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Ready to serve

of china, or of pottery, come just big enough to hold a tea pot, sugar bowl and cream pitcher and four cups. Some of the prettiest are the least expensive—a set of bright green pottery, a Japanese ware, making a most effective dash of color in a hospitable den.

Among silver things the most adorable little trays and stands for cups have been made. And tea strainers come in varied forms, from a silver copy of old-fashioned tin ones to the prettiest possible new version of tea balls—a rather flat affair with the necessary perforations taking the form of tiny decorative scrolls.

Some women follow the Chinese custom of serving tea in covered cups—the top looking something like an inverted saucer. That pretty medallion ware—Chinese from the very edge of its rim—comes in particularly pretty cups of this type, handleless, as all true Oriental cups are.

Japanese cups are rather smaller than Chinese ones, and are often set on a plate to match rather than on the more unusual saucer. That plate arrangement, by the way, is a very comfortable thing for the tiny sandwich which probably accompanies the tea.

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Nests of tables are among the luxuries which make for a world of comfort. They dispose of the problem of the comfort of our cun. And teachers at intervals—take un practically no room at all are a great neip. There's a new little thing, too, made of teakwood, which is really a tiny stand, with room for only one cup on the top.

The Servant Question

Some Suggestions in the Matter of Recommendations 6

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should be mentioned. If they are totally incapable for the sort of situation that they are seeking, and you know it, there should be no hesitation about saying so, if your opinion should be asked. It is well to realize that one who cannors may do very well in those of one sort may do very well in those of a different kind of management. Open one way so far as you can, for servants to do their best at self-support without imposing upon any one's inexperience or good nature.

I you must discharge a domestic, never do it in a moment of anger, even if at the time it seem to you justifiable. No matter what the provocation, walt until you can discharge without any sign of temper. When parting, compared all that she has done well, and lether go feeling that she has your best wishes.

If discharging because you are reducing expenses, or about to close your house, then you owe it to a good servant to do all im your power to get not a desirable situation as soon as possible. But when a domestic has proved entirely incompetent, or in any way really objectionable for a nice family, it is very wrong to write her and the means of misleading others and induce them to take her into their houses to their sorrow.

Very objectionable traits or utter incompetency are soon discovered, and fow care anything about a reference given after a very brief term of service, unless, in that time, servant proved herself extraordinarily capable and was highly recommended by a former employer.

the ham or shoulder, then salt lightly on a floor or platform (never in tight hoxes of barrels); rub plenty of salt on the edges of the hock, end resalt, and also on the five days. Leave the hams, in sait to ham, as the salt of the sa

Is \$4.00 a Week Enough?

Housewives Continue to Discuss the Question of Domestic Economy

HE "four dollars a week" question continues to agitate the souls of thrifty and unthrifty housewives. As with most feminine disputants, some of our correspondents infuse so much personal feeling into their arguments that it is not always easy to see all sides of the case through the dust raised by the wind of speech. The letter given below is written in a judicial, yet goodhumored strain that commends it to disinterested readers. interested readers.

steep.

Tea wagons are delightful things to own, unless

An Opposite Point of View I have read and been interested, amused and instructed by this Corner since coming to the city. "The spirit has moved me" now to answer one or two questions and kive my opinion on a disputed point about now to answer one or two questions and kive my opinion on a disputed point about cost of ring in town.

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know what it is. It may be only in a room I had rented to a young man. Mrs. NEWLY. WED (Chicago). The smoky smell lingers in carpet, or in curtains, and in uphoistered furture if there be any in the room. It is the carpet and send to a washed; beat the cushions and bucks of chairs and sofas, in the open air, and son the open air, and sun then on fine days. Cigar and pipe smoke has fine "staying" properties.

An Old Recipe for Rheumatism An Old Recipe for Rheumalism

I have an old recipe that maybe some one can use, and I would be glad to be of any himself and I would be glad to be of any himself and I would be glad to be of any himself and I would be glad to be of any himself and I would be glad to be of any himself and I would be glad to these a teacupful of nor put this in a cloth and bind bind on the feet if the pains are in the part of the body and it in the upper part of the body and it in the upper part of the body and it in the upper part of the body and it in the upper part of the body and it in the upper part of the body and it in the upper part of the body and it in the upper part of the body and it in the upper part of the body as second or third night. Seep with the poultice or some not cured you will I am may husband's family with the very best results.

