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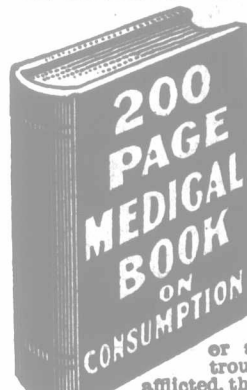
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place. All kinds of meat, also fish, will keep if treated in this way, as long as the lard is not broken to let in the air. For this reason, it is better to use small crocks, so that the contents may be quickly used up. . . . You may also keep meat by boiling it down and putting it into sterilized jars while boiling hot. When filled with the boiling meat, pour as much of the boiling stock as the sealers will hold about it, and seal tight. The only trouble with putting meat in sealers is that it is so hard to get it out in good form for slicing.

### Re Cheesemaking.

Dear Dame Durden,—We have been taking "The Farmer's Advocate" for a good many years, and have received a lot of useful information, both for farm and housework. The Home Magazine department, of course, interests me the most, and I thoroughly enjoyed Carmichael. It seemed to ring so true. I notice in March 19th issue, "Essex Farmer's Wife" asking about rennet for cheesemaking. I tried making home-made cheese last summer, and had excellent results. I went to a cheese factory, and for 25c. got enough rennet and coloring to make 100 lbs. of cheese. I used one large tablespoonful of rennet and a teaspoonful of coloring to twenty gallons of milk. This amount of milk makes about 20 lbs. cheese. I found cheesemaking very interesting work, and intend making more this summer. I wonder more farmers' wives do not try it instead of making butter in the hot weather, and I think it would pay when cheese is so high-priced. I tried making some with skim milk, but we did not like it. The whole milk is so much better. If "Essex Farmer's Wife" would like any other information, I will be very pleased to supply it, if I can.

BRANT FARMER'S WIFE.

Brant Co., Ont.  
Many thanks for this information.

### Recipe Wanted.

Dear Dame Durden,—Will somebody please send me the recipe of milk chocolates, and a few recipes of home-made candy? I am sending a recipe for cream candy: Four cups of brown sugar, 1 1/2 cups of cream, 1 teaspoonful of butter. Boil till it becomes thick; then add 1 teaspoonful of vanilla, and, as you are taking it from the fire, put in a cup of chopped walnuts. Beat till cool, and put in buttered pans.

JEAN HARTLEY.

Halton Co., Ont.

Can anyone send a recipe for milk chocolates? . . . Try the following for homemade candy:

Chocolate Kisses.—Mix well 2 ounces grated chocolate and 1 pound sugar. Beat the whites of 2 eggs, and add; then drop on a buttered paper, and bake in a slow oven.

Peanut Brittle.—Shell, skin and chop fine enough peanuts to make one cup of nut meats. Put 1 cup sugar in a saucepan without water, and heat, stirring all the time until melted. Mix the peanuts in thoroughly; pour on a tin. When the candy begins to stiffen, mark into small squares, and continue to shape and re-mark until it hardens.

Fudge.—Put into a pan 1 lb. brown sugar, 1 cup milk, 1 ounce butter, 2 ounces grated unsweetened chocolate. Boil 15 minutes, then add 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, and pour into buttered tins. Mark into squares before it hardens.

### Some House-building Hints.

Dear Dame Durden,—As "Dapple Gray" has asked for suggestions regarding house building, I am sending a few ideas which, if they do no more, may set her and others thinking over the different points suggested.

For whom are you building—yourself or your occasional guests? If for the latter, you will probably erect a fine "city mansion," and live in the kitchen and basement; if for your own comfort and pleasure, you will have living-rooms for parlors, a cosy, cheerful dining-room, and a small convenient kitchen, which will be reserved for its proper use. Remembering that the house you build will probably stand twenty, thirty or, perhaps, fifty years, shall you build for the greatest immediate convenience of yourself and, perhaps, a large and grow-

ing family, or shall it be a house adapted to the needs of any ordinary family, not too unreasonably large for the young couple just starting in life or the parents after the children have grown and gone; nor yet too small for a family of six or eight persons?

Like Dame Durden, I am a lover of "built in" furniture, for, as she said about a year ago, there is no above, below, or behind "to keep clean." Book-cases, chimney seats, window seats, dressers and sideboards may all be made permanent fixtures, costing about one-quarter as much as those you buy, and are, if properly made, many times more durable and more artistic. But my special "built in" hobby is the double cupboard, which forms the partition between kitchen and dining-room. The top and bottom parts of this cupboard are separated by a wide, deep shelf, reaching from one room to the other, a sliding door making the necessary closing. On the dining-room side, the top would be a china cabinet, with glass doors of leaded, diamond-shaped panes; while below the shelf would be at least one long drawer for tablecloths, and several smaller drawers for napkins, silver and other things. On the kitchen side, the top would hold all serving dishes and ordinary kitchen paraphernalia, while below would be more drawers for aprons, towels, knives, etc., and cupboards for pans and pots. Do not let this cheat you out of a kitchen cabinet in which the flour box is raised up, so you sift from the bottom, and a sugar box, where you put the sugar in at the top and take it out at the bottom. These keep themselves clean; you never have to empty them and dig out the corners.

If you have a fine view from any side, I would face the dining-room that way, and have a long, low window, with a seat built below it, and never let anyone cover this window with lace curtains. Place your veranda on this side also, making the veranda at least ten feet wide, and let this be your summer living-room and dining-room. Even though it may be exposed, vines and shrubs will screen you from public gaze. But just here let me say that, in these days of autos and fast horses, it is well to keep a reasonable distance from the highway.

If possible have a hall from the front door to the back door, a vestibule in the front stairway, and doors into the rooms in the center, and another vestibule at the back in which men may wash and hang outdoor garments. "Jack" has just suggested that you be sure this rear hall is warm so that getting into one's coat in the morning may not be like taking a cold bath. If you can have this hall, never allow a "man-body" to set foot in your kitchen, but send them to the dining-room or living-room, or wherever they belong.

There is a tendency among farmers to make the dining-room a living-room. It is so easy to turn away from the table, pick up a convenient magazine or paper and settle down for the evening. I wish the Chatterers would give their views on this problem, also tell me whether we shall have a downstairs bedroom. Of course, I know it is handy in case of sickness, but would it be cheaper to build this room or hire a nurse when sickness comes? As a "spare" bedroom, I find it a distinct failure unless there is a man to sleep in it. I tried mine recently on a friend, but she came flying upstairs in the middle of the night, declaring there were burglars in the house. It took her several hours to get over her fright (it was only a mouse nibbling in the wall), but it took me a very few minutes to decide that never again would I put a woman in that bed alone.

Of course, you will put in a bathroom, a kitchen sink, and a basement laundry with a sink into which all wash water may be emptied.

In regard to mouldings and finishings, I have yet to be convinced that there is any beauty in "gingerbread" scrolls and curves, in cutting good boards into dust-catching furrows for mouldings, making doors a series of tiny panels with corners no one ever keeps clean. But the crowning evil comes when a "grainer" is turned loose with his paints and brushes to make streaks and splashes, such as never grew in any tree on earth. Surely as long as we have ash, oak, chestnut and Georgia pine in the land, with their beautiful natural "graining," it is a case of "gilding refined gold and

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