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It's SMART to square dance

For years now the slogan "Square Dancing is Fun" has been the back-bone of most campaigns to recruit new dancers and to convince the old ones that they shouldn't drop out because of boredom. We have no quarrel with the slogan; we believe that square dancing is fun, and probably many people have been attracted by the prospect.

Of course there are a lot of sourpusses in the world to whom fun is anathema; we can get along without them very nicely. On the other hand we have several classes of individuals who enjoy fun, but to whom "sport and merriment' 'are secondary considerations. One very large group is composed of those who will sacrifice almost anything on the altar of fashion or public opinion. (Examples? The gal who is always staggering around in shoes a size too small and the fellow who cuts down on his lunches so that his land-chariot will be two inches longer than the Jones'!) Really fashion-conscious people enjoy "fun" too . . . if it is smart.

I suppose our more avid club dancers will now exclaim, "But square dancing is smart; see the glamorous costumes we wear and the conventions, etc. which we attend." Yes, all of that is "smart" . . . in square dance circles. But a complete outsider beholding the outre costumes and being told all the fun he could have qualifying for the Idiots, Knotheads, Goons, Kookoos and other esoteric divisions

of the square dance body would probably start telling you about "that wonderful Dr. Gwigglesnerts who did so much for my uncle John who was hit in the head by a Volkswagen."

No, the approach to those who put smartness first is from the outside. Their prime interest is not in what is being done, but in whom among the people they consider important are doing these things. Don't consider this a handicap; you can promote square dancing from this angle. There are square dance enthusiasts among the leaders of almost any "exclusive" group you can mention. Royalty? The present Queen of England enjoyed it as a princess . . . and may yet for all I know. Politicians? All of the presidents of this country have known how to square dance. Captains of Industry? Henry Ford founded a square dance group that is still in existance; quite a few VIPs belong to it. Hollywood? Square dance parties for some of the stars are not too uncommon. The night club set? Both Piute Pete and myself have held regular weekly sessions at New York's swank Stork Club.

Look around in your community; see WHO (note capitalization) square dances. Then next time you approach a prospective recruit tell him: "Square dancing is fun.". Mr. and Mrs. Bigname and Mr. and Mrs. Oldfamily are among our local enthusiasts." Snob appeal? So what... we do need more dancers, don't we?



Rod

SELL SQUARE DANCING

By Arvid Olson, Moline, Ill.

How many times has someone said to you, "I don't like to square dance." This idea has been expressed in many different ways in many different places by many different people. If you had the courage to carry the conversation further the logical reply would be, "Why don't you like to square dance?" Most people cannot answer this question intelligently.

People who say that they do not like square dancing generally have little or no experience with this form of recreation. It is a well known fact that people avoid those activities with which they are not familiar.

Each caller, dancer, and instructor that sincerely believes that square dancing is fun, enjoyable, and worthwhile has the responsibility of perpetrating the activity of which he is a part. This can best be done by exposing and interesting more people in square dancing.

Square dancing must be sold as a joyous leisure time activity just as any other product or service is sold. Square dancing competes with bridge, television, reading, sports, and numerous other activities that are readily available to all.

We as square dancers know that square dancing is fun. It is up to us to convince our neighbors. To successfully sell square dancing to the people in your community a sufficient number of contacts must be made to (1) capture attention, (2) hold attention, and (3) maeks a useful, lasting impression.

All forms of mass media including TV, radio, newspapers, and word of mouth are effective vehicles for selling square dancing. However, it is naive to assume that a national square

dance television program would sell very many people on square dancing. Such a show might capture and hold attention but the carry-over values would be almost non-existant. Non-dancers would enjoy such a show but they would not be motivated to go to a square dance by it.

Square dancing is an activity of, by, and for the people. The most successful means of publicizing it to non-dancers is by word of mouth. Your enthusiasm for square dancing will be apparent when you talk about it. By talking to your friends and neighbors you are selling square dancing.

Non-dancers will not go to a square dance or class because they know by instinct that square dancing is fun. They must be sold on square dancing and this sales job can be done most effectively if each individual does his or her part. Most people feel hesitant about visiting a new group by themselves. They will be more willing to go to a square dance if they can go with friends.

Arousing interest in square dancing is a start but it is not enough. It is up to you as a dancer or caller to help interested people get started in square dancing by inviting and taking them to your club dance or to an open dance which will make a useful, lasting impression on them. Then they will want to square dance regularly.