Who brings her welcome with her in the shape of another home-made remedy for some of the ills of flesh and hone. "H. T. G.," himself an M. D. Owisely advises amateur practitioners to confine their prescriptions to external applications, leaving the management of the interior works to the "profession."

May I contradict your answer to "K L. E." in regard to keeping house on \$5 a week? I have done so that the week? I have done to state the summer and paid \$10 for carfage. We furnished a parlor, dining for carfage. We furnished a parlor, dining for carfage. We furnished a parlor, dining for carfage. We furnished and bedrown, and the summer and paid \$10 for carfage. We furnished and bedrown, and the summer and paid \$10 stint ourselves on food. I and I am not ashamed as the parlor of the summer and Keeping House on \$58,a Month

In the Laundry---Washday

wise, she will forecast the morrow's CAID a Down East woman to duties, so far as to put the "clothes" me, with energy that was almost vicious:
"I hev washed and I hev ironed, (all-embracing term!) in soak over-

but, as I tell my husband-ther's one thing I won't never do, and that is keep a boa'din' house!" Unless I am mistaken in my esti-

The Chinese Fashion of Sovered Cups

unless I am mistaken in my estimate of the makeup of our Constituency, a majority of my readers would reverse the order in which she set the least desirable branches of woman's work.

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night. In one household, at least, the bulk of this preparatory task is done on Saturday night, leaving only the body linen, laid aside on Sunday, to be added that evening.

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PREPARATION

ing ready for soaking. Put table and bed linen in separate tubs, and keep soiled undergarments apart from both. You will save yourself much subsequent worry if you would "treat" stains before washing. Fruit, ink, coffee, chocolate and tea stains may be wet with javelle waster, or with a weak infusion of chloride of lime; left in this for five minutes and then rinsed in pure water. Rub chalk upon grease spots and butter upon stains left by machine oil or axle grease, washing out

rage until she finds it eaten into tiny Clothes should never drip when treated linen never suspects the outholes, as if peppered with birdshot. There are other laundresses' allies and housekeepers' foes which have the same effect. They save the muscles of one class, rasp the sensibilities and deplete the peckets of the other. Borax is safe and efficient. One pound (powdered) will soften twenty gallons of water.

CLEAN AT LAST

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A latter-day writer has given us gloomy statistics as to the proportion of human life spent in cleansing the house, clothing and person, in fouling which the remaining time. When the order in which was an own the work of the water in the butter half an hour later, with water with the least sime and lower her spirit-level in bemoaning the inexorable fact that clothes get dirty and must be cleansed. She brings to the tasks that fall to Job's birthday cheerful philosophy and such knowledge of the best methods of doing the work as will achieve satisfactory results with the least expenditure of time and labor.

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can come away is wrung out before they are pronounced ready for the line or bleaching-ground. Our Talk next week will be upon Starching, Bluing and Drying.

Marin Harland

hung on the line. They dry more

evenly and quickly and are much

whiter if every drop of water that

RECIPES

Cracker Corn Bread. Three cups of cornmeal, two cups of cracker or bread crumbs, two cups of sweet in the one cup of sour milk, one teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of salt.

Mix, and steam in small balance powder cans, greased, for one and one-half bours. Very like. Recipe for Kuchen (Reply to "Anx-

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Two compressed yeast cakes, one-half
pint of water one and one-half pints of
milk the pint of the pi dough may be a large quantity, so I would say: Take a part of the raised dough and put it into bread tins, let it rise as a lost about one hour a lost about one hour fit is ten days do if kept in a jar or bread box with meled butter before it brush of the control of the contr

How to Cure Hams. How to other hands.

Hogs should not be butshered in very cold weather; never allow the meat to freeze. The hams should be trimmed nicely and cut the paddle bone. Let the end of the paddle bone. Let the (deges on the hams slope a little. Rub a tablespoonful of saltpetre and two tablespoonfuls of sugar over the fleshy side of

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