Let Us Entertain You

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My hope is that you guys had as good of a September as I had. I don't get to see my grand's or great-grand's as often as I would like, but not this month.

I answered the door one afternoon and there was my great-granddaughter, all of two-years old, holding onto a small China cup… she had come for tea. That's her favorite thing at this time.

The China cup was for me, she found another for her mother and we went through sips and slurps the whole afternoon. Thanks heavens there was no water or tea in the silver pitcher. The Mmm-Mmm goods are exaggerated and the thank you's and you're welcomes are worn out by the end of the day. More fun than a barrel of monkeys, in fact, much like the monkey's part in reality!

After a while it is redecorate time and everything in the living room has been relocated. Nothing broken yet! She got to the front bedroom this time and spent a long time in there. We took the time to relax, but she did find the dressed white baby bear on the bed and held on to it and took him home with her. We had tried to introduce her before to the baby bear, but she would have not part of it. Funny how kids do things in their own time, little individuals they are, they know their own minds and don't try to change them! So wonderful to have the little one to visit.

Later, my teen-aged great-grandson came to mow the grass and clean up the yard and the porch. He does a jam up job but we don't get to talk to him much. His grandfather and I sat on the porch a while, trying to catch up on great-grandson's school work. Not much to learn as he is rather quiet in his demeanor. We sometimes go to eat as they run errands for me; all in all it was a good afternoon.

Then it was Homecoming and he needed some money for him and his date and said he would do anything. Well, I had been trying to get someone to polish my silver. Even though he'd never polished silver before he said he would try. What a splendid job he did! It looked better than when it was new. It was a hard job and a long one that was really appreciated!

Now get ready for a virtual change of venue. Take thirty-dollars to a grocery store or a hardware store and spend three-hundred on a bug killing company to get rid of your German roaches that are so fast to multiply. They are like fleas. You can hardly see them before they have invested your entire house, mainly your kitchen and your bathroom… yikes! I hate any kind of insect and I have been so proud of not seeing any since I have a new housekeeper and had the large trees in the front cut back. They would try to sneak into the house on your head… horrors! I am so happy to be bug-free at last!

One final thought, I am so sick of hearing how great our economy is by the Democrat nominee for President, one only has to go to the grocery store just to buy essentials for our pantry. It is mind-boggling how much groceries have gone up! But, we keep getting told how good our economy is… when a village idiot can beg to differ!

All this forward planning begs the question: "Why hasn't it been done in the last four years?"