Don't send your neighbors to a square dance. Take them!

"Musicians should not count success by the number of dollars gained, but by the number of happy moments given to those who are for a time dependent upon them for their pleasure."

Allen Dodsworth, 1885

FORWARD SIX

And Its Variations

By W. Joseph Bray, Falls Church, Va.

(Continued from last month)

For the Sophisticated, club type "western" dancer, Cross Sails by Bill Owens, will give them the type of dance they like. At the same time it helps Square Dancing, in a measure, by preserving an old traditional pattern of dance. (Callers will do well, though, to call the traditional version just as often to these groups as the more complicated versions. All of these dances should be called on the beat, squarely on it, all the way through, and if the caller doesn't know how many beats a figure or movement should take, he ought to find out. Then he should take that many beats to call it. (-And P.S. If it takes three beats, for Heaven's sake add one and make it four-don't cut it to two.)

CROSS SAILS

(By Bill Owens)

Heads go forward and back with you
Two and four right and left thru
Heads to the right, circle left you roam
Leave your lady, those gents go home
Forward six and back you sail
Pass thru, the ladies crosstrail
Around two gents, make lines of three
(counting gent you're with as one)

Go forward up and back with me
Pass thru, the ladies crosstrail
Around two gents you're gonna sail
Forward six back to the gate
Pass thru, the ladies separate
Around one gent, make a line of three
Forward six and back in time
Pass thru, the ladies separate
Around one gent and don't be late
Forward six and back you sail

Pass thru, the ladies crosstrail
Around two gents go into the middle
Right hand star in time with the fiddle
Gents step in behind your date
With a right hand star, you star all
eight

Ladies roll back, pass one man

Do a left allemande with your left hand

Here you go with a right and left

grand

This dance is close enough to the traditional figure to qualify it as a variation. Certainly, if the caller does a good job of calling it, experienced dancers of considerable competence will enjoy it. We do not recommend it for beginners. This figure can be done twice or four times, depending on the attitude of the particular dancers.

An entirly different variation of the Forward Six dance is found in the various Wagonners. This variation involves the turning of two lines of three as a unit. To do them with "grace" is somewhat difficult. This puts them in the "fun" category. These are especially recommended for "hi-level" dancers who are used to a steady diet of glossary dancing, as it gives them an opportunity to let the pressure off a little. This kind of dancing cannot be taken too seriously by the dancers, so everyone does not have to "be on the ball" every minute of the time.

NEW WAGGONER

(or Waggoner)

(form two lines of three-)

Forward six and fall back six Forward two and fall back two Forward six and catch right on Turn that wheel to your new home Two gents cross and run like thunder Right lady over left lady under Form new lines of three—

(repeat three more times, and then everyone Waist Swing partner)

As the two lines of three go forward the second time, the ladies, in the line of three, loop inside elbows with the gent. The two gents take wrist hold with each other with both hands. Ladies can join free hand with lady in opposite line if desired, or just touch palms, for better balance. The two lines of three, thus joined, turn clockwise, half way around. The two gents then release their holds with each other, and take hands instead of lobped elbows, with the ladies on each side. They do a Right Lady Over Left Lady Under with these two ladies. The ladies continue on over to the lone gents (who in the meantime have crossed over to their opposite positions). Since the ladies are first on the right side, then on the left side, the figure must be done four times to get everybody back in proper position.

We have seen a variation of this dance done where instead of the two gents taking wrist holds and turning as two lines of three, the ladies on the right side hook right elbows and the two lines of three turn clockwise as a weathervane of Six. As long as the caller lets the dancers know which figure he wants them to do, we would go along with this as an acceptable variation.

A more interesting variation of the Waggoner has come from Charlie Thomas, which he calls Wagonwheel Around. In Charlie's dance, after the two lines of three turn half way around together then separate, as in the Waggoner, the lines of three then make another full revolution around. The gents then let go of the ladies as the lines of three complete this full turn, and the ladies spin or twirl on over to the lone gents to form new lines of three. (Do not do a Right Lady Over, Left Lady Under.)

