Tea Suggests Hospitality And Fireside Chats

Fragrant Cup, Filled Cookie Jar, Autumn Leaves Go Together

North and South, East and West, tea is the common denominator of hospitality. The very thought of it suggests fireside groups, friendliness, and free-flowing easy conversation.

Once the weather gives way to the nip of fall, and long cooling glasses of iced tea yield to the savory, fragrant cup, tea gatherings become the order of the day.

It is the month of September; friends are returning from the mountains and the sea shore. The children are busy with a round of pre-school activities. Phones and doorbells ring the signal that the autumn season is under way.

In the living room, vases are filled with autumn leaves and gold and rust chrysanthemums. The tea service has a gala glisten, and the cookie jar is filled to the brim. The hands of the clock creep slowly round to mark that pleasantest hour of the day—tea time.

Eight or ten people have been asked to "drop in for a cup of tea", and all is in readiness. The water is on to boil, and the tea leaves are ready and waiting. The tea table is spread with a snowy white cloth, and holds, besides the tea service, cups, saucers, and spoons, a small dish of lemon slices (the centers studded with cloves), a pitcher of milk or cream, a bowl of sugar lumps, a tray of cookies, and one large tray of sandwiches.

To these the hostess has given careful thought. She knows that many of her guests will have early dinner and she doesn't want to offer them heavy, rich food. On the other hand she feels that since this is her first "tea party" of the season, she should give her guests something more than wafers or bread and butter.

She decides on two types of sandwiches, cucumber and the cream cheese and nut. Both are easy to make and the chances are, if a persons doesn't like one, she will the other.

Her recipe for cucumber sandwiches is:

1. 2 medium size cucumbers
2. 1 loaf of unsliced bread

Mayonnaise
Salt
Pepper

With sharp knife cut the bread into thin slices and then with small cup or biscuit cutter round these to approximately the size of cucumber slices. Spread with mayonnaise, sliced cucumber, sprinkle with salt and pepper and place between slices.

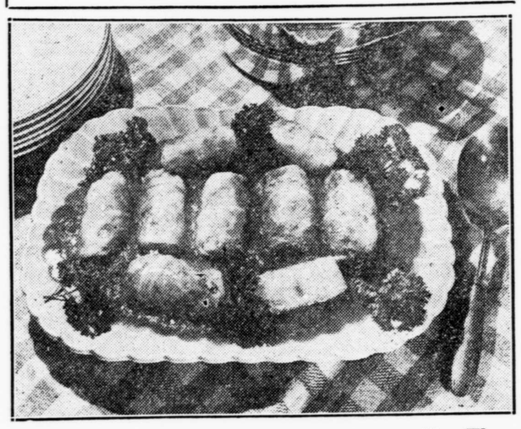
Her recipe for cream cheese and nut sandwiches is:

1. 1 package of cream cheese
2. ½ cup of pecans or English walnuts
3. ½ cup of cream ,approximately

Portion of onion to rub around side of bowl

Leave cheese out of ice box for several hours so it will soften. Place in bowl, the sides already rubbed with onion, and mash until it is creamy. Might add tablespoons of cream from time to time until easy to spread. Pour in nuts, ground very fine, and mix well. Spread on thin slices of bread already spread with mayonnaise.

OLD SYRIAN DISH BRINGS NEW TASTE THRILL



Mary Talbot

Cabbage Rolls Are Great—Try Them Tonight!

HERE'S the perfect answer to the age-old family cry—"let's have something new for dinner tonight!" In these Syrian cabbage rolls an old familiar vegetable takes on a new guise, presented as it has been in the small towns of the Near East for hundreds of years.

Here's the recipe:

1 cup cooked rice
1 cup cooked minced beef or lamb
1 teaspoon grated onion
1 head cabbage
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
2 cups seasoned tomato sauce

Cook cabbage in boiling salted water for five minutes, drain and separate into leaves. Combine rice, meat, onion and seasonings. Form into small rolls and wrap a cabbage leaf around each. Transfer to heavy frying pan and pour over tomato sauce. Cover and simmer for about 30 minutes.

Of course you have to boil your cabbage first and to most people that means filling your house with a noticeable odor. However, I've found a new trick that completely eliminates that in the simplest manner imaginable. There's a new product on the market, an odorless household deodorant, sold at your drug store, that is conveniently packed as a clean white powder. Mix it with water to form a simple solution, put it over a burner (or half a burner) to simmer while you're cooking, and all the odor will be miraculously evaporated before it even starts to wander into the front hall. Don't apologize—deodorize.

HOLLYWOOD STAR-LITES

By Chuck Cochard

So you have often wondered what the high-priced stars do with their salaries each year?

Well, here's part of the answer. A typical feminine star's budget, assuming for hypothetical purposes that her yearly salary amounts to $100,000.

