

Correspondence Column Helps for Home-Keepers Recipes and Style Notes

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Bright Articles Daily on
Women's Interests and
Activities Here and There

THE MYSTERY OF THE INCUBATOR UNFOLDED FOR POULTRY CLASS BY MRS. SAINT MAUR.

BY MRS. KATE V. SAINT MAUR,
Best Known Woman Poultry Farmer.



PUT your faith in the early bird if you want to make the most money in the poultry business. It is the profitable chicken. As hens cannot be depended upon to hatch while the weather is cold, I have found an incubator a necessity, although I set every broody hen I have.

If your cellar is well ventilated and dry, this is the best place for the incubator. But often the under-ground places cannot be properly aired in frosty weather, and air then positively must have a room on the first floor is the next best location for the incubator if you can spare it. Then a window may be opened a little way from the top every day. This you must do, no matter what the weather is. Even in a driving storm or a blizzard the fresh air must be had.

Draughts you must avoid. They are apt to drive the air in one direction in the egg chamber when it should be evenly distributed over all the eggs. The same trouble will arise unless the machine stands evenly on the floor. A carpenter spirit level should be used when the machine is set up to insure it being plumb.

When your incubator is set up, lighted and the time has come for you to put your cold trays and eggs in, the temperature in the incubator will run down. But this does not mean that you should turn up the lamp or the regulators. The eggs will gradually become warm and the thermometer will creep up again.

After the first day the trays must be taken out every night and morning and the eggs turned and allowed to cool to 90 degrees. The time allowed for this process must be determined by the atmosphere of the room. In the spring when the weather is mild 20 to 30 minutes are needed, and in the very cold weather five minutes are enough.

The eggs must not be allowed to chill. But the more airing they get under that point the stronger will the chicken be when hatched.

The eggs should be tested on the seventh and fifteenth days. This is best done by a block-tin device which can be procured from the incubator company. A way to test infertile eggs is to hold them to the light and when they are quite clear they are no good for hatching. They can be used, however, when boiled hard, to feed the young chicks when they arrive.

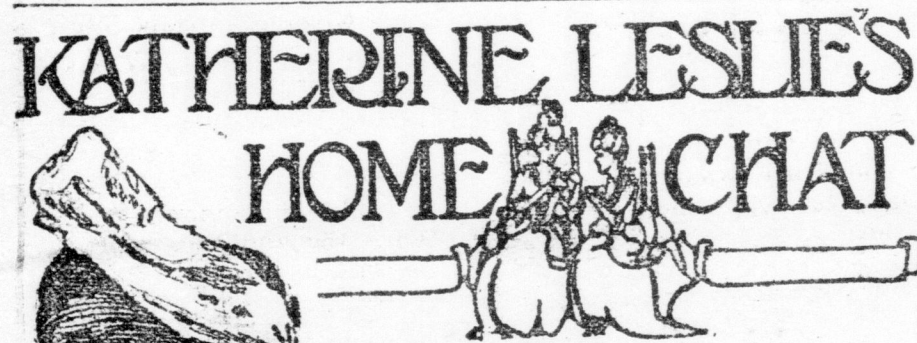
Weak or dead germs are difficult for the amateur to determine, so it is better to sacrifice two or three that look pale and undeveloped in contrast to strong and vigorous ones. If you are doubtful about one break it into a saucer and study it closely. If there are many you are doubtful about mark them with a pencil and test them again on the tenth or twelfth day.

When an egg containing a strong germ is held up to the light of the tester a solid spot about the size of a pea can be seen distinctly floating about the centre of the egg. From it vine-like tendrils extend. Dead germs, on the contrary, usually adhere to one side.

A dead germ causes the whole egg to decompose. The shell being porous, the harmful gases escape into the incubator and poison the air on which the embryo chicks feed.

Infertile eggs must be removed. After turning the eggs and replacing in the machinery on the morning of the 19th day do not open the door again until the 22nd day. If you are a beginner with an incubator, here is a great test for your patience, but remember more chicks are found dead in the shell due to opening the door and taking out those newly hatched than to any other cause.

In the next poultry lesson Mrs. Saint Maur will tell us how to get the money out of the business by getting the early broilers to the market EARLY.—Editor.



Hints From the Hair Dresser

"Yes," said the hair dresser, "I have been very bad for the hair. The hair needs ventilation and the scalp circulation if the hair is to be healthy and abundant. And there is absolutely no ventilation in a fur or felt hat. Then the pads and rolls and switches that were so long the vogue have been ruinous to many a head of hair. They cause dandruff and gradually thin the hair so that it is difficult to restore it to its normal state. Of course the makers and retailers of such things tell you otherwise. Naturally so—they don't want to ruin their business. Business is at the back of nearly every fashion and it is very surely at the back of the rapid changes in fashion. But the fashion in small hats that fit closely to the head has put rolls and coils and puffs and switches out of the question, and we have the natural shaped head again after many years. This season there is a return to the 'bang'—that is the slight fringe of hair lying upon the forehead. It may be long or short or curled or straight but it is not by any means heavy. It gives a soft appearance to the face and is becoming to many women."

