Dances for May 31, 2018

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Carol's Delight

32 bar strathspey for 3 couples in a 3 couple longwise set.

1-12 1st, 2nd and 3rd couples dance rights and lefts for three couples.

13-16 1st couple dance down between the 3rd couple and cast up into second place. 2nd couple dance up and face out in top place on bars 15-16.

17 — 24 All three couples dance a mirror reels of three on own sides. 1st couple dance in and up; 2nd couple dance out and down and the 3rd couple dance in, face down and cast out and up into the reel. 2nd and 3rd couples dance the long way into place at the end of the reel.

25 - 32 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples dance the knot.

(Finish 3,1,2.)

Repeat from new positions.

For Carol Aitken to mark a significant birthday.

© Devised by Francis Walduck, Brisbane, Queensland Branch RSCDS, May 2004.

Suggested Music: The Silver Star Strathspey, track 8, The Complete Caledonian Ball — Rob Gordon and his Band.

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Book 5 - No. 1

Teviot Bridge

24-bar jig for two couples in a four-couple longwise set

Bars Description

- 1-8 1st couple, giving right hands, turn two and a half times to finish on opposite sides.
- 9-12 1st man and 2nd woman, and 1st woman and 2nd man, giving left hands, turn one and a half times to finish with 2nd couple in first place on own sides and 1st couple in second place on opposite sides.
- 13 16 1st and 2nd couples dance a half ladies' chain. 1st couple finish by turning halfway with the left hand and 2nd couple by turning once round with the left hand to face partners.
- 17 24 1st and 2nd couples dance a poussette.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

The poussette is danced as follows:

- 17-18 Two pas de basque steps across the set, 1st couple to the men's side, 2nd couple to the women's side.
- 19 Pulling with right hands, quarter turn.
- 20 Progress up or down on sides and quarter turn.
- 21 Dance into middle.
- 22 Pulling with right hands, turn halfway round.
- 23 24 Retire to sidelines having changed places.

Video: The Edinburgh Toy Shop

The Edinburgh Toy Shop

32-bar jig for three couples in a four-couple longwise set

Bars Description

1-6 1st couple set, dance down two places, and cast up round

- 3rd couple into second place. 2nd couple step up on bars 3 4.
- $7\,-\,8\,$ 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples, joining hands on the sides, set.
- 9-12 1st woman dances a half figure of eight round 2nd couple while 1st man dances a half figure of eight round 3rd couple, to finish in second place on opposite sides.
- 13-16 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples, joining hands on the sides, set. 1st couple, giving left hands, turn to face first corners.
- 17 24 1st couple turn first corners with the right hand, pass partner by the right shoulder, turn second corners with the right hand and, passing by the right shoulder, cross over to second place on own sides. Corners dance for two bars.
- 25 32 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples dance six hands round and back.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Devised by Ethan Bailey, San Francisco Branch, March 2016.

The deviser went with his family to Scotland in 2006 and, although not quite four years old, remembers the toys in the "gift shoppe" at Edinburgh Castle, especially the foam swords.