

leather is not wet. Keep them on the feet until nearly dry. Then give the upper leather a thorough greasing with equal parts of lard and tallow, or tallow and neat's foot oil.

If the shoes be treated in this manner and a row of round-headed shoe nails be driven around the edge of the soles, they will wear like copper, and always sit easy to the feet. Boots and shoes should be treated as suggested, and worn a little several months before they are put on for daily service. This is the true way to save shoe-money.

EASE IN SOCIETY.

"I'd rather thresh wheat all day in the barn," said Reuben Riley to his sister, as he adjusted an uncomfortable collar about his sunburnt neck, "than go to this pesky party. I never know what to do with myself, stuck up there in the parlor all the evening. If the fellows would pull their coats off, and go out and chop wood on a match there would be some sense in it."

"Well I hate it as bad as you do Rube," said sister Lucy. "The fact is we never go nowhere, nor see nobody, and no wonder we feel so awkward when we do happen to stir out."

The remarks of this brother and sister were but echoes of the sentiment of many other farmers' boys and girls, when invited out to spend a sociable evening. But poor Lucy had not hit the true cause of the difficulty. It was not because they so seldom went to any place, but because there was such a wide difference between their home and company manners. The true way to feel at ease in any garb is to wear it often. If the pleasing garb of good manners is only put on upon rare occasions, it will never fit well, and never seem comfortable.

Learn to behave properly at home—to cultivate yourselves. Do not sit, or stand, or lounge, about in ungainly attitudes, but acquire a manly, erect, graceful bearing. I have never seen such vigorous, hearty manhood in any class as among cultivated farmers' sons. Let table manners be especially looked after. If you are so unfortunate as to have a mother careless in this regard, you must do the best you can to remedy the early defect in your home training. Note carefully how well-bred people behave, and do your best to imitate them. It is noble to be an imitator of that which is good and beautiful. Above all, if you wish to be at home in society fill your brains with ideas. Set your mind to work. Wake it out of the sluggishness it would naturally sink into, if you were only a plodder and nothing more, by good, stirring thought. Take the newspapers, and read them thoroughly. Knowledge is power in more senses than one. If you go into society with something in your mind worth talking about, you will not fail to find listeners who will treat you with respect, and where you are well received you will not fail very soon to find yourself at ease.—*Country Gentleman.*

DOMESTIC RECIPES.

BAKED SOUP.—Take one pound of lean beef, chop rather fine, place in an earthen pot which will hold five quarts of liquid.—Slice and add two onions, two carrots, two tablespoons of rice well washed, a pint of whole or split peas, a teaspoon of black pep-

per, and a tablespoon of salt; pour over all one gallon of cold water; put the lid of the jar on it, or a close fitting plate, and bake four hours. This is a nice, wholesome dish.

COTTAGE PLUM PUDDING.—A pound and a half of flour, four or five eggs, and a pinch of salt, a little nutmeg, one pound of raisins, half a pound of currants, sugar to taste, and a little milk. Make a thick batter with five well-beaten eggs, a pound and a half of flour, and a sufficient quantity of milk. Then add the currants, washed and picked, the raisins stoned, a little nutmeg and sugar to taste. Mix all well together, and boil it in a basin or floured cloth for quite five hours. The peel of a lemon grated and a few pieces of citron cut thin may be added.

ROAST GOOSE.—The *Hearth and Home* says a goose less than a year old can be cooked so as to taste almost as well as turkey. When the animal is nearly ready to be killed, put vinegar into its food, and the day before its neck is brought to the block, pour a spoonful of vinegar down its throat. It has the effect—the reason of which is not well understood—of making the flesh tender. Boil slowly for about two hours, if the goose is old taking care to skim away the oil. One hour for a young goose. Then stuff, and roast, or bake, like a turkey, using a little good vinegar with the basting.

APPLE SNOW.—Put twelve good tart apples in cold water and set them over the fire; when soft, drain the water, strip the skins off the apples, core them, and lay them in a deep dish. Beat the whites of twelve eggs to a stiff froth; put half a pound of finely powdered white sugar to the apples; beat them to a stiff froth, and add the beaten eggs. Beat the whole to a stiff snow; then turn into a dessert dish.

TO KEEP STOVES BRIGHT.—Make a weak alum water, and mix your British lustre with it; put two spoonfuls to a gill of alum water; let the stove be cold, and brush it with the mixture, then take a dry brush and lustre, and rub the stove till it is dry. Should any part of the polish become dry as to look gray, moisten it with a wet brush, and proceed as before. By two applications a year, it can be kept as bright as a coach body.

MUFFLING THE THROAT.

What is the best mode of protecting the throat from colds, where a person is very susceptible to them? The common way of protecting the throat is to bundle and wrap it up closely, thus overheating and rendering it tender and sensitive, and more liable to colds and inflammation than before. This practice is all wrong, and result in much evil. Especially is this the case with children, and when in addition to the muffling of the throat, the extremities are insufficiently clad, as is often the case, the best possible conditions are presented for the production of sore throats, coughs, croup, and all sorts of throat and lung affections. It is wrong to exclude cold air from the neck, and it is overheated a portion of the time, when it is exposed, some form of disagreement of the throat will be apt to occur. The rule in regard to clothing the neck should be to keep it as cool as comfort will allow. In doing so you will suffer much less from throat ailments