

THE HOUSEHOLD PAGE.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE LADIES SOLICITED FOR THIS DEPARTMENT. TELL YOUR VALUABLE RECEIPTS, HOW YOU MAKE FANCY ARTICLES AND ABOUT THE DESIGNS AND CARE OF YOUR "ROSE GARDEN."

"TRIED AND TRUE" RECEIPTS.

Puff Cakes.

Two cups of sugar.
Three cups of flour.
One cup of butter.
One cup of sweet milk.
Three eggs.
Three teaspoons full of baking powder. Bake either in layer or loaf. Flavor to suit taste.

Filling or icing:—One cup of sugar, one-fourth cup of butter, one-third cup of sweet milk. Let boil until waxy, stirring until cool.

Ladies Yellow Cake.

One and half cups of flour,
One cup of sugar,
One-half cup of butter,
One-half cup of sweet milk,
One teaspoon of soda,
Two teaspoons of baking powder,
Yolks of four eggs,
One teaspoon vanilla.
Bake in layers in medium oven.

For filling use one cup of sugar, enough water to melt the sugar. Boil until waxy then stir in the well beaten white of one egg.

Home Made Buns.

One and half pints of bread sponge,
One pint luke warm water,
One cup of granulated sugar,
Two-thirds cup of lard.

Sift in flour enough to make a dough as soft as can be kneaded. Let raise three hours, then pinch off pieces of dough half the size of an egg, handle carefully and grease each piece of dough with a little melted butter; place in a pan leaving space of an inch between buns, let raise four hours and bake in a quick oven.

Marbled Cookies.

For delicious marbled cookies cream one cupful of butter and two cupfuls of sugar. Add four well-beaten eggs, then three scant cupfuls of

flour sifted with two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Divide the batter in half. To one-half add either half a cupful or a cupful of grated chocolate, according to preference, some people liking more and other less of this flavoring. To the other half add the juice and grated rind of an orange. After flavoring both parts, combine them in one-stroked lump of dough, and roll it very thin. Cut the dough into fancy cookies with diamond, heart-shaped and triangular cutters. Bake them in a rather hot oven. If the butter is fresh add a pinch of salt.

Sponge Cake.

Four eggs,
Two cups of soft A sugar,
Two cups of flour,
Two teaspoons of baking powder.
Add two-thirds cup of boiling water. Flavor with vanilla. Bake in two large layers and use chocolate filling.

Dutch Apple Pie.

To make Dutch apple pie without apples for each pie use
One cup of water,
One tablespoon of vinegar,
One teaspoon of butter,
One scant cup of granulated sugar,
Season with nutmeg.
Crumb four crackers in an ordinary pie crust and pour the mixture over the crackers. Put on top crust and bake.

To Cook Mushrooms.

Wash mushrooms thoroughly. Place enough butter in a skillet to fry a chicken and let it get hot. Put in mushrooms, sprinkle with salt and pepper and fry about ten minutes under tight-fitting lid.

Mixed Greens.

Use sour dock, dandelion, wild lettuce and mustard leaves; clean thoroughly, wash, then place them in a

pot of boiling water with a ham bone that is about half-cooked before adding the greens. Cook altogether until the meat is done. Serve with vinegar to suit taste.

Preserved Quinces.

Peel and cut some fine ripe apple quinces in quarters—if large in eighths; remove the core and drop the fruit as soon as peeled in cold water; drain and weigh the quinces; place them in a kettle of boiling water and boil until tender; remove with a skimmer to a large flat dish. For six pounds of quinces allow four pounds of sugar and one quart of the water the quinces were cooked in; place water and sugar over the fire, boil a few minutes, then add the quinces; cook five minutes, fill them in jars to overflowing, close at once and set aside.

Underwear Other Than Wool.

People should begin to understand the benefit of wearing light clothing in the winter time. Old-time flannels are ruinous to a healthy, robust life. They keep the pores of the skin clogged and moistened with perspiration, which forms a crust over the skin, interfering with its natural functions. Undergarments of linen or cotton are heavy enough for winter in this climate. The only need is a heavy coat. Considering the extreme heat of our departments and office buildings, it is absurd for any sane individuals to wear heavy things indoors.

Figure Developer.

Vaucaire tonic is an excellent figure developer. It is not a drug but a food, and acts directly on the glands and tissues. Formula: Four hundred grams of simple syrup, ten grams of extract of galega, ten grams of tincture of fennel. Take two soup-spoonfuls in water before each meal. Extreme emaciation is a disease and should have the attention of a physician.

