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Curtains.

some curtain queries. In hanging the ashionable short curtains, is a brass exthe curtain? If a valance is used does it require a separate rod?

Is a valance suitable for the ordinary high four-pane windows?

show the window - frame at the top and

Is it permissible to trim, say, Madras or art-muslin curtains at inside edge and across bottom, with narrow ball curtain

Last year someone asked about a stain or straw hats. They can be dyed very satisfactorily in the same way as cloth. Press into shape before quite dry.

LILAC. Victoria Co., Ont. Very small brass rods may be used for both curtains and valance, a separate rod for each, or a rod may be used for the curtains and the valance simply hung from an ordinary curtain-pole, with rings. If convenient, both may be hung from one rod; much depends on the shape of the window-casing. It is important, of course, to keep valance and curtains as would look awkward.

A valance is a great improvement to a high, narrow window, as it tends to shorten it, and give the broad appearance now so much liked in windows. Draw the curtains well back over the wall, and have the valance wide enough curtains extend.

Madras and art-muslin curtains require no trimming, a wide hem at bottom and ever. top being sufficient. Plain scrim or muslin curtains should be hemmed across the bottom, and up the inside edge; a stencilled border or strip of insertion being placed behind the hem. Dotted or coinspot muslin curtains for bedrooms, may be finished by a ruffle. Have you seen the new printed scrim for curtains? Some of it is very pretty. When using figured curtains in color, have the walls of the room plain, if possible, although a frieze in flower or landscape, or conventional design may be added. The leading color in the curtain design should same tone as the walls

Our Scrap Bag.

When sewing on buttons, try putting the knot of the thread on the right side of the article, under the button, then, after the button is sewed on securely, wind the thread around under the button three or four times. The buttons will stay on much longer. A good plan, also, is to sew the button on over a pin, if a small button, or a match, if a large botton. This allows the necessary "give," and makes the work of buttoning much easier, while providing against strain.

When making house dresses, finish the waist with a neat band, put buttonholes in the band and flat buttons on the skirt. This is a saving, both in material and laundry, as one skirt will usually outwear two waists. Besides, the dress is much more easily handled in the tub, than when sewn together.

A writer in Harper's Bazaar gives the following "easy" method of washing "Take 1 lb. white soap, blankets: shaved; 4 or 5 large spoonfuls powdered borax; boil in 2 gals, soft water until dissolved. Pour into a large tub, fill two-thirds full of cold rain water, put in three single blankets, and let soak over-

night. Be sure and have blankets well covered with water. Next morning, lift up and down, pressing and working them, but do not rub, as rubbing and wringing hardens woollens. Shake them through four or five tepid rinsing waters, or Dear Dame Durden,—I beg to submit enough to remove all traces of soap. Squeeze out water necessary to pass them from one tub to the other; then, without wringing, lift carefully from last water, tension rod just inserted in the hem of hang on line, throw over them a liberal supply of soft water, and let them drip Dress skirts and trousers may be washed successfully the same way, hung by waistbands to line. Blankets that have been hardened by poor washing, can Should the curtains be hung so as to be softened and made whiter if washed this way. If it is absolutely necessary to use hard water, more borax will be required."

> "American ('heesemaker'' gives the following method of making "Buttermilk Cream," which is said to be equal to Devonshire Cream as a delicacy for the table. Heat buttermilk to a temperature of about 120 degrees for about 15 minutes, or until it begins to whey off, then stir the curd thoroughly. After stirring, let the mixture stand about 2 minutes to settle. Drain off the whey through a linen strainer bag, and leave hanging until whey has thoroughly drained out. Finally take out the curd and stir into whole milk, not using too much milk. mixture, when ready for use, should resemble whipped cream.

Parasols to match the dress will be much worn with cotton dresses this year. The entire parasol may be the same as close together as possible, as a wide gap the dress, or it may be white, with border matching. Old frames may be covered to suit, as described in a recent number of "The Farmer's Advocate."

Cotton dresses promise to be more popular than ever. They may be made of zephyr gingham, chambray, print, foulardine, or seersucker, which has reto go quite across the top as far as the appeared in white and in colors, and is worthy of a warm welcome, on account of the ease with which it may be laun-It requires no starching what-

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CHAPTER XVIII.—Continued.

"No, Angelique has not gone to Belmont," replied he, quite piqued. "She very properly declined to mingle with the Messieurs and Mesdames Jourdains who consort with the Bourgeois Philibert! She was preparing for a ride, and the city really seems all the gayer by the absence of so many commonplace people as have gone out to Belmont.

Louise de Brouague's eyes gave a few flashes of indignation. "Fie,



Old Ursuline Convent.

That was naughtily Chevalier! said of you about the good Bourgeois and his friends," exclaimed she, impetuously. "Why, the Governor, the Lady de Tilly and her neice, the Chevalier La Corne St. Luc, Hortense, and Claude de Beauharnais, and I know not how many more of the very elite of society have

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