WAGONWHEEL AROUND

(from Charlie Thomas)

(form two lines o fthre-)

Forward six and back you go
Two gents loop with a dos-a-dos
Forward six and wagonwheel around
You turn those gents and you're
onward bound

Keep on turning those gents around
The ladies spin, new gents you've found
And you form new lines of three—
(repeat three more times—)

As the two lines of three go forward and the gents join both hands with each other, it will be helpful if the ladies on the right side of the gent will quickly turn around (looping their right elbow with the gent) so that they will always be walking forward. Otherwise, with the "wagon-wheeling around" and the lines of three then making another full turn around, these two ladies have to do too much uncomfortable backing around.

A little variation which we got from Gordon Lackey, who said he got it from Al Rosenberg in New Jersey, is called Caboose. It is strictly in the "fun" dance category. Like all such dances, it should be used sparingly, but is tremendously successful when used.

LITTLE CABOOSE (Right Hand Up Variation)

By Al Rosenberg, Am. Sq. Jan. '57)

When dancers begin taking their dancing too seriously, callers should throw this one at them.

(from the usual two lines of three)

Forward six and lone gents go right Six come back the caboose on tight (each lone gent behind his partner, his hands on her hips)

Right hand up and left two low Shoot 'em across and don't be slow Six of you in a brand new row (each left lady, with partner as caboose, goes under the arch—as in the usual right lady over left lady under—caboose man will end up opposite his original position with his original partner on his left and original corner on his right, forming a new line of three. Repeat figure three more times and everybody will be in proper "home" position for an Allemande Left and Grand Right and Left.)

They say it can be done with the Triple Duck and others like the Wagonwheel Around. Well, I don't know—

As a final dance in this Forward Six series, we would like to include a dance which is not necessarily a variation of the Forward Six or Right Lady Over, Left Lady Under, yet it is a variation of the use of the figure. It is entitled "There She is" by Luke Raley, and first appeared in American Squares, Vol. X, p. 292. This is a dance having a Right Lady Over figure from a line of four instead of a line of three. It is included as the last dance of this Article, merely to show how the Right Lady Over, as a traditional figure has been lifted and applied to other dances, thus making Square Dancing even more varied and interesting. To be sure, there are many other such dances.

THERE SHE IS

(by Luke Raley)

All four ladies chain across
You turn 'em around and face the boss
Head two couples go right and left
thru

Then the same two couples lead to the right

Circle four with all your might Head gents break and form a line Forward eight and back you go Right hand high, the left hand low

(gent on one end, lady on other)

Spin 'em across and watch 'em go

Side two couples lead to the right

Circle four but not all night (two gents

together, two ladies together)
Gents you break and form a line
Forward eight and back you go
Right hand high and left one low

(gents are on the end of line)

Spin those gents and let 'em go

All four ladies pass on thru

Turn to the left go single file

Gents turn around—there she is

Promenade around with your pretty

maid

There may be many more wrinkles to the Forward Six dance which have not come to our attention. Our present day writers, while feverishly trying to invent something new so they can be first, are overlooking some very worthwhile old ones they could tinker around with a bit. Callers would do well to dust off some of the old traditional ones once in a while, throwing in a variation here and there just for spice. These dances have one thing in common. They are not arm flailing, hand grabbing ratraces.

(As a sort of supplement to Mr. Bray's collection of Forward Six variations we have stuffed a dance in the Grab Bag that we used with a quadrille exhibition group a number of years ago. It involves the "nontraditional" formation of a lady between two gentlement and we originally put it on as a prompted quadrille rather than a square dance in today's mode.)

"The stern moralist, who's brow never relaxes, fearful of being charged with levity; the vegetarian, who denies himself meat, through an erroneous idea of physiological law; the ultra 'temperance' advocate, who eschews wine because others have indulged in it to excess; and the fanatic, who regards dancing as a device of the devil, because it has been prostituted to base purposes, are alike in error."

Edward Ferrero, 1859

The Polka

A Brief History by Rod La Farge

Continued from last issue

The London newspapers were ahead of the dancing masters; not only did they comment on the dance before the London dancing masters added it to their teaching schedules, but they published music, descriptions and instructions for the dance. We reproduce here a comment on the dance, plus music composed by Jacques Offenbach especially for the London News as printed in the issue of March 23, 1844 of that paper; also music by Jullien with instructions for six figures of the polka from the May 11, 1844 issue of the same publication.

