The Home Circle.

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THE SPINNER

She breaks the thread with an angry twang. Just as if at her touch a harp-string rang And keyed to the quaint old song she sang, That came to a halt on her cherry tips While she tied a knot that never could slip, And thought of another, when her ship— All ladened with dreams in splendid guise-Should sail right out of the azure skies And a lover bring, with great blue eyes.

Ah, broad the day, but her work was done— Two runs by reef. She had twisted and spun Her two score knots by set of sun.

With her one, two, three, the wheel beside, And the three, two, one of her backward glide So to and fro in in calico pride Till the bees went home and the daylight died

Her apron white as the white sea foam, She pathered the wealth of her velvet gloam And railed it in with a tall back comb.

She crushed the grass with her naked feet, The track of the sun with a golden street, The grass was cool and the air was sweet.

The girl gazed up at the mackerel sky, And it looked like a patern lifted high, But she never dreamed of angels nigh. And she spoke right out: "Just see there: What a blue and white for the clouded pair I am going to knit for my Sunday wear." The wheel is dead and the bees are gone, And the girl is dressed in a silver lawn, And her feet are shod in a golden dawn !

Oh, brow that old timed morning kissed!
Good-night, my girl of the double-and-twist
Oh, barefoot vision! Vanishing mist.
—Benjamine F. Taylor.

A Pleasant Home.

To make the home pleasant and at tractive to the children should be the the majority of such homes will be found among the middle class, where whole dependence of the family. One can very readily tell by the face and manner of the child whether his home is attractive or otherwise. A grown person may hide any dissatisfaction he may have with his life or surroundings benever does so, and though he never complains by work of mouth, yet his face though he had spoken.

A pleasant home is not a place where the child has only enough to eat and let it all drain through a new hair sievewear. It must be more than than this. but do not press it. Pass it through a A charitable stranges would willingly give, and very often does give, more than that. Is it right that a child should get from its own parents nothing more than that which a benevolent should get from its own parents nothing more than that which a benevolent stranger would give? No, it is unnaturally wrong. How long would we be sat-isfied with simply a place to rest when we were tired, or to eat when we were hungry? Not a great while, I am sure. We must be amused; we must have our tastes recognized. Have the childred no tastes? Have thew they no wish to be amused? "Oh," you say, "they have their play; they run and jump, and is dirty purple. not that amusement?" To be sure, but this is not enough. They cannot run or jump in the house, more particularly if there is a large family of them. Most people would hardly care to have a troop of them running all over the house one pint hot water. Warm the lard and while playing hide-and-go-seek. Then, the suet, place them in the center of the again, they do not want to be exercising flour, and mix all with the hot water all the time.

Each child has some one talent or gift that has been given him. No matter how stupid he may appear there is always smooth paste; then either round it with one thing he can do better than others. It is for the parents to find out what this one gift is, and aid the child in bringing it out. If they observe carefully the tastes of the little ones they will escape. For the pie, cut into dice can easily determine for what each one rather less fat than lean from a nice loin is adapted. One is never so happy or is adapted. One is never so happy or of pork, season it well with pepper and contented as when drawing with pencil, salt, and, if liked a little powdered herbs, on paper or slate, figures or landscapes, imagination. He does not weary of (one from which the bread has been this work as a child who only takes it drawn is best). When taken from the up to simply pass away the time, but oven, remove the flour on the cover, and spends hours at it, adding here and eras-ing there until the picture is done to bones of the loin. This is an old Linhis entire satisfaction. Some cardboard colnshire recipe and answers admirably. and a box of crayons would be a suitable birthday gift for this child. He will want very little other amusement outside of his play than this. Another child is of a mechanical turn of mind. His pleasure seems to consist in repairing and making useful articles. He is continually working with hammer, chisel, this child should have to make him perfectly contented with his home.

Let them occasionally invite their friends to spend an evening with them, and you will be better able to judge and advise as to their company, as a well mannered child guest is usually a safe companion for any child. They should be provided with books and games with which to entertain their visitors.

It is wonderful how little will make childred satisfied with their homes Simply a recognition of each individual taste. Besides making the home attractive, by finding out his one gift you fit the child for the profession or trade for which he is most adapted, and there is no danger then of his missing his vocation. If more attention would be paid to de-termine the taste of a child we would have less incompetency among men as a person seldom does half-hearted work in a profession or trade for which he has a preference.

CHOICE RECIPES.