PROBLEMS OF THE FAIR SEX SOLVED BY CYNTHIA GREY

[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn as they are received. No letters can be answered privately.]

Grapefruit Marmalade.

It always does my heart good to note the ready response accorded by my readers to requests for—well, almost anything asked for in this column. I have received several recipes for grapefruit marmalade in answer to the request of J. C. H. I print each one so that she may take her choice.

Dear Miss Grey: Enclosed you will find a recipe for grapefruit marmalade, which I notice has been asked for Mrs. J. C. H. in your column of the 15th inst.

There may be others, but this is one I have used for some time, and find it very nice, so I pass it on to you.

T. S. R.

Slice very thin 1 grapefruit, 1 orange, 1 lemon. Measure the fruit, and add three times the amount of water. Let stand over night, and next day boil ten minutes only. Let stand again over night, and measure 1 pint of sugar to 1 pint of fruit and juice. Boil the fruit one hour, then add the sugar and boil twenty minutes longer.

Recipe No. 2.

Dear Miss Grey: In reading your inquiries in the London Advertiser I noticed Mrs. J. C. H. would like the recipe of grapefruit marmalade, so as I have a good one I thought I would send it.

One large grapefruit, 1 large orange, 1 large lemon; slice thin, using all but the seeds; measure and cover with three times as much water, set aside until the next day, then add 5 pounds granulated sugar and boil for five minutes. Again set aside until the following day, then boil for three hours,

or until it is the consistency of marmalade. Put in jelly glasses.

Hoping this will be of some benefit to the lady mentioned, I remain, yours truly,

MRS. J. H. W., Box 136, Seaford.

Still Another.

Dear Miss Grey: I saw by tonight's paper Mrs. J. C. H.'s request for recipe. Here is one tested and found very good: Grapefruit Marmalade—3 large grapefruit, 4 oranges, 6 lemons; slice very thin. Take out seeds. To 1 pound sliced fruit add 1 quart cold water. Let stand 24 hours, then boil till chips are tender; let stand till next day. To 1 pound boiled fruit add 1½ pounds sugar. Boil till quite transparent, and the syrup jellies.

Wishing Mrs. J. C. H. good luck, I am truly,

MRS. J. C.

Attention, Martha! Dear Miss Grey: I see by your column in last night's paper you do not know that there is an exchange in connection with our Young Women's Christian Association work at 429 Dundas street this city. We have carried on this part of our work very successfully for over four years, and have helped many young women in all lines of fancy work, and home cooking.

We would be glad to welcome "Martha" and help her, through our exchange, with her home baking, by getting weekly orders.

Hoping she will see this and will let us help her, Yours in the work,

Y. W. C. A.

Ans.—Many thanks for putting us straight on this point. I also trust

that "Martha" will see this and communicate with you personally.

Dressmaking by Mail.

A correspondent who signed herself simply "A READER" made an inquiry recently as to the address of a firm who taught cutting and fitting by mail. A kindly person who signs herself "A FRIEND" sends me the address of such a firm. I shall be pleased to forward it to the inquirer upon receipt of an addressed and stamped envelope.

Needlework Notes

In ripping long seams of machine stitching, the work is quickly and easily done if the garment is slipped under the dresser foot of the machine. The needle lowered to hold it firmly, then hold the seam in the left hand, each side being equally stretched and a sharp knife run along the seam over the threads.

A cushion motor bag of soft leather or suede in gray, brown or any color to match the automobile is a recent invention for the motorist. The bag is cushioned, shaped and lined with padded silk, and is spacious enough to pack into it everything needful for a one-night's stay. Thus the necessity of a suitcase is obviated, which is an important point where space must be considered.

A small, square cushion, which should be especially nice for a guest room, is covered with blue silk, and over this a flit lace cover of white is drawn. This dainty little bit of blue and white is then supplied with blue and white headed pins, neatly arranged, as ready for the guest's use.

A Message of Sympathy

There are persons who never take notice of another's sorrow until they meet the bereaved ones.

Sometimes this attitude is from fear of intrusion, again it is from fear of not saying the right thing, too often it is from procrastination.

Whatever the reason, it is a mistake. There are some few who dislike outside sympathy in sorrow. The majority are hurt if it is not given. They never quite feel the same toward the friend who they think was neglectful of their trouble.

