

beef, or a bunch of mint to make the necessary adjunct to the leg of lamb or mutton, or to pick the fragrant mignonette and lovely sweet peas to add the last pleasing touch to the tea-table. Does a garden pay? Well, I should rather say it does; giving to those who spend sufficient thought and care on it an increase of an hundredfold of health, wealth, and pleasure.

Correspondence

Would "Country Girl" kindly send her recipe for gems again, as unfortunately it was misplaced.

In reply to N. P. B., regarding freckles and blackheads, freckles are constitutional, they may be removed by applying lemon juice or very sour buttermilk, but they will return.

Blackheads, or fleshworms, are said to be caused by the pores becoming clogged with the oil from the skin and dirt. To remove them rub sweet oil into the skin, after a little while thoroughly wash the face with hot water and plenty of good soap. Apply a skin lotion afterwards. The soap at first may irritate the skin, but after a few times no discomfort will be felt. Some steam the face over a bowl of hot water and then wash.

"Young Housekeeper" asks how to remove the odor from a saucepan in which fish or onions have been cooked. The simplest method is to put a cup of wood ashes in the pan, fill with hot water and let stand on the stove for half an hour. A little washing soda or Gilet's lye might be used if ashes were not to be had.

Pa's Housecleanin'

When the April sun's a-shinin' hot an' things is nice an' fresh, When the willer's droppin' tassels an' the blackbird's in the bresh, An' pa comes in fer nooin' an' the floors is wet as a souse, Then it's "Laws-a-massy on you! Your ma's a-cleanin' house!"

Then me an' Jim is sure to find rag carpets in the sun When we'd planned to go a-fishin' fer the suckers in the run; But while pa takes his nooin' an' the hosses eats their snacks, Us boys can beat them carpets while we're restin' up our backs.

An' then next day pa's certain sure to have to go to town; But he always leaves us orders, "Help to put them carpets down." An' at night, when he gets home again you'd think, to hear him groan About the hardship of it, that he'd done the job alone.

Poor ma! She has it awful hard, she'll work until she drops, An' pound her thumb nails half way off, an' wet her feet with soaps; She'll get so hoarse that she can't speak, an' sore at every bone; But pa, he says if it was him he'd let the house alone.

An' when that night the kids is sick an' has to have a drink, An' ma she can't get up because her back's in such a kink, If pa should bang the furniture whilst groppin' fer the cup, You can feel him gettin' mad enough to fairly eat her up.

So me an' Jim was sayin', if the time should ever come When pa and ma should change their work an' pa should stay at hum. I wouldn't like to be a boy, but jest a little mouse To hear what things pa would say if he was cleanin' house. —William Furthay Gibbons, in Woman's Home Companion for April.

An Extraordinary Woman

Dr. Abernethy, the famous Scotch surgeon, was a man of few words, but once he met his match in a woman. She called at his office in Edinburgh one day and showed a hand badly inflamed and swollen, when the following dialogue, opened by the doctor, took place.

"Burns?"

"Bruise."

"Poultice."

The next day the woman called again and the dialogue was as follows:

"Better?"

"Worse."

"More poultice."

Two days later the woman made another call, and this conversation occurred:

"Better?"

"Well. Fee?"

"Nothing," exclaimed the doctor. "Most sensible woman I ever met."

An Irish lad on the East Side was obliged recently to seek treatment at a dispensary. On his return home from the first treatment he was met by this inquiry from his mother. "An' what did the doctor man say was the matter wid your eye?" "He said there was some furrin substance in it." "Sure!" exclaimed the old woman with an I-told-you-so air, "now, maybe, ye'll kape away from thim Eytalian boys!"—Success Magazine.

Mrs. Newlywed—My husband admires everything about me: my voice, my eyes, my form, my hands! Friend—And what do you admire about him!

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