

In the Home--Household Hints--Fashion Notes--Recipes

The Editor will be pleased to receive and publish hints of interest to our readers.

Household Hints.

KETTLES may be kept cleaned by boiling potato peelings in them.

To cut fresh bread, heat the blade of the knife in hot water; it prevents breaking and crumbling.

A few drops of blue washing fluid added to the water in which glasses are rinsed will make them sparkle.

Obstinate dresser drawers will run easily if removed from the dresser and the lower edges rubbed with soap.

It is better not to put a bed spread through the wringer after the last rinsing; hang it on the line dripping wet.

When buttons are taken from an old dress they should be strung on a string before putting them into the button box.

Patterns are conveniently marked by tying a piece of the material from which the garment was cut around the pattern.

The coffee pot should be thoroughly cleaned once a week; boil it for half an hour in a strong solution of borax and water.

Rancid butter can be sweetened by cutting it into two or three pieces and allowing it to stand in sweet milk for six or eight hours.

Before washing lace curtains, baste a narrow strip of muslin along the outer edge, allow it to remain until the washing and drying process is complete.

By having the tread of the step made to lift on hinges, the lower step of the back stairs can be turned into a very convenient place to keep the family overshoes.

Cut cotton batting in small squares and bake in a hot oven 20 minutes. This makes each square fluff up light and feathery and soft pillows filled in this way are as light as down.

To get rid of the smell of tobacco smoke put a lump of crystal ammonia into a jar and add a few drops of oil of lavender. Pour a little boiling water over it and let the jar stand in the room.

Every woman who cuts out from paper patterns knows of the bother in pinning it flat to the cloth. Take a hot iron and smooth the tissue paper pattern over the cloth and it will remain flat without pins.

If a stove is cracked, mix equal parts of table salt and wood ashes and add water to make a thick paste. Rub the paste into the crack while the stove is hot and the mended places will be as hard as a rock.

Polish freshly washed lamp chimneys with dry salt.

Rub a freshly cut lemon over ink immediately after it has been spilt on carpet. No matter what the color of carpet, this will take out the fresh stain without injury to it.

Remove the odor of food from a wooden chopping bowl by soaking the bowl in boiling water in which a little soda is dissolved. A tablespoonful of soda to a gallon of water is the proportion.

Gather herbs in the Summer season, dry them and put them away in tiny bags of cheesecloth. The bags should be kept in a glass jar tightly covered. When making soups or sauces, a bag of the mixed herbs is convenient to use.

A teacher of cooking says that for every quart of cooked vegetables four even tablespoonfuls of butter, a teaspoonful of salt and an eighth of a teaspoonful of pepper should be used for seasoning.

The sleeves and legs of old knit underwear are excellent to cover a broom for cleaning dust off the wall. Put the broom handle in the large part of the sleeves or leg and pull it up well over the broom. It cannot slip off as the more one pulls down on the wall the tighter the cloth will hold.

May Manton Weekly Fashion Talk

FOR THE NEW BABY



Design by May Manton.

8523 Infant's Tucked Dress, One Size.

4 yds. 44 in. wide, with 4½ yds. insertion and three-fourth yd beading. The pattern 5823 is cut in one size. It will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department of this paper, on receipt of 10 cents.

THE new baby is such an important person that there cannot be too much attention given to his dress. Here is a very charming one that can be finished with or without the band that gives the empire effect. It is of just the correct length to comply with the latest ideas of health and it can be trimmed with fine lace and insertion and be just as elaborate as any dress the baby will need, or it can be finished quite simply with a tiny bit of lace at neck and sleeve edges only, to be adapted to everyday wear. Fine, dainty materials are the only ones that are appropriate. Hand sewing gives the most satisfactory results. There are only two pieces in the dress with an opening cut at the back and the moderately full sleeves are sewed to the arm-holes.

To make the frock will be needed 2½ yds. of material 36, or 2½

Arts and Crafts for Young Folk

MOTHERS and teachers who wish to keep the young people cheerfully busy in useful tasks about the home or farm may be interested in a project of the United States Department of Agriculture for organizing farm and home handicraft clubs. Some of the arts and crafts in which the Department's specialist in charge of club work for the Northern and Western states hopes to interest his boys and girls are as follows:

1. Rope tying and splicing.
2. Making seed testers (box, blotter and rag-doll testers).
3. Making a hencoop and brooder.
4. Fruit tree grafting and tree surgery.
5. Making a flytrap.
6. Making a woodbox for kitchen or sitting-room.
7. Making a birdhouse and watering-trough.
8. Making a hotbed or cold frame.
9. Making a stepladder or handy ladder for farm and home.
10. Making one dozen vegetable market crates.
11. Sharpening saw, pair of scissors.
12. Making a medicine cabinet.
13. Making and laying a cement walk or floor.
14. Making a bookcase or library file.
15. First aid to farm implements: (a) repair of whipple-tree, (b) pair of shares, (c) fork handle, (d) repair gate.
16. Drawing plan of 30-acre farmstead.
17. Forging—two kinds, practical, related to farm work.
18. Welding—two kinds, practical, related to farm work.
19. Horseshoe making.
20. First aid to household furniture: (a) chair, (b) table, (c) picture frame, (d) door lock or hinge.
21. Pressing and cleaning a suit of clothes.
22. Papering a room.
23. Painting, staining or treating floor.
24. Making a farm dooryard gate.
25. Making a home-made fireless cooker, one of two methods.
26. Making a home canner, one of two methods.
27. Making a kitchen shelf or kitchen work chair for mother.
28. Get out a set of plans and specifications for model farm home.
29. Show how to give first aid to school furniture and equipment, such as the repair of a seat, window, fence,

broken gate, blackboard, steps and sidewalk.

