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FLOWER FAIRS IN ENGLAND

PRETTY FETES THAT OCCUR TWICE A YEAR IN THE COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

THEY ENCOURAGE SOCIABILITY

Everybody Attends Them and Takes Tea with the Hostess in Homes Where They May Not Otherwise Visit.

From the London Queen.

At the present moment, indeed during the whole of this month and the early days of the ensuing one, flower shows, as they are familiarly termed or more correctly speaking horticultural shows, occupy a prominent place in country society life.

In every district of every county the residents far and near evince the greatest interest in these gatherings and give them their warmest support.

Their names appear on the committees, they give handsome subscriptions to the funds, they lend their grounds and meadows wherein to hold the shows, they invite the whole neighborhood to tea on these occasions, they lend their beautiful show-flowering plants to decorate the marquees, and their gardeners are allowed to compete in the different classes showing the finest specimens of flowers, fruits and vegetables that the English counties can produce.

Not a few country residents time their return from town to fit in with the date of their village flower shows and others go down from town for the day and take a party of relatives and friends with them, that the gathering may not lose the support their presence gives.

When a large at home tea is given by the owner of the house in whose grounds the show is held the invitations are issued on at home cards, the notice of the flower show being enclosed with them on printed leaflets.

At smaller at home teas the words "Tea at 5 o'clock at Bush House" is written upon the leaflets. This is a more unceremonious way of notifying the neighbors but it is useful when the gathering is a mixed one and people are asked to whom at home cards would not be sent otherwise and who are not on the visiting list of a hostess.

Many of the visitors drive over from long distances, as they make a point of attending the flower shows in which their friends are interested. They are received by host and hostess as at a garden party, either before or after they have visited the exhibitions in marquees or school houses.

If received afterward they sit on the lawn and listen to the local band—that is usually engaged to play—from 4:30 or 5 o'clock, when the hostess asks them to have tea. She leads the way with one or two of the ladies of highest rank present, or the host walks by the side of one or two of the ladies and the hostess follows with the others.

Before accompanying them she tells a good many of the other visitors—indeed, as many as she can—that tea is going on, and in this way the move to the tea room becomes general among the country people and the parties brought by them.

Tea is usually served on long buffet tables the length of the dining room, and the men or women servants stand behind them to pour out the tea and coffee. The tables, smart looking tables, fruit salads, sandwiches, plates, spoons and forks are also within reach. The tables are decorated with flowers and fruit, grapes and pine, although often than not a smaller room is arranged in which are served ice cups, fruit and lemons on one or two tables, lead coffee cups are usually given. When space permits a sit down tea is given, and small tables, seating from six to eight people are placed in the dining room, in addition to the buffet tables.

It is a mistake to suppose that tablecloths are discarded on these occasions and that the tables are set on covered areas for every check. White damask table cloths on both large and small tables are in vogue. The American fashion of lampshades for the room has been doing very well of late and has not yet been supplanted, and it is not unusual to find a room or two in which the tables are set on covered areas for every check.

After the tea the hostess of young ladies left the tea room the host and hostess seek out those personally known to them connected with the show, or the others and lead the way with them into the tea room, and remain talking with them until they, too, have finished tea, while often the host takes several of the men into the cup room if they decline tea in favor of something more potent, in the form of champagne or whiskey and soda.

The hour of departure is usually 6 p. m., or a little before, as very few will for the distribution of prizes, which consist of money. The local M. P., if present, is often asked to give them to the prize winners, or one of the county ladies undertakes to do this, or, failing others, the hostess presents the prizes. The tea-taking is as at a garden party—the host and hostess shake hands with all either on the lawn or in the hall, and the least accompanying many of the ladies to their carriages, or the carriages of their task. The carriages are somewhat of a difficulty to a host, as he is expected to put up the horses in his stable and find refreshments for the coachman and footman, and only in large establishments can this be done effectively.

When a rector or vicar of the parish is the host, as he often is, the owners send their carriages to the village inn, knowing he has no accommodation to offer for this purpose.