ICE-CREAM .- With every quart of the cream mix six ounces best pulverized white sugar, a very little vanilla bean and the white of an egg. The latter imparts a smoothness and delicacy to the cream that cannot otherwise be obtained. The prepared mixture is then to be stirred in the freezer until it is entirely congealed. Instead of vanilla as a flavor for the cream a trifling amount of any desired flavoring sirup or juice may be used, as strawberry, pine-apple, lemon, orange, etc.

STEWED MUSHROOMS.-Peel and wash fresh mushrooms (one-half pound) and bake into pieces. Season with salt and pepper and let them stand one-half hour; melt one tablespoonful butter and one teaspoonful flour, and one pint mushrooms. Simmer 15 minutes; then add four tablespoonfuls milk or cream and the well-beaten yolk of an egg.

SWEETBREADS .- Wash in cold water, remove pipes and membranes. Cook in boiling salted water, with one tablespoonful lemon-juice, 20 minutes. Drain and put into cold water. Larded Sweetbreads.-Lard and bake till brown, basting with brown stock. Serve with mushroom sauce. Creamed Sweetbreads .-Break into small pieces, add white sauce and mushrooms cut fine; cook ten minutes and serve. Sweetbreads should be put into cold water as soon as brought from the market, as they spoil quickly. The jemon-juice or vinegar is added to harden the sweet breads in cooking, as they, like fish, are composed mostly of albumen and may be hardened in this way. All fish is improved, both in flavor and appearance, by the addition principal aim of parents. There is no of vinegar or lemon-juice to the water in which it is cooked, as it makes it solid reason why this should not be done. It and flaky for salad, etc. One tableis not necessary that the home should spoonful vinegar to four pounds of fish be a rich one to be pleasant to both is a good proportion. Sweetbreads must parents and little ones. On the contrary first be cooked as described above, whatever is done to them afterward. They may then be boiled like a steak and buttered and seasoned, or cooked in a vathe daily labor of the father is the riety of ways, either plain or fancy. Two of the best methods are larding and creaming, as given above.

RHUBARB JELLY.-This is very troublesome to make, as it takes a lot of boiling before it jellies. Take the rhubarb stalks, as green and as pink as possible, neath a smiling exterior, but a child wash and wipe, but do not pare them; cut them into lengths, place them in a preserving pan with half a pint of water and manner tell the story plainer than to each pound of fruit, and stir them over a clear fire gently with a silver spoon until the juice comes freely; then this in off the fire until it is all dissolved. then boil the jelly for ten minutes longer, or until it jellies. Clear the scum off very carefully both before and after adding the sugar, and be sure the hairsieve, the muslin and the pail are perfectly clean, and if a silver spoon is not

PORK PIE.-For the crust, take seven pounds of flour, quarter pound of suet, one and three-fourth pounds of lard, and with a wooden spoon till cool enough to use your hand. It must be a perfectly a bottle or cut a round for the bottom, pack it all tightly into the crust, and sometime copied, but generally from the bake about two hours in a moderate oven

What We Don't Want.

A Nebraska farmer's wife, who writes from experience, tells of some of the things to avoid in attending to milk and butter. Experience teaches that there mum amount that can be "filed" on in etc. A box of carpenter's tools is what are many little things that produce great each case. A tree claim and homeresults for good or evil, especially the stead, or a pre-emption and tree claim, latter, in dairy matters, and these maxims should be read and heeded. She writes in an exchange thus:

We do not want the milk pail and strainer washed with the dish cloth, nor in the same water in which the other dishes have been washed; nor do we peen rinsed out with warm water to remove the dust and hairs that must cer-

tainly remain in the strainer and pail. We do not want an old-fashioned dash-churn; if your husband insists on your using yours, because "his mother" always did, procure for him, if possible, a "reap hook" or old fashioned "grain cradle," such as "his father" used and tell him it's of no use to have a self office and get plats of townships showbinder or even "self-rake" machine, that ing the quarter-sections taken, or still "his father" never did and he compares eligible for entry. These will cost \$1

with his father's age just in the same way that you compare with the age in which "his mother" lived.

We do not want the buttermilk to stand in the churn, nor the churn to remain without washing and drying immediately after use; do not close it up too soon; better throw over the top a piece of clean muslin than close it up ight, as it is quite likely to mould.

We do not want a wooden milk pail if "your mother" did use wooden pails and make premium (?) butter. No matter how well you clean them more filth remains in them than you would be willing to eat; if you have never tried it take a knife and scrape the pail after it has been cleaned the best possible way.

