















The Secret Adversary by Agatha Christie

A CARTER... Carter, she showed them into a small study on the ground floor, where she left them. Hardly a minute elapsed, however, before the door opened, and a tall man with a lean, hawklike face and a tired manner entered the room.

"Not much. But suggestive. Quite suggestive. If you'll excuse my saying so, you're a curious young couple. I don't know—would you succeed where others have failed. . . . I believe in luck, you know—always have. . . ."

"Well, how about it? You're out for adventure. How would you like to work for me? Expenses paid, and a moderate salary."

"But one thing is certain, he is the master criminal of this age. He controls a marvelous organization. Most of the peace propaganda during the war was originated and financed by him. His spies are everywhere."

TAILORED SPORTS COATS; PRETTY SUMMER BLOUSES

THE time is here again when the outfitting of young women and girls who are to be sent away to school must be attended to. This obligation comes along in midsummer, before the garments are actually needed, but not too early to pick fall styles, in essential things, like coats and dresses, already launched.



Tailored Sports Coat.

constant service, the suits and dresses of like character, and utility hats. In coats manufacturers have provided lines that include garments for street or general wear, others for dress and certain distinct types for sports wear.



Two Pretty Summer Blouses.

woolens, neutral colors and fur trimmings are all present in the displays of new fall garments. Pile fabrics are somewhat flatter in texture than they were and more emphasis than ever is placed on collar and cuffs of fur. There are numerous side-tie models and decorative silk stitching is made much of.

The Initial Is Popular. It is quite the thing today to have every garment initialed. One sees the owner's monogram on chiffon sleeves, on the front of the hat, on scarf ends, on shoe buckles, as a motif in embroidery round the belt of a costume blouse, and on the tab which finishes a collar or cuff.

The Kitchen Cabinet

There should be, methinks a little merit in loving a woman for her beauty as in loving a man for his prosperity; both are subject to change.—Pope.

HOT-WEATHER DRINKS

A drink that refreshes and nourishes at the same time may have orange juice, egg, milk, cocoa, or a combination of any two which go well together.

There is nothing that so quenches thirst on a hot day as does good, cold water, combined with lemon juice and sugar or other fruit juice, and ice, we have a punch. If a bottle of charged water is added to give it snap it is more appealing to the taste.

A drink which is enjoyed by many is keef grape juice, with a few spoonfuls of ginger ale added just as it is served.

Time juice, pineapple juice, raspberry shrub or jelly dissolved and added to a pitcher of lemonade will make a drink which is different.

Be sure to insure the family for the hot weather of another summer by putting up all the grape juice in every available jar which will seal air-tight.

Place one cupful of sugar, two cupfuls of ripe, fresh grapes in a two-quart jar, fill it with boiling water—be sure the jars are sterilized and that the water is boiling—fill to overflowing and seal at once.

Prepared fresh and poured over enough ice to cool it. Serve with lemon, chopped pineapple, ginger or as one's taste dictates.

A cold cup of coffee or cocoa is often enjoyed. With a spoonful of ice cream in the glass one has a dainty dessert.

To prepare the cocoa shrub, cook it in water with sugar to sweeten, cool and bottle. Add a little to a glass of crushed ice, serve with cream—plain whipped or ice cream.

The community cannot rise much above the level of the individual home, and the home rises only by the pull of the community regulations or by the initiative of a few especially far-sighted individuals.—Ellen Richards.

SUMMER DISHES

Planning menus for hot weather and trying to tempt the jaded appetites of some members of the family is the present work of the housewife.

Cooling foods such as succulent vegetables, refreshing fruits, crisp salads and icy desserts are the appropriate foods for the hot weather.

Nothing so appeals to the appetite on a sultry morning like a dish of luscious berries or a chilled and flavorful muskmelon. Pineapple, too, is always a favored fruit, is good for digestion and makes a delicious combination with other fruits which lack its zest.

The housewife must consider herself, too, in the planning of hot weather food for the work should be made as simple as possible, having the cooking done early, or the day before.

The trouble with most hostesses who have no paids is that they try to prepare too elaborate meals. The average guest will enjoy a simple meal much better than one which has cost his hostess hours in the hot kitchen. A hot, tired hostess will take the edge off enjoyment from the whole family.

