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By HARRIET SCHLEITER

PETS have through the ages sung of April showers that bring May flowers. I would call to one of the Muses to accompany me on the piano while I sing the April showers in June. It is not of showers of rain that I would warble, but of—well—every other kind of shower under the sun, from handkerchiefs to fancy redingoes.

There are so many that I hardly know where to begin. I guess I will begin at the place where people usually stop, with miscellaneous. It is such a nice all-inclusive word, that might mean anything from a little hand painted Japanese tea pot with a wicker handle, to an embroidered dressing scarf. I heard, the other day, of a unique way of presenting the gifts. They dressed a little two year old boy in pink and lavender, the bride's chosen colors, and let him pull in a little wagon, all bedecked with pink and lavender bows, and piled high with a delightful variety of miscellaneous gifts. The invitations for it were white cards, on which were pasted tiny lavender and white ferns. I heard, a short time ago, of a shower indeed!

The kitchen is very dirty, an ordinary utility brush. The bottle brushes are not to be missed, and I hope even the most undomestic of brides will love most of all the things she really must have, and adorable little mayonnaise bottles and a silver toast rack. The sink undoubtedly needs a little silver one with a long loop, or a soft rectangular brush that can be purchased anywhere for ten or fifteen cents. This same little brush will clean the shelves of the refrigerator, while a pointed one with rather soft bristles and a long wire handle will go down the drain pipe of the refrigerator.

A utility brush with a curved end cleans cupboards and tables or any soiled surfaces with very little effort. The sink undoubtedly needs cleaning more often than does any other part of the kitchen and for this there is a little brush similar to a whisk broom to sweep up the fallen particles, or, if the sink is very dirty, an ordinary utility brush may be used to scrub it. A stiff bent handled brush of cocoa fibres, will clean the stovetop of all burnt particles, and has the further advantage of not scoring the stovetop. The radiator, most neglected of fixtures, whether in kitchen or in parlor, has a black bristle brush with a long handle that can easily and quickly remove the dust from the narrowest and most inaccessible areas.

The bottle brushes are not to be overlooked, even tho they are more common in use. There is a large stiff brush for the milk bottles, and a smaller one for the baby's bottle or any smaller necked containers. A utility brush with a curved end cleans cupboards and tables or any soiled surfaces with very little effort.

Along with the other utensils comes the percolator brush, indispensable to the coffee drinking family.

The bath room has its quota of brush needs. First is the heavy yellow bristled brush for cleaning all the fixtures, and the little rubber hose can easily be attached to the faucet of the tub, thus giving a delightful shower as the brush is used. Nail, hair and flesh brushes are available in ample variety and the most fastidious of persons there is even an eyebrow brush.

With so many kinds of brushes, each with various uses, the housewife can plan to combine her needs and in labor and time saved can soon pay for those most urgently needed, and can buy the less needed ones as she feels inclined. Lets brush up on our knowledge of brushes.
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of years, to have lovely silver given to
one.
One of the most original showers I
have ever heard of was given by the
groom's friends. They scornfully shunned
the idea of dishes or linen or any other
of the conventional gifts, and, man like,
thought of a wonderful idea of eliminat­
ing work for the bride and groom. They
bought everything they could find that
was made of paper, napkins, whole sets
of dishes, paper aprons, towels, cooking
bags, and everything else that they could
find. They wanted to illustrate how
practical their gifts were, so some of the
men dressed in little paper aprons and
caps, and carried paper napkins and
plates to all the guests. Then they
served chicken, which had been cooked
in one of the paper bags, and paper bags
of rolls, and oil paper cups of coffee,
then ice cream in paper dishes with
paper spoons. Even though I don't be­
lieve the newlyweds took to permanently
using paper exclusively, still it made a
very clever and different shower, and the
gifts found plenty of usage for picnic
parties.
These are surely the showers of bless­
ing that we sang about in
Sunday
school.
Even if we can't all be brides in June, or
at least all the same June, we can have
the fun of helping in the showerings that
seem to be always going on.

FOR YOUR WEINER
ROASTS
See Me
Lincoln Way
Market

Folks—
You can get your
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