A Fine Salad.

An attractive winter salad is made of comquat oranges and white grapes, the grapes being cut in half, with the seeds removed, and the little oranges cut in slices, served on crisp lettuce leaves with French dressing.

Green Grape Preserves.

Take six pounds of green grapes, cut them open on one side and with a sharp knife remove the seeds. Weigh the fruit and use equal quantities of sugar. Put the grapes in a kettle with just enough water to cover; bring to a boil, skim, then sprinkle over the grapes one-quarter of the sugar allowed. Bring to a boil again, pressing the grapes under the syrup, but use care to keep them unbroken; add more sugar, cook five minutes, repeating the operation until all the sugar has been used. As soon as the syrup jellies turn into small jars. When cold the grapes should show distinct in the clear jelly.

Wine Plant Pie.

Make a mixture of
One cup of granulated sugar,
One-half cup of water,
One egg and yolk of another,
Lump of butter size of a walnut,
One tablespoon of flour.
Place crust in pan, slice wine plant in the crust and pour the mixture over it. Bake without upper crust, then make a frosting out of the white of one egg, and spread over the pie. Set back in oven and let get slightly brown.

Notes.

A good way to use peaches too green for the table is to bake in a deep pan until tender, with enough water to keep from burning and half a cup of granulated sugar.

A splendid way to cook mushrooms is to split in halves, soak for a few hours in salt water and then roll in cracker crumbs and fry until brown, same as young chicken.

For furniture polish, take one-third linseed oil and two-thirds turpentine; shake well, apply with a very thin cloth, and wipe with the same.
For marred furniture, take half an ounce each of turpentine and linseed oil, an ounce of coal tar and shellac. Keep in a wide mouthed bottle tightly corked. Shake before applying with a sponge.

One of my earliest recollections is of being set down upon a low stool on the hearth rug with my back to the fire, "to roast out a cold." And when I was (presumably) done to a turn I was faced about and made to "toast my feet" until I was in a glow from top to toe. It was one of my mother's "ways," and no woman or nurse ever had a better.

It is said with much truth that a woman will condone any offense which she is convinced has been committed for love of herself.

A powder for moist hands: Two drams of oxide of zinc, two drams of boric acid, four drams of lycopodium, one ounce of starch, one-half ounce of powdered orris. Add a small quantity of spirits of camphor to the water when bathing the hands. Puffy places

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under the eyes signify kidney or liver trouble, lack of rest or nervousness. Stringy locks—A good hair curling fluid is made of one-half ounce of pure powdered borax, fifteen grains of gum arabic, three fluid drams of spirits of camphor and eight ounces of warm water. Dissolve the solids in the warm water, cool and add the camphor. Apply to the hair, which can then be curled on the iron or arranged in flat ringlets and pinned with an invisible hairpin until dry.

Oyster Culture on the Oregon Coast.

Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen is in hearty accord with the agitation for the establishment of a biological station at Newport, for the purpose of studying and fostering the oyster industry on the Oregon Coast, and when he returns from a brief inspection trip to the Ontario and Wallawa salmon hatcheries, will take the matter up with all of the universities in the state in an effort to get them to work together for a fully equipped station, that the students and professors may carry on experimental work.

Narrow Escape From Waterspout.

Captain Jorgensen, master of the schooner Andy Mahoney, reports that his vessel had a narrow escape from destruction by a waterspout on Sunday morning. About 8 o'clock, when the schooner was between the lightship and Tillamook Head, the waterspout appeared in the distance under a thick black cloud. While small at first, the cloud gradually increased in size as it approached the vessel. All on board the schooner were thoroughly alarmed, as the craft was directly in the track of the spout, but when only a short distance away the spout suddenly broke and dropped into the sea, with a report like the discharge of a heavy cannon.

Captain Jorgensen says he has seen many waterspouts during his life at sea, but never before witnessed one as large and so dangerous looking as this one.

The Future American Highway.

The "future American highway," according to an inventor whose pamphlet is reviewed in Engineering News, will be a paved roadway 120 feet in total width, divided by longitudinal curbs into eight separate roadways, four for passage in each direction. He provides two sixteen foot roadways for animal traction vehicles and a four foot walk at each side for the stray pedestrians who may still indulge in the antiquated method of locomotion that nature furnished. The rest of the width is devoted to automobile roads. As the cost of this remarkable highway would amount up to between \$100,000 and \$200,000 per mile, the inventor does well to call it a "highway of the future."

