

Four Tons of Popcorn

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FOUR tons of popcorn is a lot of popcorn, Evelyn Armour, H. Ec. Education Jr., admits, but when people buy 1,300 sacks in one day one may speak in large numbers!

For the past four summers, Evelyn has spent her summer vacation selling popcorn at county fairs and town celebrations throughout the state. From June to October she is busy sacking the white, fluffy grains and making change for the happy-go-lucky fair goers on their way to ride the merry-go-round, or take in the sword-swallower, fire eater, and other 9-day wonders essential to a fair.

During the summer, said Evelyn, four tons of corn, 300 pounds of salt, 600 pounds of sugar, and five 400-pound barrels of butter substitute are used. But no "ballyhooing" for Evelyn to sell her wares! She thinks there is

enough confusion with the hamburger man shouting his incessant "hamboiger", the barker urging a passerby to take a shot at the ducks for the prize offered, and stands on all sides advertising their cool refreshing drinks.

"The way some people eat popcorn!" Evelyn remarks. Then she tells of the jolly, fat bass drummer in a fair band who consumed all of nine sacks in one day.

To learn to meet the public, to be tactful and always cheerful was valuable training, Evelyn says, despite the fact that the long hours of standing made her feet feel like those of a tired homesick Iowa State freshman.

MORE than 250 years ago, a Dutchman was living in China. While there he discovered a plant with curious leaves, which after smelling and tasting interested him a great deal.

He decided to experiment with them. He made a drink from a brew of the leaves, adding cloves and sugar. Satisfying himself that the beverage was delicious and stimulating, he gathered many of the leaves and made them into neat little packages, which he took home with him to England. He interested his friends in the beverage.

Others became curious, for it was rumored that this drink from China contained drugs. The nobility adopted the fad and soon all England was drinking tea. Tea drinking has been established in England for many years and

the five o'clock tea or meal is demanded by the Englishman every day as regularly as the American demands his dinner.

It was not long before a clever hostess conceived the idea of afternoon tea, and soon all fashionable hostesses were serving tea to their guests in the afternoon. Thus evolved the custom of afternoon tea, which has survived and is now an established English institution. This form of entertaining and, at the same time, of expressing hospitality to numerous friends has been adopted by the American hostess.

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about getting her evening slippers ruined on a stormy night, because she has white formal galoshes with white fur fitting snugly around the ankles. Other women also are welcoming this idea.

"Sally!" the editor is saying, "it's about time you cut that story."

Well, it has been fun looking at the glossamer beauty of these lovely evening gowns.

But it's a good thing I'm through. Only yesterday when my history professor asked me the features of the Renaissance period I almost answered, "The pencil silhouette, tight bodices, and voluminous skirts done in fabrics of vibrant color with excessive shirring."

SEVERAL dairies in this country are now retailing homogenized milk. The market for this milk consists chiefly of people who must feed invalids and babies unable to digest the harder curd of ordinary milk. The homogenized milk forms a soft, flocculent curd.

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