Government tax, $30,000. State tax, $10,000. Clothes, $15,000. Maintenance of home and entertainment, $25,000. Grand total, $90,000. Net remainder $10,000.

So. when all is said and done, the net reutrn to the effected players is inclined to be all but trivial—amounts generally not exceeding the average per annum compensation to relatively obscure business executives the country over.

Even after the taxes are taken out there is a considerable sum left, but those items are regarded as essential. A star must have an extensive—and expensive wardrobe suited to all conceivable occasions. She must live sumptuously and entertain lavishly, and no star can get along without an agent.

This is what it costs to be glamorous in Hollywood.

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The Strip-Tease Dance:

The famed Strip Tease dance that New York's purity administration recently put away in the closet came into existence in a very unique way. Louise Hovick known to the thousands of burlesque followers as Gypsy Rose Lee claims she is the originator of it. Miss Hovick, who hails from Seattle, has been a trouper all her life. It wasn't until late in her career that strip-tease came and then by accident. She was playing burlesque in Chicago and had to be alone on the stage while other members of the cast changed costume. One day she had an idea.

"When I made my exit," she explains, "I purposely let my shoulder strap fall. It wowed the house and the manager raised my salary $5 a week."

However, New York got a glimpse of the new Gypsy known as Louise Hovick of the Cinema screen in her latest film, "You Can't Have Everything." And then she eloped with a Robert Mizzy of New York. And all in one week.

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Things I Never Knew Before:

That Virginia Bruce's chair on the sound stage M-G-M has in huge white letters—Virginia Bruce Gilbert . . . J. Farrell MacDonald is an associate professor of the College of Cinematogrpahy at the University of Southern California . . . Florence Rice, M-G-M player, has the same initials as the president of the United States. Her middle name is Davenport.

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How To Stay Shapely:

To keep the body beatiful, regular exercise is necessary according to Jean Rogers, Universal starlet in "Reported Missing."

"You can't beat the old exercise of standing erect, then bending to the floor, touching it with the tips of your fingers, with the knees unbended. The best time to exercise is early in the morning. Some Actresses make the mistake of exercising five or six hours Sunday, and then not twitching a muscle the other days of the week," she said. "This is wrong."

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. . Edward Mears, Jr., of Centreville, has returned from Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she went for treatment. She is now spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Lydia Brown, at Price.

THE SPOTLIGHT

Speed Notes . . Sir Malcolm Campbell plans boat that will go over 130 MPH and will beat Gar Wood . . . equipment includes 35,000 ping pong balls for buoyancy . . . Colonel Roscoe Turner's annual mystery plane to go over 350 MPH . . . Fred Dixon, English Ace, plans dart-shaped car 20 feet long and 22 inches wide . . . and lastly, those four French women in a Ford, according to reliable reports, went 20,000 mlies without stopping at an average speed of 87 MPH . . . Connecticut urges motorists to sound three short blasts on horn if they see a one-eyed motorist coming . . . it will work if the other motorist is from Connecticut, too . . . or sees this Spotlight . . . Studebaker's five Arrowbiles (flying automobiles) to start on transcontinental tour the first week in September . . . watch for them . . . Our first contributor sends a safety poem . . . When the light turns red, don't rush ahead—Just stand serene until the light turns green . . . the advice is as good as the poetry . . . Hitler has relieved passenger cars of all special taxes . . . as a result car use in Hitlerland jumped 340% in a single year.

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A startling new suit has a skirt of dark tone, with an elaborate full jacket of contrasting light shade—this type of suit generally lends itself to the use of long-haired light furs. The two-toned treatment is carried into all phases of daytime wear—even to the extent of having the front and back of a dress in contrasting colors.

Following through the fad last year for hose that were decorated by fine lacy patterns up the instep—this year they're showing hose with lace motifs that start at the toe and continue to the ankle. They are distinctive when worn with open toed sandals in the evening.

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Choosing a black Fall dress this season will indeed be a pleasure—nor could you make a better start on your new wardrobe than by choosing one of the current models. The height of smartness is a dress that is cut to resemble a formal town suit. You may decide on a heavy novelty weave silk crepe—and if you do, remember that you can't be more in high fashion's footsteps than to have it trimmed by horizontal bands of black velvet; or as an alternative, it may be severely cut, and adorned with a sash or scarf of metal cloth, (these accessories may well be varied by substitutions of those dusky shades I mentioned last week). If you prefer wool however, you'll probably want fur trimmings. Persian Lamb or Mink (thus supplying the new black and brown combinations) are both adequate; they are used lavishly and with striking design.

STEVENSVILLE HIGH-LIGHTS

TO THE FRESHMEN

(An Editorial by Calvert Jones, Jr.)

Talking about your excitement, we really had it here at Stevensville High School, Wednesday, September 8, the first day of school. Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores running this way and that for books and other essentials to prepare for the first class for four months. The poor Freshmen seemed to feel out of place in high school. They stood around the corridors watching all the hustle and bustle with open mouths.