The Illustrated London News

March 23, 1844

We have received from Paris, by the last post, the accompanying sketch of the new dance recently imported from Bohemia into the French metropolis, entitled the Polka, and which, to the exclusion of all other considerations - Legitimacy, Tahiti and the Right of Search not excepted - has seized this volatile and light-hearted people universally by the heels. With all respect for the lore of our learned neighbours, we think that St. Vitus, and not St. Denis, must have been the patron saint of France; but, be that as it may, there can be no doubt that that saint is their guardian angel, who, by infusing into them this lively elixit, withdraws them from the morbid contemplation of fancied and imaginary wrongs, and the long train of fatal and inglorious consequences which generally follow. The English are an imitative people, and we may reasonably expect to find the Polka amongst the other west-end importations during the season. Our daily contemporary the Times, thus alludes to the rage which prevails in Paris with regard to this most recent innovation.

"The Paris papers are destitute of news. Our private letters state, that politics are for the moment suspended in public regard by the new and all-absorbing pursuit — the Polka — a dance recently imported from Bohemia, and which embraces in its qualities the intimacy of the waltz with the vivacity of the Irish jig. You may conceive how completely is 'the Polka' the rage from the fact that the lady of a celebrated ex-minister, desiring to figure in it at a soiree dansante, monopolized the professor par excellence of that specialite for three hours on Wednesday morning last, at 200f. the hour. This is an unfortunate diversion for the war party, whose subscriptions for the sword of honour for Admiral Dupeitit Thouars will be put hors de combat by this fascinating novelty."

The Polka is an original Bohemian Peasant Dance, and was first introduced into the fashionable saloons of Berlin and St. Petersburg, about eight years since. Last season it was the great favourite at Baden-Baden. The Polka is written in 2-4 time. The gentleman holds his partner in the manner shown in the engraving (Figure 1); each lift first the right leg, strike twice the left heel with the right heel, and then turn, as in the waltz.

The Bohemians accompany this movement with characteristic gesture, but the action is rather rude. The Berlin Polka combines grace with elegance.

The Polka we now publish has been composed expressly for the ILLUS-TRATED LONDON NEWS by a celebrated French artiste; and we feel

P O L K A D A N C E.



great pleasure in being the first to introduce it to our subscribers.



The Illustrated London News

May 11, 1844

THE DRAWING-ROOM POLKA

We are much gratified in being enabled to lay before our readers an accurate description of the veritable or Drawing-room Polka, as danced at Almack's, and at the balls of the nobility and gentry in this country.

La Polka having appeared amongst us under so many different guises, we determined to spare no pains to procure a true description of its dance; for which we are indebted to Mrs. James Rae, who has been fortunate enough to secure the details from M. Coralli, Fils, the instructor of the young noblesse and gentry in Paris.

La Polka, like its predecessors, the waltz and galop, is a danse a deux, couples following each other in the salle de danse, commencing at pleasure, and adopting, of the following figures, that which pleases them most at the moment. All those anxious to shine in La Polka will dance the

to time, by way of rest, to the first figure.

The measure, or time, is 2-4; but to facilitate our definition we subdivide each measure or bar into one-twothree-four; the accent on the two, to be played not so fast as the galop.

The steps are two, and the following description may, in some measure, convey them to our readers; we commence with the first and most general. At the one, hop on the right leg, lifting or doubling up your leg at the same moment; at the two, put your left leg boldly forward on the ground; at the three, bring your right toe up to your left heel; at the four advance your left foot a short step forward; now at the one in the next measure or bar of the tune, hop on the left leg, doubling or lifting up your right leg, and so on-proceeding in this step with your arm circling your partner's waist round the room, as shown in our sketch. This may be termed the first figure.



As the change of figures and duration of each in this dance is left entirely to the cavaliers, as also the most careful guidance of their ladies round the room, we must be supposed to be whole of them, returning from time | addressing ourselves to them in these

remarks, though, at the same time, our definitions will be equally understood by their fair partners.

Figure 2. Still adopting the same step, with your right arm round your partner's waist, and her right hand in your left, you place your lady exactly before you, and back all round the room, your lady pursuing you (as shown in our sketch); you then reverse this figure, and let your partner do the back step whilst you pursue her, and at the same time carefully guide her round the room.

In backing, the leg which in figure 1 you put boldly forward on the ground, you now fling boldly backward, and are thus enabled to effect your progress round the room.

