

The Farm.

Clothes that Iron Easily.

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Did you ever stop to think, when buying gowns for the wee ones, that the soft dimities and lawns iron just about as easy again as do the heavier percales and ginghams? This is something which should come into the consideration of every mother of small girls. I can iron about two thin muslin gowns to one percale, and really the muslin or thin goods gowns last about as well as do the heavier ones. The light-weight ones wash much easier, too; so, taking it all into consideration, it is an economy of time, strength, and, probably, of money to put the little ones into the pretty, light-weight cottons for summer.

A good many advocate not ironing a certain kind of clothing and household linen. I have tried both methods, ironing and not ironing, and I have concluded that ironed clothes keep clean enough longer to have it pay to iron them. The sheets are generally folded from the line, and other things, too, as much as possible. Sometimes the sheets are not ironed, and sometimes they are, but pillow-slips and towels certainly are nicer ironed in spite of the many to the contrary. I think if any candid person will try unironed pillow-slips for three days, and then a pair of neatly ironed ones for the same time, she will readily see that there is a difference about the soiling qualities of ironed and unironed clothes.

Towels are no exception, and there are not many who prefer a rough-dried towel to one smoothly ironed. I am sure, for one, I like a towel just about as smooth as it can be, and they iron so easily if the irons are hot. I always get mine ironed while testing the heated irons. These are frequently too hot for starched clothes, where one cannot just run the iron over as fast as it can be moved, and this may be done on a pillow-slip or a towel, so that by the time one or two towels are ironed the iron is cool enough to use on the more particular starched piece. Then, too, when the iron is too cool for the starched things, it may be used to rub off a couple of towels, perhaps, and so these will get ironed almost imperceptibly.

Of course this is rank heresy to one who has adopted the non-ironing system, but I have used both, and if the one who has the ironing to do is able to do it at all, the commoner clothes are ironed too. I must confess, however, that I see no advantage in ironing knit garments. Turkish bath-towels and wash-cloths, flour sack, dish-towels, etc., seem just as well without ironing as with. I want to re-iterate again about using light-weight materials for children's cotton gowns, and for our own white aprons, because they do iron so much easier, and really look quite as well, if not better.—New York Observer.

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Tea Parties.

A tea party is always an interesting event in a well-regulated household, whether the home be that of people rich and grand or classed among the lowly. It is also a very enjoyable mode of entertaining one's friends if properly arranged. Those who attend meet for social intercourse, and to gather around the festive board. The first thing to be considered and sought for, therefore, is congeniality among the chosen guests.

There is a genuine hospitality and cordiality in these parties not found in some more pretentious forms of entertaining. The good old-fashioned afternoon tea is quite enjoyable, where stiffness and needless formality are laid aside. On such occasions, in happy days gone by, table decorations were not profuse and costly as at present. A clean spread and napkins, with perhaps a few home-grown flowers, and such china and cutlery as the family could afford, were all that was expected. The food, too, was homemade, generous and substantial. The ladies assembled at a reasonably early hour, well knowing that all things were in readiness. Doubtless they wore their "best bibs and

tuckers," and the nicest silk and lace their wardrobes contained. They brought light work, too, that their hands might not be idle, dainty knitting or fine sewing; for in all well-ordered homes "visiting-work" was a speciality.

The house of the hostess must be spotless and in perfect order; she must likewise array in her Sunday best. Was not this a very special and important occasion, when friends and neighbors were made happy, and her debt to society paid?

The men came at "early candle-light," and usually spent the evening, to accompany the ladies home. These occasions were way-marks in the path of the year, long treasured in memory. Recipes were kindly exchanged, as were patterns of knitting, and the like.

Pleasant conversation flowed merrily and ceaselessly, making an enjoyable occasion for entertainers and guests. These tea parties were genuine promoters of that honest sociability so essential in elevating village and homelife.

Many people in the present days refrain from inviting friends because they are not able to indulge in certain silly fads and notions called for by the demands of fashion. This is mistaken pride, and a great drawback to social intercourse. A return to the old-time tea parties, which began early and closed early, is something greatly to be desired in our social life. And where is the woman of strong good sense in country or town to lead the way and set worthy fashion?—Eugenie Eldridge.

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Humane Things to be Remembered.

- 1. Never to stick pins into butterflies and other insects, unless you would like to have somebody stick pins in you.
2. Never to throw stones at those harmless creatures, the frogs, unless you would like to have stones thrown at you in the same way.
3. The earth worms are harmless and very useful, and that when you use them in fishing they ought to be killed instantly, before you start, by plunging them in a dish of boiling water.
4. That it is very cruel to keep fish in glass globes slowly dying.
5. Never keep birds in cages, unless you are prepared to carefully tend and feed them.
6. Never to carry poultry with their heads hanging down.

Let our readers reflect, that we have no right to injure or take the life of any of God's creatures, unless for necessary food, or for our own preservation from injury; it is an act of brutal wickedness to torture even an insect.

"In wisdom hath he made them all," and pronounced them good.—Children's Friend.

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The following remarkable story is said to be vouched for by a Woodstock man: Sampson Dow, a young man living in the village of Meductic, took his horse down to the river one day last week to give it some water. Greatly to his surprise he saw a live deer making himself quite at home. As soon as the deer saw Mr. Dow it plunged into the water. There was a canoe close at hand and into this jumped the man, suddenly imbued with the spirit of the chase. He made for the deer, but the deer stuck to its ground, or rather water, and when the canoe drew up paled at it and upset it, throwing Mr. Dow into the water. The intrepid hunter was not dismayed, but seizing the deer by the horns managed to jump on his back, and in this safe but cold situation made down the river. The man in charge of the wire ferry beheld the strange phenomenon and going out in the water with his boat rescued Mr. Dow and the two brought the deer ashore. The animal in now in charge of Mr. Dow at his home in Meductic.

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