Household Department.

Thanksgiving Points.

As President Cleveland and Gov. Lord have duly proclaimed, Thanksgiving must be observed. The men folks will, of course, recognize and carry out the injunctions to observe the day and duly abstain from work, while the housekeepers will not be expected to perform more than double the usual amount of labor. The people who usually do the praying will probably look after our spiritual welfare, so we mothers and cooks will be permitted to devote ourselves to the "enjoyment of hospitality and strengthening of family ties." That means turkey, mince pies, plum puddings, and—solid work, for ten hours. But that's what makes Thanksgiving, so we must conform to the time-honored custom.

Now there is a brighter side to this, and that is really the side we should look upon at all times. The grower cannot have a real Thanksgiving. It would be a physical impossibility. So let us take it up in the right spirit, and lend a smile to the rest of the world. But to lend a smile often takes something more substantial, and a Thanksgiving dinner is one of the best substantials on earth.

For a century the two birds most honored by our country have been the American eagle and the unpretentious barnyard turkey. The former has given our fair land the most glory, but for the greatest amount of solid comfort afforded its citizens the proud barnyarder takes the palm, and after all comfort and a square meal make a very acceptable substitute for vain glory.

What shall I do to make the great national day a source of comfort, hospitality and Thanksgiving? This is a question that nearly every housekeeper must answer for herself according to her ability and the needs of her surroundings. Her skill in performing this great task to the best possible advantage, and make the most of what is in sight, forms a sure index to the amount of happiness in every woman's home, and every mother of us should use all the talents God has bestowed upon us to make our respective homes a little family heaven for the day.

DECORATIONS.

The late autumn leaves and berries lend themselves beautifully to the festive occasions of Thanksgiving dinner parties. The handsome foliage and red berries of the native laurel are very decorative by themselves, as also are the brilliant scarlet berries of the sweet briar. These intertwined with the wax berries, or snowdrop, make a pleasing contrast. Any of the above are easily fashioned about the mantels and over pictures, and as well provide great bouquets, set in large jars or jugs, about the living rooms and hall.

Nothing can be more appropriate for Thanksgiving dinner table than a centerpiece of luscious fruits of autumn, beautiful clusters of rich purple grapes luscious pears and spicy apples, are all one could desire to tickle the after dinner palate. If the table be a very long one, place a small vase of chrysanthemums at either end, or if these are not obtainable, make use of the lovely berries and foliage above mentioned, O! yes, and for the children's sakes I do not forget; the jack-o'lantern pumpkin lights up a dark corner wonderfully. SOPHIA.

Hints on Pies.

For shortening one may use half butter and half lard, or all of either, or cottolene; but in no case use beef or mutton suet, as when the crust is cold it will be very hard. If butter is used, less salt is required; otherwise add to the flour 1 teaspoonful of salt.

Pie crust may be kept several days by packing closely in a bowl or cup, covering and placing in a cool place

All pies are much better fresh, and custard, cream, or in fact, any one crust pie, should be used the day it is baked, or the crust will be soaked, and a water "logged" pie is an abomination.

In trimming the edges of the crust always balance the tin on your left hand and then in cutting the lower crust incline the handle of the knife towards the under side of the tin, and for the upper one slant the knife so the blade will overhang the top of the pie. In that way your upper crust is narrower than the under, just a trifle, which is a help when you fix the edge.

If your fruit pies run over in the oven, place a saucer on the stove hearth, take your pie from the oven, and pour some of the juice out at the place where it boils over. Return pie to the oven, and there is usually no more trouble. When done, open the top and pour in the juice from the saucer.

Use a knife, the end of the blade of which is round, for making the fern leaf on the top crust.

If you have not quite enough crust for the top, and your apples are of a sort that cook quickly, you can cut your crusts in strips and lay across.

If you've more crust than you need, and do not care to save it for a custard pie, make the children a little "saucer pie" of the remainber, and let them have it for their dinner. You surely have not forgotten how good they used to taste when you were a child. Or are you so very old?

Bake your pies a pretty golden brown—that shade which is so appetizing in all cookery. Most people dislike "pale" pies, and they certainly remind one of what the old lady said about her tea, which, she declared was "feeble."

Pies with an upper crust require longer time and a hotter fire than others.

Berry pies need no flavoring, but rhubard pies are improved by the addition of a few drops of lemon essence.

The crust for custard, cream and pumpkin pies should have more flour rolled into it than if for fruit pies.

An excellent variation of plain custard pie is to sprinkle over it a little dessicated cocoanut before it finishes baking. And pumpkin pies are nice with a meringue as for lemon pies.

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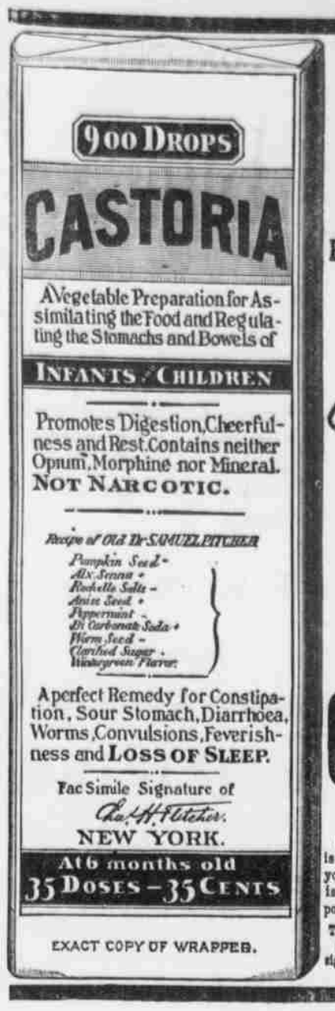

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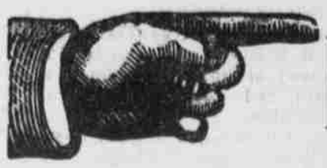

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