For the already overburdened housewife who has watched the approach of a flock of unexpected company, a few easy-to-prepare dishes will be a boon.

A thrifty woman who is subject to week-end avalanches of company should always have a jar of mayonnaise ready in the ice box, a bottle of olives, and such foods as are commonly canned, a box of cookies, and a fresh pie or two with cake which will keep for a week, if concealed.

Tomato, Cucumber and Onion Salad.—Prepare tomato cups. Fill with chopped cucumber and onion, using three parts cucumber to one of onion. A bit of celery improves this combination. Mix with salad dressing. Brush the inside of the drained tomato cup with salad dressing and fill with the mixture. Serve very cold on lettuce.

Candies may be prepared in the same way, using just enough moisture to mix. Roll in coconut, dip in melted chocolate, enclose a nut or cherry, or dip in thin orange icing for bonbons. There is no limit to the changes one may use with powdered sugar as a base.

Renovating Rug. If a rug has developed a hole, place a piece of canvas at the back and choose some coarse wool to match the prevailing colors, darning them from underneath to the top, leaving little loops on the right side. The rug will take on a new lease of life.

Parents and Friends Appreciated. The longer we live and the more we think, the higher value we learn to put on the friendship and tenderness of parents and of friends.—Doctor Johnson.



"Hal!" Said Tommy, "Do I Smell a Boche?"

"Hal!" Said Tommy, "Do I Smell a Boche?" fixed on Mr. Carter, and his tone when he spoke held an unusual note of deference.

"Well, every effort was made to trace the young lady—but all in vain. No use was made of the draft treaty—as might very easily have been done—and we therefore came to the conclusion that Danvers had, after all, destroyed it."

"But why has it all cropped up again? The war's over." "Because it seems that the papers were not destroyed after all, and that they might be resurrected today with a new and deadly significance."

"No one could have mistaken Julius P. Hershimmer for anything but an American." (TO BE CONTINUED)

Change in Domestic Animals. Changes in the habits and appearance of our domestic animals have become noticeable even within the last two centuries. These are due on the one hand to Nature, which is constantly adapting the animals to the altered conditions of the world they live in, and on the other to the efforts of scientific breeders who are deliberately trying to produce new strains.

DISEASE BROUGHT FROM EUROPE

No Record Of, or Name for, Malaria, Has Been Found Among the American Indians.

The slow diseases which sap vitality do not have spectacular records, but in the long run the damage which they do is incalculably greater than that of epidemics, writes Herbert J. Spinden in the World's Work. Malaria, for instance, is a greater obstacle to day to the development of the tropics than yellow fever ever was, although the latter could accomplish much at one fell swoop.

The three kinds of malaria are described by the Greek physician Hippocrates and the names which they use today are of Roman origin. The two-day fever is called tertian, or third, because the Romans counted

both ends of any numerical sequence, and the three-day fever is called quartan, which means fourth. There is no good evidence that malaria existed in America before the discovery. We do not find terms for it in American Indian language nor do we find any records that the early explorers in Central and South America suffered from this disease. For instance Cortes led an army across the base of the peninsula of Yucatan, through a region of swamps and flooded streams where today malaria is rife in every village, yet we find no mention of this illness among any of his troops or Indian burden bearers.

Amenities. "Why do you persist in acting the part of the dog in the manger?" "Because I refuse to bow-wow to the inevitable."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Wanted Full Information. A nursery governess was demonstrating, by means of an orange and a lighted candle, the action of the sun's rays upon the revolving earth, causing alternate day and night. She concluded her discourse by saying: "So you see, my dear, it is now night in New Zealand." "Yes, yes," said her little pupil impatiently, "but what night—last night or tomorrow night?"

One is an Egyptian motif on a gray background, and another, a darker effect in navy blue, has fine all-over printed design in tan. These are among the newest summer creations.

Summer Flowers. Roses and violets in natural colors that used to blossom on hats have been completely overshadowed by the calla lily, tulip and peony in exotic shades of citron and greenish yellow. They are extremely popular for midsummer.

Cotton Weaves Are Fancy. An interesting print on a cotton crepe material makes an excellent imitation of roshanara crepe weave.

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