

Laughing Over Past

Experiences

"Housekeeper's Day" of the Saturday Club was observed at the house of the vice president, Miss Marie Kirchhofer. Responses to roll call were humorous household experiences. All present had participated in domestic affairs that at the time of their occurrence had seemed tragical but from the present point of view the situations were full of humor.

One dignified teacher had used misplaced machine oil to flavor her white cake and had watched her lemon jelly mingle with the waters of the reservoir. One young matron's bread had been buried by an intelligent dog; another had her breakfast food increased by the hasty addition of a small dish of lard instead of cold cream of wheat. A now famous pie maker had once called for buttermilk to make her pie crust; a model dairy maid had added a piece of pork in the churning; another had lavishly used salt for sugar in her banquet cocoa; one hospitable member had viewed with consternation a strange young worker carry away her pie for unexpected company, but the climax was reached when the Thanksgiving turkey stuffing was seasoned with boneset.

Each member represented an especially distasteful part of housework. During the period of "household exchange" many useful suggestions were made in labor saving methods and in pet economies.

Mrs. Haeussler very concisely reviewed "The Treasure" by Kathleen Norris, wherein is shown that an intelligent servant by her thorough knowledge of domestic science can by systematized labor and her training in marketing manage a household more methodically and economically than an untrained mistress. Favorite recipes were exchanged and at a delightfully prepared banquet many of them were sampled.

Selections from the Victrola interspersed throughout the afternoon added greatly to the pleasure. The meeting in this hospitable home was not only a very pleasant one but all felt enriched by the exchange of profitable ideas in woman's work.

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