The visiting card with a few words of sympathy is sufficient, save among close friends. A married woman includes the card of her husband.

Never make a note of condolence stilling. It should express you and not an essay on grief, and be brief. A few sincere sentences sounds more than pages of rambling platitudes.

It is customary to send the note to the member of the family you know best, including the others in your expression of sympathy.

Purpose of Window Curtains

Window curtains have two missions in their short lives. One is to protect the rooms where they hang from too strong light, from the gaze of passers-by, and from unattractive outlooks. The other is to provide a suitable frame for the windows. Their mission is never to display themselves.

Anyone walking through a fashionable street is impressed with the simplicity of the visible curtains. Any residential section where money is generously spent on household decoration gives the same impression. Net and scrim cover a big percentage of the windows.

A change indeed is this from the day when lace curtains were considered synonymous with prosperity.

One reason for the change is that many architects insist that the facade of a house they design shall not be broken by numerous over-elaborately curtained windows. Such windows stand out with unpleasant persistence, and spoil the effect of grace, dignity, and simplicity which the architects have striven months to produce. Another reason is that after many years of acceptance of dust collecting, over-coloured, air-excluding window coverings most hygienic persons have come to prefer thin, single curtains.

QUEEN MARY A PATRON.

Queen Mary of England is enthusiastically supporting a project started by Lady Escher to provide free cooking classes for the poor of London.

CARING FOR FURNITURE.

To clean and tighten willow furniture and prevent brittleness, wet thoroughly with warm water, and dry in the sun. A good way to clean leather furniture is to add a little vinegar and wash the leather, using a cloth or tiny sponge. Wipe with a dry cloth. To restore the polish, mix two teaspoonsful of turpentine with the whites of two eggs; beat a little and apply with a clean flannel cloth. Another way to clean and polish is with a thin mixture of melted wax and turpentine.

MAPLE TAPIOCA PUDDING.

Tested Recipe by Caroline Coe.



Put one quart of milk in double-boiler. When warm slowly add the cornmeal and tapioca, stirring all the time to avoid lumps, add salt, allow to boil until tender and clear. Remove from fire and add one cup of maple syrup, turn into buttered pan and allow to stand ten minutes. Turn over top one-half cup of top milk or the contents of one small can of evaporated cream. Bake slowly one and one-half hours. Serve with cream or top milk. Any good syrup may be substituted.

One quart of milk.
Three tablespoons cornmeal.
Three tablespoons minute tapioca.
One-half teaspoon of salt.
One cup of maple syrup.
Butter the size of a walnut.
This is the famous pudding that "Aunt Dela" makes for ex-President Taft, and most delicious.

Misses' All-Wool Serge Suits, \$12.50

WITH the advent of warm days, we naturally desire a change not only in the weight of one's garments, but also in the style and colorings. Silks are at the present time taking a leading place. We are well prepared to fill all your requirements.

SHANTUNG SILKS in natural and leading shades, at yard.....**50¢**

MESSALINE SILKS—Full range of colors, 34 inches wide, at yd.**75¢**

SUITS SILK—White ground with colored stripe, 40 inches wide, at a yard.....**\$1.00**

A great variety of **NOVELTY SILKS** for dresses, waists or trimming, at from, yard.**47¢ to \$2.00**

Women's Black Suits, \$13.75

WOMEN'S Handsome Spring Costumes, in black only. Made of fine quality all-wool serges and whipcords. Semi-fitting coats lined with silk. Some have satin collars and others have collars of same material. Coat is made in three-button slightly cutaway front style. Skirts have high waistline and side pleats. Sizes are 36, 37, 38, 39 and 41 bust measure. Worth regularly up to \$18. Saturday **\$13.75**

Ladies' Spring Coats, \$9.75

LADIES' Spring Coats, in ¾ and full length styles. Made of fine serge and venetian cloths. Some have long roll shawl collars, trimmed with contrasting material, others have plain coat collars, semi-fitting modes, slightly cutaway designs. Colors are navy, black, fawn and tan shades. Sizes 34, 36 and 38. Special Saturday **\$9.75**

MISSIES' SMART SPRING SUITS

of all-wool fine serges, in navy and Balkan blue shades. The coats are made in semi-fitting style with the three-button slightly cutaway front, which is so popular, and is lined with silk serge. Prettily tailored skirt with panel back and raised waistline. These are beautiful fitting costumes, and remarkable values. Sizes 14, 16 and 18, at.....**\$12.50**

Hosiery

WITH the warm days you will need lighter Hosiery. Below are several lines of the very best Hosiery for spring wear.

