

was dead. He then buried him for another time. As we were at the creek, we got out our fishing-rods and tackle and started to fish. We got on fine, landing about a dozen small ones and two or three large ones. We then got our baskets and found a shady spot, where we ate our lunch. After lunch we went down the creek until we came to a place where the road crossed; we took the one to the right. We had only gone a little piece when we came to the

place where there were quite a few nut trees, so we filled our baskets with beechnuts, butternuts, and hazelnuts. Then we turned towards home. When we reached home we were glad to see supper was waiting for us, as we were as hungry as bears. We went to bed at night pretty tired, but we all said it was the happiest day we had spent for a long time.

RUBY WILSON.  
Hawkestone, Ont. (Aged 15.)



#### Hot Weather Hints from Helponabit.

Dear Dame Durden,—I thought the Ingle Nookers would like a recipe for salad dressing, so I send one that I have used for years. I make a Gem jar full, and keep it ready: Three eggs,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups of milk, 3 tablespoonfuls melted butter, 1 of mustard, 1 teaspoonful of salt,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of sugar,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups vinegar. If you have cream the butter will not be needed. Put the milk or cream into a double boiler, and while it is coming to a boil mix the sugar, mustard and salt smooth with cream or milk, and beat the eggs lightly; then add all to the milk or cream in the boiler. Let it cook for a few minutes, as for a boiled custard, then add the vinegar when it has cooled a little. This dressing is good for potato, cabbage or lettuce salad.

A Nice Cool Dish for Summer.—Boil hard as many eggs as are needed for the family, and leave them in cold water until needed. Wash and cut up lettuce fine, and mix the dressing with it. Put it neatly into a salad bowl or on a meat dish. Take the shells off the eggs and cut them into halves, then into quarters, and arrange them on the lettuce. The yellow and white eggs look very pretty on the green lettuce. This dish would be liked when meat would not be touched, and is a nice dish for tea or Sunday dinner. I think every member of the Ingle Nook who has a garden ought to have plenty of lettuce all the summer. It is so easily grown, but requires the richest of soil and plenty of water to make it grow quickly, and the more quickly it grows the crisper it will be. The Nonpareil is a good outdoor lettuce. By sowing a little patch every two weeks you can have a supply of this excellent vegetable till the frost comes.

HELPONABIT.

York Co., Ont.

#### Busy Bee's Budget.

Dear Dame Durden,—Here I am again! Since writing last I have enjoyed so many chats from the other "Nookers" that I am inspired to write again. Indeed, sometimes I have a real longing to put all my thoughts on paper and send them right off to you, but proper expression of those thoughts does not always come easy, and then again, there are so many visitors to be received, and all must have a place at your cosy fireside.

Many are the useful hints thrown out by correspondents, and every time I read them I wonder if any of the writers have discovered as many uses for common coal oil as I. My teakettle became so badly smoked when the wind blew down the chimney that it was difficult to clean. I thought of coal oil; the black marks fled before it. There is nothing better to brighten and clean a copper boiler inside and outside. Any nickel or steel parts of the range respond wonderfully to an application of the oil. Simply saturate a cloth with it and rub the dirt and grease off well, and then polish with a dry cloth. It will clean paint, and remove the gummy mixture from fly paper that has stuck to any-

thing, if not allowed to remain too long. Perhaps I am like the fly paper—sticking too long to my subject.

You spoke of receiving suggestions regarding the furnishing of the dining and sitting room. Our sitting-room is done in green ingrain paper—I think it is the olive shade—with crimson table cover and hangings, though the latter scarcely deserves the name, being only a curtain at the stairs; but the color makes a nice contrast to the cool green walls, and with white curtains on the three large windows, there is no other room so nice to my eyes.

I would like to say, though the subject has been concluded, that I am a town-bred girl, but would very much regret leaving the country if ever I were called upon to do so. We have work in plenty, but we have advantages far superior to our town sisters. I should like very much to add a few more lines to "Cousin Bee" about working single-handed, but am afraid this letter is already on its way to the wastebasket. Wishing you and the chatters a happy summer-time.

BUSY BEE.

Lanark Co., Ont.

P. S.—Is it consistent with the rules of the Nook to ask for the names of correspondents, with a view to corresponding with them? If Cousin Bee would care to write me I might give her some suggestions that might help her as they help me, especially if she has little ones.

B. B.

If Cousin Bee wishes to write to Busy Bee, and will send me a letter enclosed in a stamped envelope, I shall be pleased to address and forward it. I may say, however, that we shall be very sorry to lose those helpful "suggestions" from the Ingle column, Busy Bee.

#### An Ironing Board.

Dear Dame Durden,—I just want to thank those who so kindly replied to my query re butter bowls. In fact, I feel quite indebted to them, and I have no doubt their replies would also be helpful to others as well.

Since the warm weather has come, there is so much ironing of little skirts, dresses, etc., that I have been wondering if all our "Ingle Nook" readers have an ironing-board. Mine is a very simple one, but so very useful that I think I must tell how it is made. It is a one-inch pine board, about 16 inches wide at one end and tapered to about 6 inches at the other, and is 4 feet long. Mine is rounded at both ends, but I think it would be better square at the large end. I covered nine on one side with cotton batting, then with the good end of a worn sheet tacked over. Put one end on the table, the other on a chair, and slip the skirts, etc., to be ironed over, so that one part is not crushed while the other part is being done. I have a little screw-eye screwed into one end to hang it up.

I am not going to write on this new subject, re house furnishings, but will be on the tip-toe of expectation for some good letters on this important subject.

Yours gratefully, MARTHA.  
Assa.

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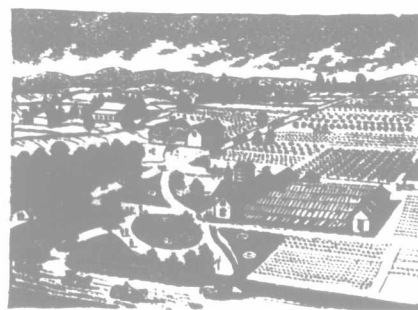
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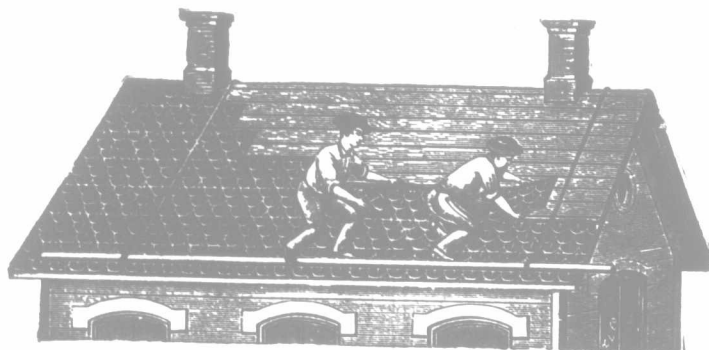
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