We do not want hot water poured into the cans or pans until they have first been rinsed with cold then warm water, after which wash in quite hot water with a little sal soda dissolved in it. I keep some dissolved in a jug for convenience. After this, scald and turn partly up side down to drain, or wipe with a clean cloth. when "filing" is made, and a like sum at the date of final proof. A slanting "tilt" against the wall with a strip of lath nailed on your shelf is preferable.

Brine For Seasoning.

The best butter-makers in England, Ireland and Jersey, as well as in this country, are gradually dropping the practice of seasoning the butter with salt, and are using brine in its place. can easily make his own selections. Those who are far enough along to appreciate the difference between gathering butter in a lump and handling it in granules, are in a position to adopt brine seasoning with ease and decided benefit. All that is necessary for such a butter-maker to do is, when his butter has come, to wash in the usual way with water till it runs off clear, and then immerse the granules of butter in brine as strong as it can be made, and let the butter lie in it the same length of time he would to have the salt dissolve if he had used dry salt, and then press the butter into a solid form, avoiding any friction or grinding mo-tion while reducing it to a solid. In this way all working will be avoided, and the butter left in the best possible condition for keeping, and have an even color and the highest flavor it is possible for it to have. By lying in strong brine a few hours the brine will draw the water out of the butter the same as dry salt would.

The Work Box.

NARROW CROCHET EDGE.

1st row-Chain 10 stitches, catch in first stitch with single crochet making a ring.

2d row-Turn, make 6 treble crochet in the ring. 3d row-Turn, chain 4, 1 treble in the

center of 6 treble of last row, 1 chain, 1 treble in the same place, 2 chain and 1 treble in first treble crochet of second

4th row-Three chain, 6 treble in the center hole of last row, 1 chain, 1 treble in next 4 chain, repeat until there are 7 treble crochet separated by 7 single chains, catch in the chain of first row by a slip stitch.

5th row-Three chain, catch between handy use a new wooden spoon; the first and second treble of fourth row, reeat until there are 7 small scollops jelly, and iron, pewter or tin turn it a then make 4 chain, fasten with 1 single in the first treble of fourth row, chain 4, fasten in last treble of fourth row.

Begin to repeat at second row. How to Get a Free Farm.

As we all know, the public land of the United States is divided into land districts. This land is surveyed, and the plats of the separate townships are made at the General Land Office, Washington, and sent to the land office of the particular district in which the land may be. Here is a "Register." who records the filings made by the settlers, and keep track of the disposal of the different lands. The "Receiver" takes charge of the moneys paid for publit lands, and is the authority to whom proof of settlement and compliance with the land laws must be made to secure a deed from the Government, technically called "proving up." He also passes judgment on contest made for noncompliance with the requirements of the land laws. In a district of purely agricultural land, there are three ways in which to secure a home : By taking a "homestead." "pre-emption" or "tree claim"-160 acres is the mixican be taken at the same time, but a pre-emption cannot be taken before a homestead is "proved up," or vice versa. The pre-emption and homestead require residence to secure title. Eight years is given in which to raise ten acres of trees on a 160 acre tree claim, when a deed will be given. Thus it will be seen that ultimately 489 acres of the want them washed at all untill they have public domain can be secured under the

operation of these laws. Having stated the theoretical rights of our citizens under the present laws, we will show the way to apply them in practice. Thus, if a person tired of struggling for existence on the worn and high priced lands of the East, de termines to come West and "grow up with the country," the first thing to do on arrival will be to go to the land

each. With these he can proceed to the locality they designate, and by the aid of the figures on the section stakes, which he can easily learn to read, can make his selection. The settlers already on the ground are very anxious to have neighbors, and will often assist in "locating" the intending home seeker. The selection made, the land office is again visited, where the register will supply official blanks, on which the immigrant will fill out a description of the town range, section and quarter where his selection may be, and make affidavit of his intention to settle on the same. These are filed with the register, and the sum of \$18 is paid, if the applicant decided to make it a "homestead," after which, at the expiration of five years the government will give a deed, without further expense, other than \$8 when "final proof" is made. If a pre-emption, at "proving up" \$1.25 per acre will be charged additional. In making entry of a "tree claim," \$14 will be paid

Bearing these facts in mind, there is no necessity of requiring "land agenta' or "locators," and other expenses, besides those named, are not necessary The methods of procedure, both in finding unentered lands, and in "filing" on them, is very simple, and with a copy of the land laws, and the plates to be had at the land office, the settler

MEM.—It must be remembered that all government lands lying within a railroad grant are called double minium land, and the government rate for such is \$2.50 per acre instead of \$1.25, as given above, which is the price of all government land outside the boundaries of the railroad grants.—The Farmer.

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