Figure 3.—With the same step you waltz round the room — in other words, you perform the galop waltz, substituting the Polka step just described.

Figure 4.—This also is a waltz with the second step, which we will now describe as the "Heel and Toe step." At the one, make a little hop on the right leg, dropping your left heel close to the right foot; at the two, another little hop on the right leg, pointing your left toe (not forward, but as close to the right foot as possible); at the three, another little hop on the right leg, advancing one step forward with the left foot; at the four, bring up the right foot, turning at the same instant, and passing your partner over to your left arm from your right arm; in the next measure return your lady to the left arm, and so on.

Figure 5.—This is termed the back waltz. The step adopted in it by yourself and partner is the back step described in figure 2; and you turn in this waltz exactly the contrary way to that in which you turn in all other waltzes—hence its name.

In La Polka, before commencing the figures we have just described, there

is a short introduction (of which we give a sketch), consisting of four measures, danced thus:—leading your partner from her seat, and giving her her place in the circle, and placing yourself vis-a-vis, you take her left hand in your right, and make the first



step four times—first forward, then backward, forward again, and then backward, taking care to gain ground in the forward steps; you then start with the first figure.

In conclusion we would observe that La Polka is a noiseless dance; there is no stamping of heels or toes, or kicking of legs in sharp angles forward. This may do very well at the threshold of a Bohemian auberge, but is inadmissible into the salons of London or Paris. La Polka, as danced in Paris, and now adopted by us, is elegant, graceful, and fascinating in the extreme; it is replete with opportunities of showing care and attention to your partner in assisting her through its performance. To our fair readers, however, we would say one word, for careful as their cavaliers may be, the front of many dresses, particularly in executing figure 2, will have much chance of being trodden upon and torn, unless the usual length is considerably shortened. This we have seen done with much grace on one or two occasions by the transplating of a bunch of artificial violets, with a long pin attached thereto, from the waist to the lower part of the dress, which serves to loop it up to the desired shortness, and which contributes greatly to the elegance of this dance, as the feet are thus shown, which is indispensable.



The lower classes were not too far behind society in joining the mad enthusiasm for "La Polka" and by 1845 most of the cheaper dance resorts in London featured the dance; in one case a mob of drunken sailors and their wenches provoked a riot by starting an impromptu polka festival in the street when the tavern refused them entry because of the size of the crowd already in the throes of a polka orgy. By this time everybody was polka mad. Streets, ships, fabrics, horses, taverns and even unfortunate children were named after the dance. Just when its peak as a form of insanity passed is hard to say; its news value wore off rather rapidly. But the dance continued in high popularity for quite a few years with reinforced bursts of activity as it was combined with the Redowa, the Galop and the Quadrilles.

In America, the dance pursued much the same course, although it

seems that the population never did become quite as hysterical about it as in Europe and England. The collection of figures and fancies died off rather rapidly, and Ferrero* comments in his 1859 book "The polka performed slowly and with its proper accentuation is decidedly a graceful and pleasing dance. On its first introduction, it might almost have been termed a fancy dance, so numerous were its figures and complicated its steps. It savored too much of the stage to be adopted in private circles without being remodeled to suit the popular taste of this country; consequently, it has been reduced to a single step, the description of which we give as follows:

The Step of the Polka Music in 2-4 time.

The step of this dance is divided in three.

The left foot must be raised to the side of the right ankle; springing on the right foot at the same time, slide the left foot forward (counting one).

Draw the right foot close behind the left, in the third position (count two).

Spring out on the left foot, raising the right, as in the first movement (count three).

The music marks four, three times only are marked by the dance; you pause one for the fourth.

Recommence the step with the other foot, using each alternately to commence the step.

The dance can be performed in any direction to suit the fancy of the dancers, and should be varied as much as possible."

To be continued

*Edward Ferrero, "The Art of Dancing," 1859



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Square Dance Instrumentals

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By Rod LaFarge

Head gents to the right and bow polite Then circle three, you've got all night You break that circle to a line of three And you bow to the girl in the sycamore tree.

Now six to the center and back to the bar (A)

And the gents step in with a right hand

Face the center and bow down low You stop for this bow

Then a right hand star and away we go Pass that girl, the one you knew

And line up three with the lady in blue Man #1 passes behind lady #1, taking his place on her right, while man #4 stands on her left. Man #3 passes behind lady #3 taking his place on her right while man #2 stands on her left. It's six to the center and back to the

bar. etc.