30. Show how to repair the cover or broken back of a book.
31. Art metal work for household.
32. Modelling in clay and plaster.
33. Leather work: repair of leather goods or art work.
34. Fabric dyeing and printing.
35. Pottery for use in the home.
36. Basketry for use in gathering and marketing vegetables and fruit.
37. Making a milkstool.
38. Home-made fruit juice and cider mill.
39. Hall hat and coat rack.

The new clubs, it is expected, will be merely the agricultural clubs already organized among the young people and the new lines of industrial work taken up at times and seasons when corn, pigs, chickens and vegetables do not need the special attention of the boys and girls. Under the new plan each club member will probably select about 10 of the suggested tasks and do each of them during convenient moments. The results of the work of all the members of one club will be exhibited at the end of a year's time in a place where the rest of the community may see what has been attempted and pass a judgment on its value.

Any mother or teacher who would care to interest her children in any of the arts and crafts outlined above may write for further details to the Office in Charge of Club Work for the Northern and Western States, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Device for Sink.

A device for the kitchen sink that has proved successful in keeping the drain pipes clean is made of a wooden frame and ordinary window screen. Make a wooden frame, about two inches high, just wide enough to fit nicely into the sink, and not quite as long as the inside of the sink. On one end of this nail a board, covering about half the length of the frame; on the other end, on the opposite side, nail a piece of wire window screen. This device may be kept in the sink always, the dishpan set on the wooden part, and anything poured on the other part will be strained before reaching the pipes. This may be easily cleaned, and the wire screening renewed at small expense, when worn through. It is better than the ordinary sink strainer, as it covers the bottom of the sink and catches everything thrown into it.

The Editor will be pleased to receive and publish favorite recipes.

Apple and Celery Salad.
POLISH red or green apples of uniform size, cut a thick slice from the stem end of each and scrape the pulp with a potato-ball scoop. Cut the pulp into small, match-like pieces and mix with an equal amount of celery cut into small pieces. Mix with mayonnaise dressing and fill apple shells, replace tops and arrange on lettuce leaves.

Carrots in Lemon Butter.

Cut the carrots in long, slender strips and lay in cold water until tender, drain, and to each pint size one tablespoonful of butter, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of sugar and a dash of cayenne. Simmer all until the butter is absorbed, then add two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice and one tablespoonful of minced parsley, let boil up and serve at once.

Apple and Cheese Salad.

Mix chopped pecans with two-thirds their bulk of cream cheese, adding a little thick cream to blend the mixture. Season with pepper and salt and make into tiny balls. Pare a few tart apples, core and slice across the center into rings about one-half inch thick. Arrange rings on lettuce leaves and place several cheese balls in the center. Serve cream salad dressing.

Serving Vegetables.

A nice way to serve several vegetables is to fill a ring mold with either boiled rice or well seasoned mashed potato, turn out carefully on a platter, fill the center with green peas or any kind of vegetable desired, then place around the outside frontage cups holding a second vegetable, or alternate the cups with stuffed, baked vegetable.

Potato and Nut Croquettes.

To one cupful of mashed and well seasoned potatoes add one cupful of bread crumbs, one cupful of chopped black walnut meats, two well-beaten eggs, two or three tablespoonfuls of milk, and season with salt, pepper and a little lemon juice. Make up croquettes, dip in egg, roll in the crumbs, and fry like any croquette. Drain well and serve at once.

Squash Souffle.

Heat one-half can of squash, or a much of boiled squash, and mix fine, add one tablespoonful of brown sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, a little pepper, the well beaten yolks of two eggs, and one and one-half cupfuls of rich milk. Then fold in the stiffly whipped whites of the egg, turn into a well-buttered dish, bake until firm, and serve at once.

Dried Apple Custard Pie.

Stew apples until done and rub through a colander. Then add two yolks and one white, well beaten, one-half cup butter, one-half cup sugar, one scant teaspoon cornstarch, juice of one lemon and one-fourth nutmeg. Beat all together and bake with bottom crust only. When done cover with meringue and brown in the oven.

Baked Winter Squash.

Boil and mash the squash; when cold, beat up light with one tablespoonful of soft butter, two well-beaten eggs, three tablespoonfuls of milk, pepper and salt to taste. Put in a buttered baking dish, sift buttered bread crumbs over the top, and bake in a quick oven.

Spiced Apple Sauce.

Wipe, quarter, pare and core eight sour apples. Put in a sauce pan, sprinkle with sugar; add eight cubes and enough water to prevent scorching from burning. Cook to a mush, stirring occasionally.

How Any Woman Can Remove Hairy Growth

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