

it is a Christian act to help the over-busy housewife and mother when hired help cannot be obtained. What say others? However, my dear, if at times you get almost overwhelmed with cares, remember, "We maun be patient." Is that right, Scottie? It is well on such occasions to count your many blessings. Every care will fly, and you will be singing as the days go by.

Now for a few hints for wash-day, and then farewell.

1. If you wish to iron immediately after folding clothes, sprinkle with warm water.

2. A little salt in the starch prevents the iron from sticking.

3. It makes table linen shine to rub it over with a slightly damp cloth before the iron.

Again thanking the Chatterers all for the many helpful hints I receive, I again disappear among the shades.

DAPPLE GREY.

Don't stay so long among the shades again, Dapple Grey. We want you right out among us; we are not willing even to "lend you to a lady many miles away." You have told us some things worth hearing this time, and we are sure you can again. I am delighted to hear that "The Farmer's Advocate" helped you so much in planning your new house, and I am sure we shall all be more than delighted to have you give us the plan and all the details. Of course, since variety is the spice of life, we would not have all the houses built to one plan—we believe that personality should be expressed in houses almost as distinctly as in faces—but at the same time we are sure that many will find "ideas" in your plan which they can well incorporate in their own, little conveniences that might not be thought of otherwise. And then, Dapple Grey, how pleased you will be to think that you have, perhaps, saved steps for tired women all our country over. I wish more people were as generous as you.

#### Some Experiences.

Dear Dame Durden,—It is so long since the spirit moved me to write to the Chatterers that my shade was not even visible at the Yuletide gathering, so I fear I am long since forgotten. But, if forgotten, "Holly" is not gone, and I can assure you has been thoroughly enjoying the conferences of Dame Durden and her Chatterers.

I am especially interested in all news gleaned of Women's Institute work, and before long I intend writing you something of the profit and pleasure we are deriving from our district and branch work in our county.

Will some of you write and give us your experience re packing eggs, particularly by the sodium silicate (water glass) method? I tried water glass for the first time this last fall. Into a solution of one part water glass to four of boiled and cooled water, I placed ten dozen eggs. For about two months the eggs kept perfectly. After that the albumen became very watery, and the eggs developed a very disagreeable odor. I would like to hear if others have had any greater success with this method.

By the by, Chatterers, when you are cleaning a light waist by washing in gasoline, don't forget to remove the shields before washing, or you will experience the failure I did. The gasoline dissolves a gluey substance used in the shields, which washes into the material, ruining it.

We are among the lucky number to receive the free rural mail delivery. This is one more step in solving the problem of how to keep our young people on the farm. When we have reached the stage of rural 'phones, rural mail delivery, and also parcel delivery, there are few reasons left to advance in favor of city life over country life.

HOLLY.

Oxford Co., Ont.

You very naughty Holly! We shall expect a big garland of you next Yuletide, and a few sprigs between times. What say you?

And now about those eggs—of course, we want to hear the experiences of those who have tried water glass, but in the meantime, I want to give you a hint as to how one of the best little housekeepers I know manages them. Every fall, before eggs get dear, she buys enough for the winter—good, perfectly fresh ones—rubs each carefully with lard to exclude the air, and packs the lot in boxes of

dry bran, small end down; then she sets the boxes away in a cool, dry place, and that is all there is to it. When fresh eggs were 35 cents a dozen this winter, I ate one of those lard-smeared specimens and did not dream, until told afterwards, that it was not one of the precious thirty-five-centers. Really, when the thing may be done so easily, I see little use of fussing with water glass, do you?

#### Meat Pie.

Contributed by "Joe's Partner," who also wishes to thank the Chatterers for all the help they have given her:

Use cooked meat of any kind. Take the same quantity of meat and potatoes, chop with the chopper, and boil in gravy. Season with salt, pepper, and any other seasoning desired. Make short-cake dough and roll thin, then make pies in pie plates. These are real nice for supper or Sunday dinner.

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Huron Co., Ont.

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