Let me make you welcome to high school right now, Freshmen. You have graduated from elementary school and now high school is yours. It is up to you to carry on the traditions of it—but first let me give you a word of advice.

When you enter high school, you practically enter a new world. You are no longer considered babies but you are thought of as young ladies and gentlemen and you should act accordingly. Your teachers respect you and in turn they expect to be treated with respect. To be a lady or gentleman you must act like one. You must be honorable, truthful, respectable, and mannerly. You may not be a brilliant student—we all can't be—but if you live up to the qualifications of a lady or gentleman you will be well on the road to success.

It has been said that the happiest part of our lives is spent in high school. It may be, but we have to work for it, Freshmen. When you first came into high school, you immediately sensed the difference. If you work, do your lessons, respect the teachers, you will indubitably find happiness.

And again, I want to stress this point, for I feel that it has an unestimable value if you adhere to it. Even though we all can't be the most brilliant student in the class, all of us can be honorable and respectable citizens of Stevensville High School.

The famous redwood trees are thought to have migrated from arctic regions to California.

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EARLY FALL TRANSPLANTING

Most gardeners seem to have their own individual pet time to do their transplanting of trees, shrubs and evergreens. Perhaps the truth of the matter is that transplanting can be done at almost any season if you treat the plant as a living thing and meet the normal demands of its life processes. Too much transplanting is done by treating the plant as though it were a bundle of sticks, digging a small hole, saying a few words of hocus-pocus, watering it once and walking away and forgetting it. That evergreens transplant well in early fall is generally known but that trees and shrubs can be transplanted then to a real advantage is not so generally known. Moved at this time they will make a root growth but not a leaf growth and will actually esablish themselves. The precautions to be observed are simple. Do the transplanting shortly after a rain so that you are sure that the plant has absorbed plenty of moisture. Be sure that the leaf buds are formed for next year before doing the moving. Strip all the leaves off the deciduous tree or shrub, these will wilt down anyhow and if new ones are made it will not matter, and do the transplanting in the usual manner.

The after care consists of watering in dry spells, the usual frequent cultivation, manuring and the necessary guying. If for any reason you are not able to get all the roots, then reduce the top by pruning. That is a good procedure under most conditions. Remember it is not often the transplanting that kills plants, it is the after care or rather, its neglect, that is responsible.

CONSTANT ATTENTION

I paid a visit to a nice garden the other day whose owner is a very enthusiastic gardener. Not only was the garden attractive but also there were no sick yellow plants in it, nor were there any evidences of serious attacks of pests or disease. Remarking on these things she told me that she gives her gardens constant and regular attention. Not that it was a burden, on the contrary her garden worried her less than those of many others do. She merely saw to it that things were cultivated regularly, if any plant looked a little sick, it was immediately fed and watered, if there were any bugs they were sprayed before they gained headway.

Gardening is one of the things we don't have to do, it is done for pleasure, and to get the most pleasure it should be done with the least worry and give the best results. This is only achieved by regular, although it can be brief attention.

CARE OF IRIS BEDS

Iris beds sholud be gone over carefully in the fall of the year and all dead leaves should be burned, advises Walter R. Ballard, specialist in ornamental horticulture for the University of Maryland Extension Service. This material should be burned since the leaf spot of iris is carried over winter on the old leaves.

4-H CLUB MEETS

The Church Hilll Dairy 4-H Club held its monthly meeting at the home of Erdman Lucas Friday evening. Mr. Fuller, 4-H Club director gave a talk in which he suggested a program for 1938; it was announced that several members of the club would leave for Timonium Fair on Sunday morning. Edwin Atkinson, Walter Turner and William McFarland will exhibit their sows at the show in the 4-H Class.

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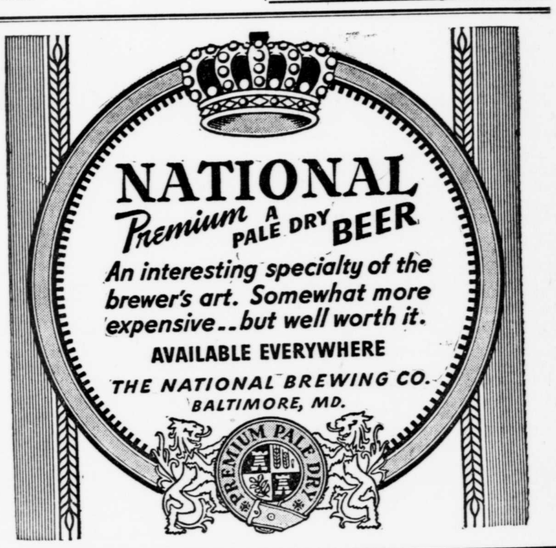
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