

House and Household.

USEFUL RECIPES.

OYSTER TOAST.

Chop one-half pint of oysters, add one cupful of milk, one egg, one teaspoonful of butter rolled in cornstarch. Cook about two minutes in a hot spider, and pour over slices of hot buttered toast.

DEVILED HAM SANDWICHES.

Chop cold boiled ham very fine. For each cup take the yolks of two hard-boiled eggs, one tablespoonful of lemon juice, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of mustard and a quarter of a pound of butter. Rub the eggs smooth with the butter, mix with the ingredients and season to taste. Spread thin slices of bread with it. Fold together, or roll.

A CHAFFING DISH IS HANDY.

The chaffing dish has grown to be an essential article in the dining-room outfit. They may be purchased from half a dollar upward, and are really a great comfort, especially to people living in a flat or boarding house. It is clean, quick and does not give half the trouble any other cooking apparatus does. And then it can be taken anywhere and used anywhere.

RICE PANCAKES.

Boil half a pound of the best rice to a jelly in a little water; when cold mix with it a pint of cream, eight well-beaten eggs, a dash of nutmeg and a pinch of salt; stir into this six ounces of butter, just heated, and enough dry, warm flour to make it into a smooth batter. Grease the inside of a pan with butter, then fry the pancakes a golden brown. Send them to the table rolled, a few at a time; lay them on an ornamental paper, dust over a little castor sugar, and serve with red-currant jelly.

CHEESE OMELETTE.

Many housewives who have no luck with Welsh rabbits will find this omelette appetizing: Two eggs, one-half saltspoonful of pepper and salt, one-half teaspoonful of finely chopped parsley, one heap teaspoonful of grated good old cheese. Whisk the eggs thoroughly, add the pepper, salt, parsley and cheese, put some lard or butter into a very clean frying-pan. When it is quite hot pour in the mixture and stir with a wooden spoon till it begins to set, then shake the pan for a minute or two, fold the omelette over, and when lightly browned turn on to a hot dish.

TOILET HINTS.

Sponge bathing with alcohol is excellent for delicate women.

If you wish to have a sweet breath, use a tooth powder which contains camphor.

Cold cream is apt to make pimples, and vaseline used on the face will give one a disfiguring growth of hair.

A bit of orris root kept in the mouth for a little while will keep the breath as sweet as a baby's, unless the disagreeable odor is caused by catarrh.

Every woman should keep a box of charcoal tablets in her room and take a tablet once a day whenever the complexion begins to get a little dingy.

One of the best cures for red eyelids is to bathe them in water in which is distilled a little powdered borax. This simple lotion is almost miraculous in its effects.

When your face and ears burn so terribly bathe them in very hot water—as hot as you can bear. This will be more apt to cool them than any cold application.

To beautify the finger nails hold them for fifteen minutes in warm water; then while flexible cut carefully. Polish them in a mixture of oil and powdered pumice stone. Push down the skin at the lower part of the nails to show the half moons of white.

FASHION AND FANCY.

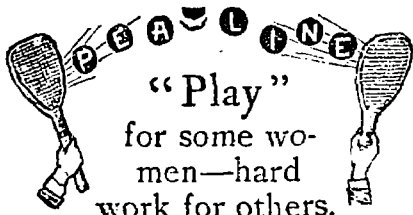
Never before in the history of fashion has there been such a variety in the little accessories of dress. Just at present the stores are literally filled with collars, caps, berthes, and fichus of every imaginable description, and they seem to be there for the sole purpose of filling up the space vacated by the irrepressible

shirt waist, but they decorate it and occupy it with an air of elegance which their predecessor could never assume. Tuck bands of ribbon, lace, chiffon and spangled net in all colors are swallowed up in large rosettes and outstanding bows, but here they are made up in the latest approved fashion, ready to fasten around the neck.

Collarettes and movable berthes of the same variety of materials are in all shapes and sizes, and as plenty and pretty as fancy can picture. These are made for both high and low-necked dresses, and are very convenient to give a dressy appearance to one gown and take a little of the too dressy look off the other.

One of the fancies illustrated is a collar of lavender ribbon ornamented with a jet buckle and three ostrich feathers on either side, and another consists of a draped band of green velvet, which is made into three loops on each side, held by a buckle, from which two pointed loops hang down on the bodice. It is impossible to describe in detail these varied fads of fashion. They must be seen to be appreciated. It is enough that the possession of one collarette transforms a plain waist into a dressy modern gown.

Flowers bloom in the midst of fur and velvet in winter hats, and the modest violet ranks first in fashion with as much assurance as if it were a novelty. Next in importance is the huge chrysanthemum of the most ragged description, with velvet roses and delicately shaded primulas coming in for a place.



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TRADE AND COMMERCE.

Table with section 'FLOUR, GRAIN, Etc.' listing prices for various flour types like Patent Spring, Ontario Patent, etc.