The action from (A) on is repeated twice more: this will leave all gents on the left of their partners. Then:-

It's six to the center and back to the bar

Then an allemande left like an allemande than

Continue with any allemande than break you fancy.

If you wish to dance this in "quadrille style" use a slow 6/8 time record. Then the trios can take a full bow when they meet in the center and the men of the trios can bow to their ladies when they get "back to the bar." A bow to the ladies can also be made after the bow to the center when the star changes hands. Warning: the "rate-race crowd" will lynch you for something like this!

RED DEVIL

Original Square Dance by Shirley & "Red" Bates Indian Orchard, Mass.

INTRO. & BREAK

Bow to your partner, corners all Join your hands and circle the hall Half way round you'll hear me shout California twirl, all face out Balance out and back that way Cross trail and hear me say All four couples Suzy Q Opposite right that's what you do Partner left, now don't slow down Go back outside that big old town Opposites right like a Reverse Than Back up boys but not too far Shoot that star go left and right Another thar in the middle of the night Shoot that star to a left allemande Here we go right and left grand Find your gal with a do-sa-dos It's back to back around you go Then promenade—

FIGURE

One and three lead to the right Circle up four with all your might Head gents break and form your lines Forward eight and back in time Gents step forward and slide the line* Forward eight and back in time Gents step forward, slide the line* Balance all eight in line Swing the line* to a right and left through

Turn 'em around, that's what you do Right and left back in the same old

Center four go forward and back Forward again and box the gnat

Right and left through the other way back

Quarter out and double the gnat
Box it once and box it back
Pull on by to a corner swing
Join your hands and form a ring
Circle left on heel and toe
Come on cowboy, don't be slow
Gents go forward and slide the ring*
Then promenade that pretty thing
Sequence: Intro, Figure, Break, Figure
*See attached description of original figures.

Original Figures by "Red" Bates SLIDE THE RING SLIDE THE LINE SWING THE LINE SLIDE THE RING

This figure is done in a circle; four beats should be allowed for its completion.

Gents or ladies, as called, simply step forward and to their right in four steps, passing in front of one person, backin ginto the vacant space in the ring, and joining hands once again.

Example:

Bow to partner, corner too
All join hands and circle you do
Gents step forward, SLIDE THE RING
Circle left and don't be slow
Gals SLIDE THE RING on heel and toe
Allemande left, etc. —

SLIDE THE LINE

This figure is done in the same manner as SLIDE THE RING except that dancers are working in two lines of four. Again, four beats allowed for the figure.

SWING THE LINE

This is a companion figure to SLIDE THE LINE and is done in four beats also. After sliding the line twice, the dancers are in the following positions:

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The two facing each other act as pivots and swing their respective lines as the arrows indicate, again forming two lines of four facing each other, but in the opposite direction of their original lines.

Example:

Head two couples lead to the right
Circle up four with all your might
Head gents break and make your lines
Forward eight and back in time
Gents step forward SLIDE THE LINE
Forward eight and back in time
Gals step forward SLIDE THE LINE
Forward eight and back in time
SWING THE LINE that's what you do
Right and left through with the
opposite two

Right and left back in the same old track

Allemande left your corner, Jack.

RED'S DILLY

By Red Bates, Indian Orchard, Mass. USE ANY INTRODUCTION FIGURE

Heads go forward and back with you Forward again, full square through Right, left, right—left you do Right and left through with the outside two

Turn your gal, dive through, pass through

Right and left through with the outside

Turn your gal, dive through
Circle four on the inside ring
Star by the left, to your corner go
All eight chain, don't be slow
Right and left, turn that jane
Promenade right down the lane.

BREAK

Promenade but don't slow down

One and three wheel around Right and left through with the couple you found

Ladies chain, but don't chain back Right and left through in the same old track

Chain the ladies to their man
Pass through, you're doing grand
Box the gnat and box the flea
Right and left through now listen to me
Pass through and bend the line
Pass through and bend the line
Forward eight and back with you
Forward again with a Suzy Q
Opposites right with a right hand
round

Partner left as you come down
Opposites right, that's what you do
Partner left, turn, face those two
Pass through and bend the line
Pass through and bend the line
Allemande left, etc.

