

add 1 teaspoon salt, and cook in a double boiler 30 minutes. Add 1 pint milk and a heaping tablespoon butter, and boil again. Let stand until cold. Serve with a dressing made as follows: One cup powdered sugar, 1 tablespoon butter beaten to a cream; add well-beaten white of 1 egg, then 1 cup fresh strawberries.

Cherry Pie.—Line a pie plate with pastry, fill with stoned cherries, stewed, sweetened, and thickened with flour or cornstarch. Put on top crust, and bake. When making pie of this kind, make the upper round of pastry larger than top of pie plate, raise the under pastry along the edge, and tuck the edge of the upper round under it, then press down a little about the edge. This helps to prevent escape of the juice, and makes it easier to remove the pie from the pie-pan.

Cherry or Strawberry Cake.—Cream together 1 cup butter, 2 cups sugar. Beat with them 3 beaten eggs, then beat in 1 cup sweet milk. Last of all beat in 3 cups flour sifted with 1 teaspoon cream tartar and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon soda. Bake in two tins. When done, split each cake. Pile the whole in four layers with crushed cherries or strawberries, and sugar between. Put more berries on top. Serve with rich cream poured over.

Strawberry and Rhubarb Jam.—One lb. rhubarb cut in bits to 1 quart berries and $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. sugar. Boil slowly in a granite kettle. When it will jelly thinly it is done. Pour into tumblers, and when cool cover with melted paraffin. Raspberries or pineapple may be used instead of the strawberries.

The Scrap Bag.

FLY POISON.

Boil quassia chips in water until a strong decoction is obtained, sweeten well, and set about in saucers. This is quite harmless to human beings, but death to flies.

ROSE JARS.

Put the rose petals in a basket or a mosquito-netting bag, and hang it in the shade in the fresh air so that the petals will dry thoroughly. When they are quite dry, add four drops oil of lavender, one or two drops bergamot, five drops attar of rose, also some heliotrope sachet powder if you wish. Mix well, and put in the rose jars. Keep closely covered, removing the cover only when it is desired to disperse a delicate perfume through the room.

PERSPIRATION STAINS.

Always wear waterproof shields to prevent perspiration stains. If, in spite of this precaution, perspiration should ooze through to your silk waist, try the following: Sponge the place with clear cold water, cover completely with powdered prepared chalk, let dry, then brush off. Another method, useful for removing perspiration from white silk, is the following: Mix chloroform and alcohol, equal parts, and rub the mixture on the stain, which should be placed over blotting paper.

TO MAKE SHOES LAST.

To make children's shoes last, coat the soles with three or four coats of copal varnish.

A FRECKLE REMOVER.

Mix lemon juice with one-half as much water. Rub on the freckles and leave half an hour, then wash off with water softened by boiling bran in it, a large handful to the pint. Do this every night, following up the treatment by rubbing on a little good cold cream.

MAKING UP COTTONS.

Shrink all cottons well before making them up. The easiest way is to soak them over night in clear rain water.

TO WASH PONGEE.

Wash in lukewarm soap suds, and rinse well. Never wring pongee; just press the water out gently with the hands. Hang on the line from the last water dripping wet, and when thoroughly dry, press out with a moderate iron.

SCORCHED SPOTS.

In case of scorching when ironing, dampen a little starch and cover the scorched place, then expose to bright sunshine for about two hours.

CHEAP SOAP.

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by which 100 lbs. soap may be made for a dollar: Six lbs. potash, 4 lbs. lard, 4 ounces powdered resin. Mix all together and set aside 4 or 5 days, then put the whole into a cask containing 10 gallons warm water. Stir twice daily for 10 days, and the soap will be ready for use.

The Beaver Circle.

OUR JUNIOR BEAVERS.

[For all pupils from First Book to Junior Third, inclusive.]

The Little White Cloud.

(By Mariam Clark Potter.)

Oh, where can I find a little white cloud?
Tell me, bee in the clover.
Do they ever, you think, come down to drink,
When the heat of the day is over?
I'd tie one safe to the cherry tree
With a length of silver twine.
A glad little child I'd surely be
If a little white cloud were mine.

I do not wish for the larger ones,
With puffs and turrets and towers,
The kind that comes with the thunder-
drums,
Bringing us flashes and showers,
But just a crisp little curling one
With a tint of pink or blue,
That would float in the breeze by the
cherry trees,
As a pretty balloon would do.

And every morning I'd pull it down
To smooth a fluff or a wing,
I'd hold it tight in my arms a while,
Brushing the feathery thing;
I'd feed it dew from a hollyhock,
And when it had drunk to please,
With a tug on its string it would be
away,
Climbing the glad little breeze.

But 'oh, if the clouds in the sky should
call,
"Come back, little brother, again!"
If their poor little tears should fall down
to earth
In sorrowing drops of rain!
If the silver-cloud mother should come at
night,
In a fog-gown, trailing low,
To hunt for her child in our garden place,
I think I should let it go.

Junior Beavers' Letter Box.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate," and I like it fine. I like to go to school. When I get home I get "The Advocate" and read the letters. I have a baby brother, and a sister older than myself. My brother's name is Arnold, and my sister's name is Lillian. Well, as my letter is getting long, I guess I will close with some riddles.

What has ears and cannot hear?
Ans.—Corn.
What has an eye and cannot see?
Ans.—A needle.
NORA BROWN (age 8, Jr. II.).
R. R. No. 4, Aylmer West, Ont.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—Having seen so many nice letters in "The Farmer's Advocate" from the Beavers, I thought I would write and tell you about our farm. The name of it is Golden Grove. It contains eighty-four acres of land. My father raises barley, wheat, oats, corn, and hay. We have quite a few cherry, plum, pear, peach, quince, and apple trees; also strawberry, raspberry, gooseberry, black and red currant bushes, a few grape vines, and lots of bees.

We keep nine horses, eighteen head of cattle, fifty pigs, four sheep, and Brown Leghorn chickens. We live quite a little way from the road. There is a creek which runs through our place, which makes it very nice for skating in winter. There is a row of evergreen trees on each side of the driveway on the lawn, then a hedge across the front.

We live one mile east of the town of Amherstburg, opposite the pretty summer resort, "Bob-lo" Island, and one-half mile from the public school. I go to school nearly every day. My teacher's name is Miss Hanlon. She is a very nice teacher;



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