

modation for exhibits was better, the crowds were bigger—there were 151,000 people on the grounds on Labor Day. Think of it!—but there is still room for improvement, especially in the matter of seating. Tens of thousands of people roamed about, weary to death for want of resting places, on those crowded days; there were old folk, and women with babies there, too. Would it not be possible to place a few thousand extra seats about those spacious grounds and so make a day spent within the gates a time of real pleasure instead of exhaustion? Now that so many improvements have been made, we will look for this one for next year. D. D.

Recipes.

Tomato Marmalade.

Dear Dame Durden,—I have long enjoyed "The Farmer's Advocate," and the Ingle Nook, but this is my first letter. I tried Blue Bonnett's recipe for green tomato marmalade and like it very much. I once ate marmalade made of yellow tomatoes. I wonder if any of the Nobbers have the recipe. I thought it was the most delicious thing I ever ate, but I am sure the maker did not belong to the Ingle Nook, for she did not offer the recipe. I know it had ginger root in it, but that is as far as I can tell. I would so much like to get it.

Did any of you ever try putting a cup of wild grapes with apples (any kind) for jelly? It gives it a lovely color and flavor.

A WOULD-BE NOOKER.

Middlesex Co., Ont.

Here is a recipe for Tomato Preserve: Perhaps it is the one you want. Four lbs. yellow tomatoes (scalded and peeled), 3 lbs. sugar, 2 sliced lemons, ginger root to taste. Cook slowly until thick. Sliced green tomatoes may be used, if you prefer, instead of the ripe yellow ones.

While I was home for holidays, my mother made some delicious marmalade of ripe red tomatoes. These were peeled, enough sugar added to make a thick preserve, also the juice and grated rind of two lemons and one orange to a medium-sized kettle of fruit; the whole slowly boiled to a thick marmalade.

By the way, you addressed me as Dame "Burden." I wonder why so many of my "paper folk" do this,—the same "principle of ease," I suppose, that makes folk call "Gloucester," "Glo'ster," and "Worcester" "Wooster." You see it is "Durden," for a former editor gave me this pen-name, calling me for the little Esther Summerson, the "Dame Durden," you remember, of Dickens' story, "Bleak House."

Quilt Patterns.

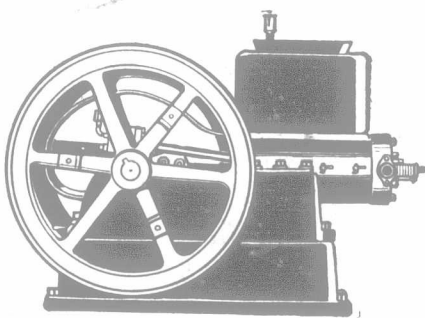
Dear Dame Durden,—I noticed in your July 27th issue, that you publish in your column the pattern of any quilt desired. Will you kindly publish the patterns of the Churn-dash, Monument, Lost Ship, and Steps of Jerusalem, and oblige. A SUBSCRIBER.

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Will "Scotch Mollie," who so kindly offered to provide these patterns, kindly note this request? A similar request has been made by "A Reader," Oxford Co., and others.

Fireless Cooker—Smoke-house.

Dear Dame Durden,—I see Stickatit is not perfectly successful with her fireless cooker. I think the trouble is in the lids of her cooking vessels. I had trouble the first week I used mine, but never since, and have used it 2½ years. I will tell you how I made mine, and it suits me fine for our small family. I took a large lard bucket—it was old—pasted several thicknesses of paper around it, then packed old papers to two inches or so, then made a pocket of cloth to fit around my cooking vessel, and filled the balance of space with wool. Have used wool rags cut up, and made a cushion for top, and a lid. I use half-gallon granite pails, and cover with large saucers, the lids leak the steam. I would not do without my fireless cooker. I start my porridge on the oil stove, and in the morning have only to serve when breakfast is ready. So many things are nicer cooked in it than on the



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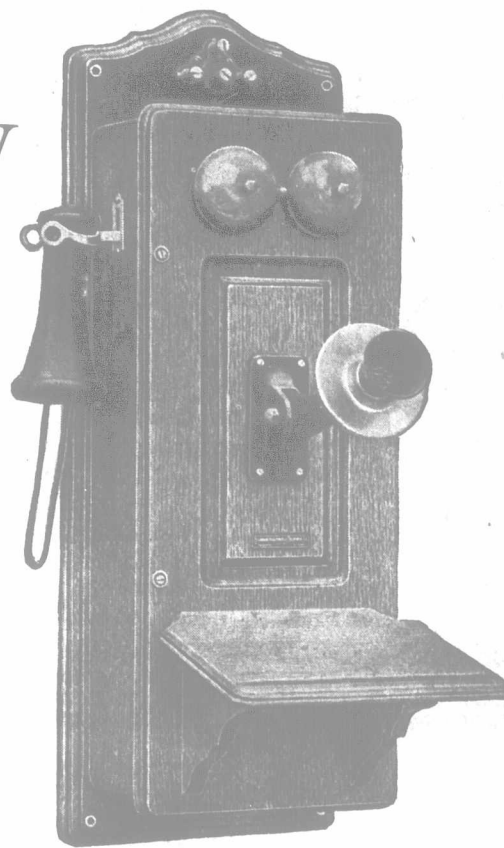
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