

Milk Soup for Children.

One large carrot, two turnips, one small head of celery or one lettuce or one-half pound of spinach, one onion, three or four sprays of water cress, a celery root and a small strip of lemon peel are required for this recipe. Boil all these vegetables—having, of course, previously peeled and sliced them when required—until they are absolutely soft; press them through a sieve, and, if sufficiently cooked, there should be a very small residue left. Place them in a clean, lined saucepan, and let them get thoroughly hot; then add as much milk as will bring them to the consistency of cream, one-half ounce of fresh butter, the yolks of two eggs and pepper and salt in moderation. Allow the soup to get quite warm; but no boiling must take place, or it will become curdled. Moreover, the butter must just melt, as cooked butter is unwholesome for children. This recipe can be altered by using more or less of the various vegetables. The exact quantity of milk cannot be given, as the size of the vegetables varies considerably.

A Dweller at the Threshold.

(By the Rev. Charles E. Chase, in the 'Congregationalist'.)

There are people not having the pleasure of a real garden who find luxurious compensation in the enjoyment of a seedman's catalogue. Others without books find company congenial in the publisher's list. To me there is pleasure in both.

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Often he has frightened me, lied to me, cheated me. Sometimes in fierce wrestling he has thrown me, beaten me shamefully and sore. And then, sometimes, I have boldly dashed him down.

He creeps at times within the portals, but his home is only at the threshold. Lurking away in the shadow or standing out in gleaming light, he is there, alert and quick to hear the footfall of each coming one. Sometimes he is afraid and silent. Again he speaks in jest or earnest, as may please his mood or serve his need. Now smiles in ridicule or sneers in scorn; now whispers, now cries out, and now reaches insidiously a fawning hand or drives a vicious blow.

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Many approach these portals. A few, a very few, enter without strife, but more after stormy battle with the Dweller at the Threshold. Others, defeated, try again; and defeated, try—yet again and win. Some stand about in faltering hesitation while the

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