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Two Somethings for Rainy Day Entertainment

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THE bugle call draws the soldier forward to his duty whether he goes eagerly or with unwilling steps. The bugle is his master. The crack of the pistol sends the runner off down the cinder track to do his best. So to each person in every walk of life there is one sound that means, "You've got to do your best! Now! There are those who depend on you!" It does not matter whether those who depend are an expectantly clapping audience in a theatre or weak and helpless patients in a hospital.

To the mother, the sound of restless little voices saying, "Mother, what shall we do?" is the call she must never fail to answer. What shall they do? When the elements decree that the little ones shall not seek the out-of-doors; when books are too ponderous to be interesting, and one hasn't time to make them so; when games are very, very old and tiresome, and little faces are raised expectantly—what shall they do?

A soldier would as soon shrug his shoulders at the bugle sound, or a doctor turn away from a dying patient, as a mother would blot out the trustfulness in those little upturned faces. Very, very often, at times like this, one turns to friends for help. When one sees him all bright and shiny, with a fat tube of paste beside him and a pile of bright colored magazines near by, it is often a spur to lagging inspiration. Add to these articles, a shoe box and a piece of colored tissue paper and I will tell you how to make a "Fairyland Box" that is every bit as interesting for little people as it sounds.

Like the inside of the box with tissue paper, and paste on the sides, fairy castles and flowers, cut from the colored advertisements in magazines. There are many of this type in your newspapers and magazines. The little children will enjoy them for themselves and wardrobe thru every room in the house. They spill themselves out of boxes as fast as they can be put in. And any child will tell you that their clothes are always mixed in a most distressing manner. The implements of amusement that is every bit as interesting for little people as it sounds.

Variations:

(1) Drop Baking Powder Biscuits may be made by adding 1 1/2 cups of milk instead of 1 cup milk to above recipe. Drop on pans and bake.

(2) Make pattern recipe—Roll out in rectangle and spread with cinnamon and melted butter. Roll on dough. Cut and make as cinnamon rolls.

(3) Roll out dough and spread with chopped nuts and dates or raisins. Cut and bake.

(4) Add 3 1/4 cup of grated cheese to 3 cups flour in above recipe.

(5) Add 3 1/4 cup of Sultana raisins or dates.

Luncheon Rolls are very delicious and quickly made for the hurried dinner.

Variations:

(1) May vary above rule by substituting 1 cup corn meal, 1 cup rye or 1 cup rolled oats for 1 cup of flour.

(2) May add 1 1/2 cups dates, raisins, or nuts.

(3) Add 1 1/2 cup fresh blue berries to above recipe.