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The May Manton pattern No. 8504 is cut in three sizes, small 34 or 36, medium 38 or 40, large 42 or 44-inch bust measure. It will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department of this paper, on receipt of ten cents.

Rhubarb Snow.

Stew the rhubarb, and to a pint of the clear juice, sweetened and flavored to taste, add rather more than a half-ounce of gelatin; when it is cold and partly set, whisk in the stiffly beaten whites of two eggs, beating well together. Serve at once.

Rhubarb Fritters.

Peel young rhubarb and cut in three-inch lengths. Make a batter by mixing six tablespoonfuls of flour with a pint of milk, mixing quite smooth. Add a little salt and two well-beaten eggs; dip each piece of rhubarb in this batter and fry in deep fat until a golden yellow color. Serve very hot, piled high on a napkin, and well powdered with sugar.

A Letter and An Answer

PENDLETON, Or., March 29—(Editor O. W. & I. Farmer, Portland, Or.)—Dear Sir: Each week I read with much interest the Woman's Page in the Farm Magazine, and I sometimes wonder if the editor ever heard the story of the boy who went in search of the lost mule. This mule had been missing for several days and it seemed that no one could find him. At last a half-witted boy volunteered his services and after searching about an hour, returned with the mule. The owner of the mule said to him: "How did you find him so easily?" He answered: "When I got out in the woods I just stopped and said to myself, 'Where would I go if I were a mule?'"

I wonder if the editor ever thought, "What would I want if I were a farmer's wife?"

Sometimes your recipes are excellent, but I would like to know how a farmer's wife could use the recipe for "Chinese pudding." Very few real farmers' wives can obtain cracked ice at this time of year and seldom do we ever have sherry to cook with. Then again, your pattern department does not appeal to most farmers' wives. Some of them are up-to-date, but some are not at all practical for the farmers' wives and daughters. Give us more patterns and more ideas. We need dainty aprons and neat house dresses, something that appeals to the home life. May I ask if the editor is a cranky, old bachelor? Respectfully
MRS. MAE JONES.

Dear Madam: Our heartiest thanks for your kindly criticism. It is merited, we confess. More would be welcomed, for it is not mere fault finding, it is constructive criticism. We frankly admit that we have given too little thought to what we would do if we were a farmer's wife.

Will a word of entreaty to you, and to all other farmers' wives who may read these lines be amiss? Please, dear madam, help us to mend our ways, not only by gently poking fun at our efforts but also by sending to us articles that you know other farmers' wives would like to read.

Good material for a page of this sort is not so easy to find as one might imagine, and we need every bit of it that we can get from our friends of the Northwest. You have found some way to shorten the steps and save time in doing the morning's housework. Write us about it and perhaps through its publication in the columns of this humble magazine, generations of farmers' wives will rise up and call you blessed. You know how to concoct a particularly appetizing dessert. Write us about it, and who knows but what some future chef at Delmonico's may build his reputation upon the excellence of his famous pudding, the first hint of which his wife gleaned from your contribution?

As for your desire for utility patterns, are you better satisfied this week?

In conclusion, the editor is not cranky, and, by the grace of God, will not always be a bachelor.—The Editor.



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