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possible to economize space. Fill with boiling water and add one teaspoon of salt to each jar of vegetables. Adjust rubbers and partially seal. In the case of glass-topped jars of the clamp style, adjust the top spring only, as is shown in our illustration. If using screw-top jars, screw down top until it touches the rubber or screw down entirely and reverse a quarter of a turn. This will permit the air to escape, and at the same time water will not penetrate the jar through this loosened seal.

When this stage is reached the vegetables are ready for sterilization. The most commonly used device for sterilization is the ordinary wash boiler. The sealers should be raised from the bottom by slats or a rack of some such style as the one we show herewith. There is a difference of opinion as to the amount of water which should be placed in the boiler, but a common idea is that three or four inches is sufficient. An important point is to have a tight fitting lid on the boiler, and if the lid does not fit as tightly as it should,



a cloth may be laid over the boiler before lid is put on, which will make the cover tight and also conserve heat.

The time of sterilizing is something on which authorities differ. The best plan is probably to try out different ways and then use the one which seems most satisfactory to oneself. Some people can have good success with this method of canning by sterilizing their fruit or vegetables from 30 to 90 minutes, while others are of the opinion that corn, peas, beans and asparagus particularly should be sterilized for 30 minutes on three successive days. Tomatoes should be sterilized for only 22 minutes. And by the way, small ripe tomatoes canned whole come in very nicely for salads in the winter.

Just one more suggestion. When a jar of vegetables is opened for use, it is a good plan to save the water and use it for making a sauce or soup, as food in the form of mineral matter is wasted.

## HOME CLUB

### How She Feels Over It

NOT long ago we published a paragraph from a letter written by one of our interested readers of "The Heart of the Desert" telling us how eagerly she was following the story and that when it was completed she would write and tell us "how she felt over it." We have received the letter and have decided to give our readers the benefit of it as well as ourselves. As the contributor in question happens to be one of our new Home Club members who signs herself "Just Me," we are publishing her letter in this department. She writes: "You know, I was to tell you how I felt when that story was over. Well, it has been one of the most interesting stories I have read—certainly the oddest. One could never guess from one week to the next what was coming and to the very last, one was in the same state of 'wonder-what-next-ness.' And of course, curiosity stimulates interest, so if exceeding

curiosity was the rule, then exceeding interest was surely the inevitable consequence.

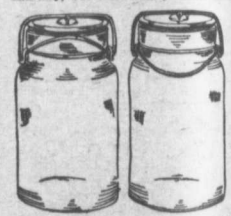
"I was very glad Rhoda 'stuck' to her job. Sometimes I was so afraid she would weaken and that would have utterly spoiled the story for me. To own a man mate and then not make good on it—I would think the muddle of things, wouldn't it? Kutele was certainly an immense character and not at all impossible either. I know a well educated Indian once whom you could forget belonged to the red race, and I have yet to meet a more perfect gentleman. He was surely one of Nature's noblemen. So I can easily conceive that Kutele was just as noble as he was dignified. The story also certainly came to a climax in regular climactical order. So I say, 'sure one could care for an Indian.' Of course one would not be able to grow any more ideas on these fellows peddling round with axes handy. But we are speaking of the Indian of refined character and intellect and making him our general rule—not our exception.

"I enjoy reading very much. I just fairly live and breathe in a story when I'm at it. One of our young girls in this community said to me the other day: 'Well, I wish some author could see you enjoy their works. They would feel well repaid.' I know a man who never reads a story because he cannot become interested in what he knows is purely the product of the imagination. He surely misses a great deal of real pleasure as well as profit."—Just Me.

### Floors and Floor Coverings

I SUPPOSE all Home Club members have finished their housecleaning long ago, but even if you have there is a subject I would like to see discussed by some of our members who can speak from experience. It is the matter of floors and floor coverings. In the early days little thought was given to the kind of wood or width of boards used in our floors as they were always covered with carpet, except the kitchen, of course, which was usually painted, but nowadays is mostly covered with linoleum. I would like to know what Home Clubbers consider the best floor finish and the best floor covering for each room in the house.

We hear the word "conservation" used so frequently nowadays that I almost dislike to use it. Just the same, however, I have come to the conclusion that carpets covering the entire floor of a room are not strength and health "conservers," and there are many others of the same opinion. We are coming to want our floors uncovered, because they are not only sanitary, but more easily taken care



of. If we care to do so our carpets can be made into squares, rugs and strips.

I decided this spring to make a change in the floor coverings of some of our bedrooms. Our floors are of wide, rough boards and with wide cracks between them as is common in old floors. I dug the dirt out of the cracks as well as I could, got hold of "John's plane," taking off any splinters and smoothing down the uneven surface. Then I filled up the cracks with white lead made into a paste with

turpentine. The paint with stains, and wax and a good and lasting finish. A mixture of one part paraffin, one part kerosene, and one part turpentine, although I have not tried it, is said to be a very durable one. One knows of a better glad to hear of it. I should explain that the whole floor in only about two or three days around the house. I would not say whether or not it was investment to lay it in the parlor, as the are quite wide and Home Club members offer me some advice. "Aunt Grete."

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