Of selfish dross to leave the gains of gold,  
Until at last he reaches his desire.  
And as the powers of godliness unfold,  
The soul is freed forever more from strife  
And enters into rich, abundant life.

—Unknown

At the busybody's funeral the tactful minister spoke: "It was our beloved sister's spirit of charity that kept her own affairs waiting while she busied herself untiringly helping others bear up under theirs."