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No Living Room Is Too Meager for a Family Party

"My Mother's Chimney Glows"...
By Ella Gertrude McMullen

HAVE you ever attended a party where you didn't exactly have a rip-snorin' good time, yet you enjoyed yourself immensely and looked back upon the occasion many times with the happiest associations? The word party, in modern language, has come to mean hilarious gatherings where individuals are all trying to appear overly jovious and entertained. But there are other kinds of parties, such as those Tennyson spoke of when he wrote, "My mother's chimney glows in expectation of a guest . . ." and these quiet forms of entertaining seem especially suitable for New Year's Day, since it follows the more or less strenuous holiday season.

If you anticipate a New Year's party such as Tennyson's mother gave, your guest book need not be brought out to check the list you "owe," because the guest list for a real party may include only the members of your own family. Some people use the afternoon of New Year's Day for inviting a few intimate friends of the whole family. Or the party may be extended into an Open House with oral invitations or tiny written notes asking a larger number of friends to come for a cup of tea to help you welcome the new year.

Of course, the setting for the party must be just as informal and comfortable as possible to carry out our idea. The house does not take on its artificial company manner as it does when it has been swept and garnished within an inch of its life. This is exactly what we do not want! Primness never made anyone feel at home. The holiday greens and candles are adequate for decoration for those who do want to dress up just a little.

One family which has successfully used an afternoon at home for welcoming the new year, requests that each member bring a souvenir to the old year to present to the old fellow at the party. It may be some musical composition which has appeared during the year, an interesting story that has been published, or a review of a book, new within the last year, or a member of the family with a mechanical turn of mind may exhibit illustrations of inventions and describe them to the rest.

THE person to whom everyone turns most expectantly is mother, for she never fails to offer as her souvenir some dainty sweet or refreshing drink concocted from a recipe she has acquired in the year just past. Before the party breaks up, according to an old custom, the Christmas greens are taken down—the whole family helping—and burned in a bright open fire in the grate.

A round of fortune telling is always highly appropriate for the threshold of a new year and may be easily adapted to a very small group or to a large open house. A special booth with long flowing curtains, decorated with the signs of the zodiac to make it more mysterious looking, will probably be better when the number of people at the party is large. And if you have some one clever at reading palms, the party is assured success from then on. But if you can't manage that, then there are amusing fortune telling cards on the market which anyone can use. Also, there are gay boxes

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This Scholar Earns Her Way...
By Marion McMahon

MELVA ZELLER, senior in home economics, has maintained an all-college average of 92.47 during the three years she has attended Iowa State College. Besides being an honor student, Melva has earned her expenses.

Melva had planned to come to Iowa State even before she entered high school. During her high school days and the year she attended the Muscataine Junior College, she arranged her work with an eye to her future career in home economics.

Melva is majoring in home economics education and is taking her electives in mathematics. After her graduation in the spring, she hopes to obtain a teaching position in a Smith-Hughes school.

Her interest in the home economics field has been recognized by Omicron Nu, scholastic honorary, for she has recently become a member of that group.

Melva regrets that she is unable to enter into college activities as she thinks that they are an important part of college work. One feels that Melva's enthusiasm for home economics, her pleasan-

Melva Zeller
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of fortune telling leaves to be found that will keep the fun going. In a small informal group the tea leaves might follow the serving of tea and small cookies around the hearth.

Many families spend the afternoon of New Year's Day talking over together the year's happenings. Some person may begin by telling how the old year was welcomed when it was new 12 months ago. This is sure to be followed by ever so many amusing and happy stories. Maybe it was the first picnic last spring, the one theater party of the year, Susie's graduation from grammar school, how Tom strutted when he got his new bicycle, or the night of anxiety when the policemen searched hours for little Jean only to find her fast asleep on the floor under her own bed.

No living room is too meager and no family is too small to entertain on New Year's Day. And you'll be surprised how much your friends and even members of your own family enjoy an afternoon at home when there is some entertainment provided in which everyone participates. For after all, whether your years are few or more than you're willing to admit, a friendly holiday spirit makes everybody the same age—youngsters for a day.

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