

though they cost as much as the new reaper or the new mower? How many of you are asking for water taps in the kitchen, and how many are still carrying hard and soft water from the barn? Determine to have these labor saving devices and you can get them, because it is a well known fact that, when a woman makes up her mind that she is going to have a thing, in nine cases out of ten she gets it.

Then so many of us are doing things a certain way because our mothers and grandmothers did them that way before us. Housework is about the most conservative work in the laboring field. See if there are not many ways in which you might save time, and remember that time and steps saved are money saved.

There are many so-called labor saving devices on the market. I want to warn you against many of them, for they require more work to use them and keep them clean than they save.

SMALL CONVENIENCES

How many of you have the small kitchen conveniences, such as meat grinders, stoners, egg beaters, etc.? How many have linoleum on the kitchen floor? The work of keeping it clean is so much less than keeping the old pine floor clean, and the latter is only nice when it is clean. Linoleum does not stay clean, but it requires so little time to keep it so. How many women have a rolling table in the kitchen? How many have hot and cold water in the kitchen? It would not cost as much to outfit the house with a bath room and hot and cold water taps in the kitchen, with the necessary sewer pipes, than it used to cost your husband to get a new binder? Why should you not have these things? There is no greater labor-saving device in the house than a bath room and hot and cold water in the kitchen, and, if you can have water in the barn, you ought to be able to have it in the kitchen. How many have used the dusting mitten, or, rather, how many of you have bruised your fingers trying to get around the panels? This mitten is made of sheepskin and is dampened with kerosene. How many have washing machines. I believe there are five hundred different makes of them on the market, but have one anyway. How many have a mangle?

THE BEST SERVICE OF ALL

The finest labor saving device which the housewife has is a well trained son or a well trained daughter. Train your boys and girls to help you. Let all pull together.

The best labor saving device in the world is the woman who is master of the situation. Are you master of the situation in your own household? If not why not? It is high time you set about it.

The careful housewife will be on the watch for practical labor saving devices such as grating pots, enamel ware, sink, rolling table, meat grinder, wringer (which may take the place of a mangle for course towels, sheets, etc.), washing machine, etc. A well planned house will save steps and labor. Another important labor-saving device is a well trained husband or son who will wait on himself, as well as make an effort to help the wife or mother.

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A simple cooler is a soda bath. It reduces the temperature of the blood and generally cools and rests the body. Four or five ounces of common bicarbonate of soda are added to a bath of cool water and the body soaked for a good quarter of an hour, so as to absorb the soda.

What to do With Rose Petals

Gather the roses in June! Each petal, then, if carefully preserved, will hold its scent for a long time, and will give the delicate, soft touch of summer.

Rose-leaf jelly is a novelty of the season to serve when summer is at its height of lucidness.

It is made simply by steeping innumerable rose-petals on the back of the stove for hours, or until the water which covers them has absorbed their scent and substance.

STEEPING THE PETALS

As they become dissolved through long steeping, the water should be poured off, again filled with innumerable petals, and the slow steeping allowed to go on as at first.

At length when the water appears to absorb nothing more it should be strained off through a fine bit of cheese-cloth. To this drawn off fruit should then be added sugar in the proportion of one cupful to one cupful of rose-juice, which combination may then be allowed to boil until it shows signs of thickening.

In fact, the cooking is the same as that pursued with currant, or any other simple jelly. A few drops of the extract of rose is sometimes advantageous to add.

When through its own perversity the rose syrup will not "jell," it can be put by in air-tight jars, and used later to make into jelly by the addition of a little dissolved gelatine.

Another reason for gathering rose-petals in June is that they may be used with tea-leaves to which they add a dainty and individual flavor. On the tea-tray it is invariably attractive to see a small jar holding dried rose leaves. A few, perhaps eight or ten of them, are then added to the tea-leaves and put into the pot, and allowed to brew after the usual manner of tea.

Rose-petals prepared for this purpose should be dried in the sun, having only a slight sprinkling of sugar placed over them. Moreover, it is advantageous to make a choice of the petals having a particularly noticeable fragrance, as is usually the case with the hybrid tea roses. Many of these varieties have, curiously enough, a scent and taste strongly suggestive of tea. Such dried rose-petals can readily be packed away in paper boxes and reserved for winter use.

POT-POURRI RECIPE

A potpourri of rose-petals which is

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adapted to leave either in the jar or else to use for sachets to place among lingerie, handkerchiefs or lace, is made after the following recipe.

Fill layer by layer an air-tight quart jar with freshly picked rose-petals, sprinkling over each layer one-half teaspoonful of fine salt. Set it aside for a few days and then drain off the salt water. Add one ounce of ground cinnamon, half an ounce of mace and half an ounce of pulverized cloves, stirring the spices well through the rose-petals. When this is done pour over the whole half a pint of good cologne and close the jar tight.

After a month has passed the rose-petals will be ready for use; if as sachets, they are most satisfactory when saved up in pieces of tulle. These can be cut in fanciful shapes and made attractive by buttonholing the edges together.

Rose leaves may be used to perfume the wardrobe. Measure a piece of cheese cloth to reach from one end to the other the full length of the closet wall. Doble and put in two sheets of wadding, well dusted powdered rose petals and orris root. Sew rings to the side, that the whole sheet may be hung up.

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Sun Bonnets

Sun bonnets are always quaint and picturesque in effect and just now are being greatly worn for gardening and every outdoor occupation.

Indeed, women of all ages, from the little tots to their grandmothers, are guarding their complexions a bit carefully just now and these attractive and quaint head coverings make coverings made of such results.

Lawns, battens, lined, dotted Swiss muslin and all similar materials are used.

Both white and colored materials are in vogue and some very charming effects are obtained by the use of Dresden dimites and similar simple figured stuffs. Two styles are shown in the illustration, one with and one without the cape at the back of the neck. In addition to serving for all the uses mentioned, the bonnets will be found admirable for motorizing, when they protect the head from wind as well as the face from the sun.

Each bonnet is made with a wide brim and a soft full crown which is attached thereto, the one crown being extended across the back, the other being made in one with the cape.

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A very satisfactory way to clean rugs after they have been hung on the line and beaten is to brush them carefully with a whisk broom dipped in gasoline. To be kept away from fire.

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