The villagers and school children have what is termed "a high old time" at these flower show fetes. They arrive about 4 o'clock. They ride on the steam horses, they shoot in the galleries, they enjoy the swings and other amusements, they have tea and ginger bread, etc., in tents, and at 7 o'clock dance for a couple of hours to the strain of the band. It has been said, and very truly, there is no better means of promoting kindly feeling, personal knowledge and a good understanding between all classes in country neighborhoods than by attending and organizing these laudable undertakings, and this is no doubt the reason of their great popularity and why society.

WEDDING AT SOUR LAKE. Mr. E. J. Smith and Miss Idalia Hale to be Married Today. Special to the Enterprise.

Sour Lake, Texas, Sept. 17.—Late this evening it was noised around that there was to be a wedding Sunday between two well known young people of Sour Lake, the contracting parties being E. J. Smith and Miss Idalia Hale. Mr. Smith is one of the most respected and energetic young business men of the city and Miss Hale is equally popular. The wedding at this time is a surprise. Miss Hale was a student at Belton last year and is preparing to return again this year. Mrs. Hale has her household goods boxed and now in the freight office billed to Belton where she is remaining in order to educate her children. Evidently the marriage at this time comes as a surprise to Mrs. Hale as it will no doubt to Mr. Hale who has been away for a week, and the family does not know just where he is as they have expected him home for the past four days.

DOUBLE SUICIDE. Ohio Lovers Kill Themselves Under Sensational Circumstances. Zanesville, Ohio, Sept. 17.—Nellie Giehl and James Day, lovers, committed suicide today under circumstances showing a premeditated agreement, although they did not die at the same place. The girl left a letter to her mother, foretelling the deed and having no doubt about an understanding by the double tragedy during the night. Mrs. Perkins, who owns the drug store, was aroused by screams and found Nellie in a pool of blood in her room at daylight.

Kindergarten Music Class. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Foster will have their Kindergarten Music Class, Wednesday, Sept. 21, in a room at the North School building. Tickets are 10 cents and will be sold at 5 cents.

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PRESIDENT DIAZ DELIVERS MESSAGE

REPORTS THE RESULT OF SANITARY CAMPAIGN AGAINST FEVER GRATIFYING.

RAILWAY SYSTEM HAS INCREASED

National Finances Are in Excellent Condition, Both Customs Collections and Stamp Taxes Bring Large Returns.

Mexico City, Sept. 17.—President Diaz' message delivered at the convoking of congress, which occurred yesterday, was today given to the press for publication. The message was of the usual length, and dwelt particularly on the friendly relations existing with all foreign countries.

The arrival of the first diplomatic representative of China was noted and the president also noted the progress of public improvement in the city and in all towns in the federal district.

He reported the result of the sanitary campaign against the yellow fever as gratifying. There has been no recurrence of this disease in epidemic form during this year. The president reviewed at length the notable advances made here in education.

During the first half of the fiscal year 1,000 titles were granted to mining properties. There has been a general noticeable activity in mineral production and Mexico now takes second rank as a producer of copper.

Many concessions for irrigation have been granted and much has been accomplished in the line of port works and drainage systems.

The railway systems of the country have increased greatly during the past year. The federal telegraph system has steadily grown, 1,500 kilometers of new lines having been built.

The national finances are in excellent condition. The total revenues of the fiscal year, ending June 30, were over \$85,000,000; this is a gain of \$3,000,000 over the previous fiscal year. Both the customs collections and the stamp taxes continue to give large returns.

In referring to military matters, the president says great progress has been made in improving and modernizing armaments and the artillery has been strengthened. He states that the new war vessels constructed in the United States and Italy will be in addition to the importance and efficiency of the navy.

International peace has continued in uninterrupted and the country has continued prosperous. The president pays a tribute to the Mexican people, who have demonstrated their good sense and love of peace and order.

No mention is made of the monetary reform, which may come before congress this year or next at a special session.

The message is replete with facts demonstrating the great progress being made here and the business community regards it as contributory to maintaining domestic and foreign confidence, as it shows a remarkably solid condition of the national finances.

Ed Kiam's Opening. In another column will be found the announcement of the Fall opening of the military department of Ed Kiam's store at Houston in the old and well known quarters in the Kiam building, second floor. The display of military, costume suits, boots and straps will be of the most elaborate character. The opening will be Tuesday and Wednesday, September 20 and 21. All the goods of Beaumont are invited to attend.

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