Wheat.—We quote prices here nominal at 65c to 70c for No. 1 Manitoba wheat and 62c to 63c for No. 2 red winter.

Corn.—Market rules quiet at 65c to 66c duty paid, and 58c to 59c in bond.

Peas.—Here the market is quiet and strong at 67c to 67 1/2c per 65 lbs. in store.

Oats.—A few cars of No. 2 continue to change hands at 34c to 34 1/2c per 34 lbs.

Barley.—Further business is reported in malting barley at within range of quotations, which are 50c to 53c. Feed barley 46c to 47c.

Malt.—At 65c to 75c as to quality and quantity.

Buckwheat.—Car lots quoted at 46c to 46 1/2c on spot.

Rye.—Market quiet; car lots at 50c to 51c.

Seeds.—Alsike \$4.00 to \$5.50, and red clover \$5.25 to \$6.00. Timothy \$1.90 to \$2.25.

PROVISIONS.

Table listing prices for Pork, Lard, &c. such as 'Canadashort cut pork, per bbl.' at \$16.50.

Dressed Hogs.—Sales of car lots during the past few days at \$5.30 to \$5.35, but higher prices are being asked at the moment, and we quote \$5.30 to \$5.50.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—We quote prices as follows: Creamery, October, 20 1/2c to 21 1/2c per lb.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Eggs.—Fresh fall stock is quoted at 20c, and for small lots 21c to 22c might be had.

Honey.—Extracted old at 4 1/2c to 5 1/2c per lb.

New 7c to 8 1/2c per lb in tins. Comb honey 10c to 13 1/2c. Baled Hay.—The market remains quiet. No. 2 shipping hay \$6.25 to \$7 in round lots; No. 1 straight Timothy scarce at \$8 to \$8.50 as to quality.

Beans.—Good to choice hand-picked from \$1.30 to \$1.45 per bushel, and poor to fair \$1.10 to \$1.20.

Hops.—A very fine lot of Eastern Townships sold 8 1/2c, and we quote 7c to 9c as to quality.

Dressed Poultry.—Sales of turkeys were made this week at 7 1/2c to 8c, several lots of medium quality selling at 7c.

FRUITS, Etc.

Apples.—Prices remain unchanged at \$2.00 to \$2.50 per barrel.

Oranges.—We quote: Floridas 126s \$2.00 to \$2.25; 150s to 200s \$2.50 to \$2.75; Jamaica \$4.50 to \$5.00 per barrel.

Pine Apples.—At 10c to 23c each, according to quality.

Lemons.—We quote Malagas, \$7.00 to \$7.50 per chest, and Floridas, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per box.

Pears.—We quote: Canadian \$2.00 to \$4.00 per barrel; California, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box.

Cranberries.—Are selling well at \$0.50 to \$1.00 per barrel for Cape Cod berries, and Canadian \$3.50 to \$9.50 per barrel sound stock, while poor quality is selling at \$6 to \$7 per barrel.

Grapes.—There is a very good demand for both Almeria and Catawba grapes, and we quote: Almeria \$5.00 to \$5.50 per keg for ordinary stock, and \$6.00 to \$6.50 for heavy weights; Catawba, 23c to 25c per basket.

Sweet Potatoes.—There are a few barrels still in the market, which are meeting with ready sales at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per barrel.

Potatoes.—At 5 1/2c on track here, and in some cases we hear of sales being made at 5 1/2c on track. Jobbing lots by the load are quoted at 6c, and single bags 6 1/2c.

Onions.—Canadian onions we quote \$1.75 to \$2.00 per barrel. Spanish onions are also in good demand, crates having advanced 10c, and we quote crates 90c and cases \$2.25 to \$2.50.

Nuts.—We quote prices as follows: Walnuts, New Naples, 1 1/2c per lb.; Almonds, New Tarragona, 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c; filberts, 8c to 9c; Brazil, 11c; pecan, small 12c, medium 13c, extra 15c; peanuts, roasted 7c to 8c, raw 6c to 8c.

FISH AND OILS.

Salt Fish.—The market is quiet. Dry cod is slow sale at \$4 to \$4.50. Green cod \$4.00 to \$4.50. Labrador herring \$4.25 to \$4.50 and shore \$4.75 to \$4.00. Salmon \$10 to \$11 for No. 1 small, in bbls, and \$13.50 to \$14.00 for No. 1 large. British Columbia \$9 to \$10.

Canned Fish.—Lobsters steady at \$5.75 to \$6. Mackerel \$3.85 to \$4 per case and in small compass.

Oils.—The market rules steady under light supplies. Cod oil steady; Gaspe 29c to 31c, and Newfoundland in round quantities at 31c. Jobbing lots are 31c to 32c for Gaspe, and 33c to 34c for Newfoundland. Steam refined seal oil 31c to 32c in round lots at 33c to 34c in jobbing lots. Cod liver oil at 60c to 70c.

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