Sequence: Intro, Figure (Heads) Break, Figure (Sides) Break

PEEK TAKER

By Marty Winter, Cresskill, N. J.

First & third up to the middle, back to the ring

Forward again — swap and swing
Face the middle —pass thru
Around that couple take a peek,
Back to the middle swing your sweet
Around that couple box the gnat
**Now eight to the middle and back
like that

Double pass thru — a quarter in Forward eight and back with you Forward again and pass thru, arch in the middle

The ends turn in — and box the gnat pull on by

There's old corner left Allemande

**Now eight to the middle and back like that

Double pass thru — everybody face in Next page please

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Around one - down the middle - right and left thru

Turn the gals - and chain 'em too same girls with your corner man

Up to the center and back - up to the center - box the gnat

Right and left thru the other way back - circle eight - right after that

All four ladies - forward up and back then cross trail thru

Around two - stand four in line - forward eight and back with you

Bend your line - then pass thru - lines face in walk past two

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Dixie chain with the ones you meet ladies left - gents right allemande left.

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Washington, D. C. The Labor Day Weekend Camporee of the NCASDLA has been cancelled. New York, N.Y. Signs of the times or something. The majority of the contestants at the Annual Irish Feis held on the Hunter College campus were not Irish this year.

Paterson, N. J. From the number of phone calls I've received from folks visiting the metropolitan area, I think half of the folk dancers from the west coast are vacationing here. Alas, there is only one folk dance group in North Jersey continuing through the summer (in an air-conditioned ballroom) and that is at the Paterson YMCA. The dancing is mostly Greek, Serbian and Russian, and the group meets on Friday evenings.

Night club folk dancing. For those who like ethnic dances, we might mention that several New York night spots feature Greek dancing as does the Monte Carlo in Monroe, N. Y. The Kismet Lounge in Asbury Park, N. J. has an Armenian orchestra which plays considerable ethnic material to which the patrons dance. Also Camp Ararat in Massachusetts is a nice place to spend a week end if you like Armenian dancing.

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two-step together.

Meas.

- 1- 4 HEEL, TOE, TWO STEP LEFT; HEEL, TOE, TWO STEP RIGHT; ALAMO LEFT, 2, 3, 4; BALANCE FORWARD; BALANCE BACK;
 Starting to M's LEFT (W right) touch L heel to side, touch L toe across R in front, step L, close R, step L moving circle in LOD; Repeat starting with M's R (W's L) touch R heel to side, touch R toe across L in front, then do a step R, close L, step R moving circle in RLOD. Break RIGHT hands and move 1/2 around as in Left Alamo in four steps to join RIGHT hands in circle with new W (M now facing COH); Do a two-step balance forward and a two-step balance back.
- 5- 8 HEEL, TOE, TWO STEP LEFT; HEEL, TOE, TWO STEP RIGHT; ALAMO RIGHT, 2, 3, 4; BALANCE FORWARD; BALANCE BACK; Repeat measures 1-4 but with M facing COH and W facing out. End with M facing out as in beginning. All hands in the circle are joined.
- 9-12 SIDE, BEHIND, SIDE, FRONT; SIDE, BEHIND, SIDE, TOUCH; SIDE, BEHIND, FRONT; SIDE, BEHIND, SIDE, TOUCH; Grapevine in LOD seven steps and touch to M's L (LOD); back in RLOD with seven steps and touch L (W's R).
- 13-16 (AROUND) LEFT, 2, 3, 4; RGHT, 2, 3, 4; LEFT, 2, 3, 5; RIGHT, 2, 3, 4; Break with the Right hands and M moves LOD around circle (W moves RLOD) as in a 'left and right grand' adjusting steps to use FOUR beats to each change. LEFT hand star 1/2 around with four step; RIGHT hand star 1/2 around with four steps; LEFT hands star 1/2 around with four steps; RIGHT hand star 1/2 around with four steps; End after fourth W to join hands in one big circle as in the beginning, with M facing wail and W facing COH.

 REPEAT PATTERN 3 more times (four in all)

ENDING:

1- 3 HEEL, TOE, TWO STEP LEFT; HEEL, TOE, TWO STEP RIGHT; TWIRL, 2, 3, 4; Repeat measures 1-2 then W twirls under her own RIGHT arm in 4 steps.

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