

## RURAL HOME ECONOMICS.

## SEWING COURSE SUITABLE FOR RURAL SCHOOLS (Continued).

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The fifth problem introduced into this course is the kitchen holder. This is needed by any one who does cooking and a few extra ones could be made for use in the school where the Hot Lunches is being carried on. Use any firm wash material for the outside of the holder. Denim or galatea are good. Outing flannel is the most satisfactory material for the lining. This one we cut round  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, and finish it with bias binding tape, sewing on a ring or straight tape to hang it by.

The principles taught in this are:  
Tailor's basting.  
Folding and joining bias binding.  
Sewing on tape.

The sixth problem is a lesson on darning. The teacher can make this lesson very attractive by first introducing the weaving card. Cut a strip of card board  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches by 4 inches and sew on cotton across each end as the card board might not be strong enough to hold the stitches. With an embroidery needle or small darning needle and some pretty shade of coarse silk or em-

broidery cotton make warp threads the full length of the card board about one-sixteenth of an inch apart and fasten securely. Then with a different shade weave back and forth over the warp threads, taking up every other stitch, making a plain weave or taking up one stitch and dropping two, making a twill weave. This teaches the warp and woof thread selvedge. The different weaves, plain and twill, harmonizing colors and also different designs can be introduced. Any primary teacher might find this interesting for the smaller grades.

After this stocking darning or darning of tears can be much better understood and parents especially will be delighted with this project.

This is most effectively taken up in Clothing and Health, by Kime & Cooley, pages 164-170.

Teachers who are attempting this course will also find the Cornell Junior Extension Bulletins very helpful.

Bulletin I. First Lessons in Sewing.

Bulletin II. Elementary Garment Making.

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## CURRENT EVENTS.

*The Noble Lady, the Member from Plymouth.*

Much interest and conjecture has centered about the recent election of Lady Astor to the British Parliament. It will be recalled that she is not the first woman to be elected to Parliament. This honor fell to Countess Markievicz, who, in accord with other Sein Fein members has refused to take her seat. Lady Astor took her seat on December 1st. She was escorted at her introduction by Lloyd George and Arthur Balfour. The impressive ceremony was witnessed by a large audience, all available space being occupied. Lady Astor has been allotted a corner seat near that of Lloyd George.

*Ontario's New Government.*

The victory of the Ontario Farmers in the recent Provincial election is a fact which may hold grave significance for the future of our older parties. Refusing to unite either with the Liberals or Conservatives they have formed a coalition with the Independent Labor party and will "introduce progressive legislation and force the Liberals and Conservatives alike to toe the mark and show where they stand." Mr. Drury is the new Premier.

*The Flight to Australia.*

We are no longer set aghast by remarkable aviating feats. Still the proposed flight from England to Australia has been watched with interest. The prize of £10,000 offered by the Australia government has been won by Capt. Ross Smith, a native of Australia, who left the Hounslow Aviation Field near London on November 12th, reaching Cairo six days later. Thence he proceeded by way of Delhi, Rangoon, and various points along the Malay peninsula and islands of Oceania. Capt. Smith reached Port Darwin, near the northernmost tip of Australia on December tenth, having still two days to spare. An international sporting element was added to the flight by the attempt of Lieutenant Poulet, the French military aviator, who started about a month before Capt. Smith. Poulet was delayed by accidents and the Australian aviator overtook him in Rangoon. Poulet was close behind at the last reports received from him, a few days before Capt. Smith's arrival in Australia.

*Bulgarian Peace Treaty.*

Bulgaria entered the war actuated by purely selfish interests. She threw her strength on the side of Germany hoping to gain, thereby, territorial expansion and commercial profit. To such a country the Peace Treaty should mete a heavy penalty.