CHILDREN'S RIBBED HOSE—Princess, black and tan, all sizes. At pair.....**25¢**

BLACK COTTON HOSE—White sole, ladies' sizes. Pair.....**25¢**

BLACK COTTON HOSE—Wool sole, in natural or black, ladies' sizes. Pair.....**25¢**

EXTRA FINE LISLE HOSE—Double sole, Holeproof heel and toe, ravel stop top. Very special at.....**3 pairs for \$1.00**

SILK ANKLE HOSE—Pure silk with lisle top, in black and white. A pair.....**50¢**

Self-Striped Serge To Clear at 43c Yard

FIVE pieces All-Wool Hairline Serge, self-colored stripe. An exceptionally fine cloth with a smooth bright finish in navy, Copenhagen, tan, brown and black. To clear Saturday at yard.....**43¢**

Skirts, \$2.75

LADIES' Smart and Separate Skirts of all-wool fancy tweeds, panel back and raised waistline, trimmed with buttons. Splendid walking skirts. All sizes. Saturday.....**\$2.75**

Hemmed Sheets

PLAIN or twilled, size 2x2½ yards, hand torn. Our special at each.....**69¢**

Plain only, size 2¼x2½ yards, at each.....**75¢**

EMBROIDERED SHAMS, Dresser Scarfs, Stand Covers and Tea Cloths. Special at, each.....**35¢**

BATH TOWELS, 25c EACH.

80 only large Bath Towels with blue stripe, size 22x48. Extra good value at each.....**25¢**

15c STRIPED PRINTS, 10c.

36-INCH Percale Print, in blue and white and gray and white stripes only; 600 yards. Regular 15c value, for yard.....**10¢**

Lace Curtains

THE values we are showing this season in Lace Curtains are extraordinary. Especially in the low and medium priced lines you will find a very big range of good designs, in Nottingham, Cable or Bungalow Nets. Ask to see the lines at pair.....**\$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00**

Misses' Serge Dresses, \$3.75

MISSIES' One-Piece Dresses, made of all-wool serge, in navy, gray and saxe blue. Neatly trimmed with satin braid and pretty lace yoke, high waistline. A very pretty dress for spring wear at a remarkably low price. Each.....**\$3.75**

House Dresses 95c

FIFTY-FIVE dozen pretty House Dresses, of good quality American percale, in neat checks and pin stripes in black and white and navy and white. Sizes 34 to 42. Sale Saturday, each.....**95¢**

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Drygoods, Millinery,
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Daily Healthogram

By a Physician.
A FREQUENT SHORT CUT to the cure of indigestion, "blues," biliousness and a sluggish liver, may be found in the following rules: Exercise more, breathe better air, cut down the food supply, especially bread and meat, and eat more fruit.

MAKING CHEAP RUGS.

Take three bean sacks and mark one into blocks one inch square by pulling out threads. Place one upon another, squares on top, baste together, most firmly near the edges. Trim to desired size. Work in cross stitch, with strips of cloth one inch wide, any artistic colors or designs. Fleur-de-lis in dark and light blue, old chamberlain denim is excellent light ground, dark border and design, a little white if desired; dogs, in browns, white, and green grass. Kate Greenways, windmills, are all good. Edge with buttonhole stitch of strips. They may have fringe if desired.

The Poet's Corner

A SONNET.

Hush'd in a calm beyond mine utter-
See in the western sky the evening
spread;
Suspended in its pale, serene expanse,
Like scatter'd flames, the glowing
cloudlets red.
Clear are those clouds, and that pure
sky's profound.
Transparent as a lake of hyaline;
Nor motion, nor the faintest breath of
sound,
Disturbs the steadfast beauty of the
scene.
Far o'er the vault, the winnow'd wel-
liten'd west,
Moor'd, seem, in their sweet, tran-
quil, rosate pride,
Those clouds, the fabled islands of
the blest;
The lands where pious spirits breathe
in joy,
And love and worship all their hours
employ.
—Charles Heavysege.

The Birthday Calendar



IF THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY
Be careful of letters and written statements generally, for some trouble threatens you from this source. Refrain from committing yourself in any way until you see good reasons for action.

Those born today will be untruthful and naturally selfish, with little regard for others. They will have talents and are quick to learn, however, and the secret for their success is to so instruct them from earliest youth that the right way seems interesting and the wrong way dull and stupid.

Garments of Higher Quality

Suits of Beauty and Distinction for Women of Refinement

The acme of refined simplicity is shown in our garments. Their charm lies in their perfect cut and beautiful finish.

While in effect our Suits are simple, tailor-made, they are not too rigidly severe for the slender or developed wearers for whom they are designed.

These garments are made up in a variety of materials of fine wearing quality, and like other Finch-Fashens, are guaranteed to give satisfactory wear.

For spring season these Suits show wholly new effects, and are strikingly handsome models.

Many of the features of Finch-Fashens' superiority will be apparent to the critical eye.

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