

A PEACH LUNCHEON

THE day was bright and full of cheer, albeit the temperature did suggest a foreboding of the trials the weather would entail. But when the guests had assembled on the pretty lawn not one of them remembered that the thermometer stood in the nineties, and when the call to luncheon came, and the guests surveyed the pretty table with its cool tints and appetizing contents, our hostess' plan for a luncheon on the lawn was heartily approved. The table was round, that most completely sociable of all forms. In the place of honor, upon a centrepiece embroidered in the colors of the leaf and fruit of the peach and upon the snowiest of cloths, stood a good imitation of a peach basket, reduced in size, and enameled in silver, filled to overflowing with soft pink and pale yellow carnations, dainty ferns, and the feathery asparagus ornatus, which strayed in long sprays to the place of each guest, before which lay a bouquet of pale pink carnations tied with yellow. At the four corners of the centrepiece stood small imitations of peach baskets, enameled in pink, filled with peaches, bordered with sprays of delicate ferns.

THE *bonbonnières* were lilliputian peach baskets of spun sugar, filled with pieces of crystallized peaches, surrounded by wreaths of tiny ferns. The menu cards were round and delicately tinted in water-colors to represent peaches, with lettering in gold. The ices flavored with peach were in the form of peaches, with leaves of pistachio ice cream, and in all delectable ways the fruit was served. The menu, which was served on the daintiest of china, consisted of:

Oyster Triangles
Bread Fingers
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Jellied Veal and Tongue
Cream Biscuits Potato Roses
 Olives
—
Shrimps in Aspic, Mayonnaise Sauce
Cheese Straws Celery
—
Peach Omelet
—
Peach Tart Love's Wells
 Jellied Peaches
 Iced Peach Soufflé
 Peach Ices
—
Iced Coffee.

The invitations to this dainty luncheon were written on pale pink cards, and gave the cheering information that wind and weather not permitting the luncheon would be served in the dining-room. Fortunately, however, both wind and weather did permit, and the awning, which had been erected on the shady side of the grounds, kept all present in a very comfortable condition during the entire progress of the meal. After luncheon was over the guests were given the freedom of the house.

ONE of the most important features of an outdoor entertainment must be its equal success as an indoor affair when occasion demands. The weather is so little to be counted upon in our climate that the wise hostess is she who can make a lawn party successful in the drawing-room, or a picnic charming and sylvan when transferred to the library. To accomplish this let her decorate her house with sweet-smelling branches and boughs and have flowers everywhere; then if the day of her fête dawns wet and gray she may arrange her dainty tables within doors, shut out the rain, and light her rooms with the lanterns destined for her outdoor party.