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Showers Forecast

HELEN GREENE GIVES SUGGESTIONS
FOR BRIDES-TO-BE

WE HAVE all had our share of "April Showers" but now May and June bring showers of another variety—wedding and engagement showers.

Showers can take any form you wish and are friendly gestures towards the bride-to-be. Such a party can be given any hour of the day—luncheon followed by bridge, dinner parties or afternoon tea.

At one clever kitchen shower table decorations were blue and silver. Tin was cut and shaped to form small pots and pans which served as nutcups and favors for the guests. A cooky jar containing cookies gave the clues as to the hiding places of the gifts. On the cookies, words were written such as radio, closet, or shelf.

Brightly colored bowls, pans and tea towels make the hundred and one tasks of the kitchen enjoyable. Variety in house furnishing holds more for the kitchen than any other room in the house.

A white elephant party is nothing new, but a pink elephant tea-party shower is an attractive idea and is one way of assuring your guests of a merry time. The refreshments and decorations should be in keeping with the pink elephant plan. Place the gifts in a basket on the mantle behind a large pink elephant.

Each guest is given a pink cardboard trunk to pin on the elephant. Early in the game the bride-to-be is blindfolded and as she attempts to pin the trunk on the elephant, someone pulls a string attached to the basket. The bride is literally "showered" with gifts as the basket overturns and discloses its hidden contents.

After removing the blindfold the bride-to-be unwraps the gifts. Those adding unity to the party plans are gifts with the elephant motif such as a tiny jade elephant to wear around one's neck or a pretty guest towel with an elephant appliqued in pink.

For a bathroom-accessories shower you might remove all of your towels from the bathroom in your own home and arrange the gifts in their proper places. For instance, hang the pastel-colored towels over the racks, fragrant soaps and bath salts in holders around the lavatory and perhaps a multi-colored bath mat on the floor. An explanation to the bride-to-be will be given by a sign which reads "All these things are Yours." This novel arrangement will delight her and illustrate a possible design for this room in her own home.

With so many showers for the bride-to-be, why

not originate one which will include the future groom? The suggestion of a buffet supper followed by dancing, bridge or games should fill the bill. Gifts might come in the form of the latest good books. Send invitations which consist of a small piece of paper folded to give the effect of leaves of a book. Two "pages"—a little boy and girl appropriately costumed—stand at the door and receive the books as the guests arrive. These gifts are placed on book shelves hanging on the living room wall. The various titles and personal inscriptions written inside are read aloud by the "pages."

For your linen shower a tiny square of linen displaying the words which announce the time and place provides a clever invitation. Instruct the guests to send in their linen gifts the day before the party as you are planning a surprise.

As a surprise arrange the gifts in the form of a little linen shop. Attractively constructed, it can represent the shops one finds in fashionable store these days. Of course there will be handkerchiefs, and a colored laundry bag makes a gay container. Place the towels on a little towel rack and drape the table linen effectively over a small table and lay the cocktail napkins on a suitable tray.

The theme and decorations for another shower are the result of the title "Bungalow Shower." A luncheon party provides the greatest opportunity for attractive table decorations. Make a small bungalow for the center of the table from a square band box with windows and a roof of cardboard which has been marked with a crayon to resemble tiles or shingles. Bits of green foliage around the walls of the house make an original and delightful landscape.

Fairy stories always end "they lived happily ever after," yet there is no mention of a happy life before. Those weeks previous to the wedding can be gay ones when friends give showers and the bride-to-be receives gifts for the new home.