To Build Automobile Roads in Nevada.

A good roads association is reported to have been formed in Nevada for the purpose of stimulating the building of roads exclusively for the use of automobiles in the southern part of the state, where automobiles are becoming the means of rapid transit across the deserts. It is proposed to build, among others, roads from Tonopah to Goldfield to connect the mining camps of Manhattan and Bullfrog and other smaller mining camps, later extending the roads to Walker Lake reservation and then north.

Brevities

THE HALL OF FAME.

James Lewis of Terrell, Tex., was excused from jury duty recently because he has twenty-two children.

Henry Thompson of Philadelphia shot himself two years ago, and now he must explain in court whether he did it accidentally or intentionally.

For thirty-one years John F. Twiss has been station agent at Shaker Station, Conn. He has also been postmaster of the town for the same length of time.

Albert Sutton of Denver recently discovered a pure nugget of gold at the foot of a peach tree, supposed to have been buried there by a former owner of the farm.

Complying with an order of the court to pay his wife \$3, Joseph Fix, a New York car conductor, tendered her 300 pennies. This she refused, but the court decided that it was legal tender.

Dr. James L. Wollington of Swansea, R. I., possesses the oldest militia commission in that state. It bears the date of Sept. 21, 1840, and was signed by Governor Marcus Morton. The doctor is eighty-nine years of age.

Although Daniel Kinsley is seventy-eight years old, his face is still free from wrinkles, his eyes are clear and steady and his step is elastic. He has been employed for fifty years in the Worcester (Mass.) courthouse.

Frank R. Mowrer of Ohio, at present consul general at Leghorn, Italy, has been transferred to be consul general at Copenhagen, Denmark, exchanging places with Ernest A. Man of Florida, who became consul general at Leghorn.

F. B. Kling, a railroad bridge builder, fell sixty feet from a bridge at Bruceville, Md., recently and landed in shallow water. He was smoking when he fell. He didn't lose a bit of tobacco and kept on smoking when he walked out of the stream uninjured.

Dr. Franklin Slocum of Ludington, Mich., has been advised by the Russian ambassador at Washington that the czar has decided that he is entitled to the \$1,000,000 fortune left by his father and confiscated by the Russian government in the uprising of 1849.

Senator Tillman is by birth and by education a polished gentleman. No man is more familiar with all the engaging conventionalities of social intercourse, and few men in the senate are better versed in literature and history. Mr. Tillman is growing richer every day. He is one of the popular lecturers of today.

George Mayhew Moulton, who will be the first major general of the Illinois national guard, is an architect and builder of grain elevators and has been connected with the national guard since 1886. He was born in Rensselaer, N. Y., in 1851, and when two years old was taken to Chicago by his parents. General Moulton has been brigadier general since 1902, and previously was inspector general of the state forces and colonel of the Second regiment.

OLD FASHIONED.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who said of his dog, "It does everything but talk?"

What has become of the old-fashioned man who told of his great fear by saying, "My hair stood on end?"

What has become of the old-fashioned woman who prepared for a company supper cold sliced ham, floating island and marble cake?

What has become of the fellow who went to see his girl every other Tuesday night until they were engaged, and then he went regularly every Tuesday night?

What has become of the old-fashioned boy who went down the street holding up two fingers as a sign that he was going swimming and wanted company?—Acheson Globe.

NEW YORK CITY.

New York city has 105 banks.

New York city has 3,927 firemen besides the members of twelve volunteer companies in Richmond borough.

New York city's acreage is more than that of Chicago and Philadelphia combined, or 219,218 as compared with 196,757.

Although New York is a "hitching postless" city, there are less runaway horses in its streets than in the average city of one-tenth of its population.

Thousands of travelers on New York's elevated railways regret the poorly maintained and dilapidated stations on the lines, and in several instances the attention of the board of health has been called to their unsanitary condition.—New York Herald.

EDITORIAL FLINGS.

When they enter a theater women should check their hats and men their thirst.—Chicago News.

Even Luther Burbank hasn't yet succeeded in grafting the milk weed to the strawberry plant and producing strawberries and cream.—Somerville Journal.

Possibly the abolition of reduced railway rates to clergymen will result in the congregations paying their ministers enough to travel as other persons.—Kansas City Times.

Whenever a ball player makes an error it is published in the papers. If the same thing should be done of us whenever we make errors there would be some pretty black records.—Akron Beacon-Journal.

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