

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...

All laden with dreams in splendid guise—Should sail right out of the azure skies...

Ab, broad the day, but her work was done—Two runs by reef. She had twisted and spun...

With her one, two, three, the wheel beside, And the three, two, one of her backward glide...

Her apron white as the white sea foam, She gathered the wealth of her velvet gloam...

She crushed the grass with her naked feet, The track of the sun with a golden street...

The girl gazed up at the mackerel sky, And it looked like a pattern lifted high...

And she spoke right out: "Just see there!" What a blue and white for the clouded pair...

The wheel is dead and the bees are gone, And the girl is dressed in a silver lawn...

Oh, brow that old time morning kissed! Good-night, my girl of the double-and-twist!

—Benjamin F. Taylor.

A Pleasant Home.

To make the home pleasant and attractive to the children should be the principal aim of parents. There is no reason why this should not be done.

A pleasant home is not a place where the child has only enough to eat and wear. It must be more than that.

Each child has some one talent or gift that has been given him. No matter how stupid he may appear there is always one thing he can do better than others.

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.

CHOICE RECIPES.

ICE-CREAM.—With every quart of the cream mix six ounces best pulverized white sugar, a very little vanilla bean...

STEWED MUSHROOMS.—Peel and wash fresh mushrooms (one-half pound) and bake into pieces.

SWEETBREADS.—Wash in cold water, remove pipes and membranes. Cook in boiling salted water, with one tablespoonful lemon-juice, 20 minutes.

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...

PORK PIE.—For the crust, take seven pounds of flour, quarter pound of suet, one and three-fourth pounds of lard, and one pint hot water.

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.

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.

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."

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.

We do not want a wooden milk pail if "your mother" did use wooden pails and make premium (?) butter.

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.

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.

The Work Box.

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