Household Notes.

USEFUL SUGGESTIONS. - Leather chairs and leather bindings can be brightened by being rubbed with a cloth which has been dipped in the white of an egg. If in covering a kitchen table with oil-cloth a layer of brown paper is put on first, will prevent the oil-cloth cracking and make it wear three times as long. A little paraffin-oil rubbed on with flannel will clean a greasy sink. To clean silver spoons, knives and forks in every-day use, rub with damp cloth dipped in baking soda, and polish with a piece of chamois leather. A bit of blue in the water in which glass is washed adds much to its brilliancy. If new tinwear is rubbed over with fresh lard, and thoroughly heated in the oven before it is used, it will never rust, no matter how much it is put in water. Oil cloths should never be washed in hot soap-suds. They should first be washed clean with cold water, then rubbed dry with a cloth wet in milk. This may seem expensive, | but it pays in the end. Table salt and a wet cloth will remove egg-stains on silver. To stone raisins, free them from stems, place them in a bowl, cover with boiling water, and let them stand two minutes. Pour off water, and open the raisins, when the seeds may be quickly removed. A zinc bath-tub may be polished with kerosene. Have the tub dry before using the oil, cover one small place at a time with the oil, rubbing it well with a brush and with a cloth. When all has then been gone over, wash the tub with boiling water. Lampwicks soaked in vinegar a short time before being

used will give a much better light. To prevent the piano from the effects of a damp room, place a small lump of unslaked lime in a bag and place inside the case. To obtain an enamel finish on your white clothes, add half a teaspoonful of borax to one pint of boiling starch. The best and easiest way to toast bread is to lay the bread on an asbestos pad, and place directly over a hot fire. Place a lump of sugar in the tea-pot when putting it away. This will prevent it from becoming musty. The gem cakes, or large ones, either, will not stick to the pans if flour is slightly dusted over the greased cake When washing blankets or other woolens; dissolve borax in the hot water, then make a suds by using any good laundry soap. Rub the article to be washed with the hands: do not use the wash-board. All woolens may be kept soft, and will not shrink by this method. Always rinse in warm water. A tablespoonful of borax to five gallons of hot water is about right for the

VEGETABLES .- Onions should always be boiled in hard water salted, because they lose much of their flavor and aroma if boiled in pure water. String-beans usually soft need to boil for forty-five minutes The addition of a small bit of salt pork will generally minimize any rank flavor, and will improve them. When done, drain thoroughly, season with salt, pepper and butter. Turnips, carrots, cabbage and onions should be boiled in a great deal of water, then taken up immediately and drained when sufficiently done Overcooking destroys the taste, and too little water will allow them to turn dark in color. New potatoes are best baked. A very little sugar added to tomatoes, squash, peas, corn, beets and turnips will improve Summer squash should be them. steamed, and not boiled. Cauliflower should be tied in a net, to prevent boiling to pieces. Put a piece of bread the size of an egg into a cheese-cloth bag, and drop into a sorh



be made. I do this in winter as well as in summer. Each night a window in each room should be lowered from the top at least two inches and raised as much. Stained or hardwood floors, with a few rugs spread where needed, are much more healthful than carpets, and can be cleansed with less work. If everything of a germ-holding nature were discarded, much sickness might be prevented .-Woman's Home Companion.

Notes for Farmers.

A correspondent of the New York 'Sun." writing from Kansas, veek ago, savs:-

This is threshing time in wheat belt. Harvest is practically over. Since June 20, when the reapers began to buzz on the lower sid of Oklahoma, the rush has been cn. The work has been rushed day and night. The farmers in some places wanted to use the self-binders and wagons all the time, so they hired two sets of men and two sets of horses. One shift went on at 7 in the morning and worked until 6 in the evening; then the other worked until morning.

The latter, when darkness came hung lanterns on the harness of the horses and on the machines, then went on with the cutting. Full moon came during harvest this year helped out wonderfully. So the farms were quickly sheared of their golden fleece

The merriest of the laborers were the college boys who sought the harvest fields by hundreds. Fresh from the class room they were mong the sheaves, donning blue overalls and wide straw hats costing 10 cents each at the country After the day's work was stores. over they sang college songs. Now for the threshing comes the automobile of the plains. It is a huge clumsy affair, with wheels six feet high and tires 15 inches across, a canopy over the long boiler and a platform in the rear, where the blue-clothed chauffeur. He guides

the machine with a wheel like his city cousin and he toots his warning whistle with as keen a delight in the antics of the country horses.

But what a train he takes behind him! The other day a traction engine and its equipment went through the streets of Kansas City. Where it came from nobody knows-or why it was so far from the grain could not be told. But 500 people gazed in wonder at the strange proession.

This sort of thing is common here and often in the still prairie night the hoot and roar of its passing awakes the population. This is its equipment: First, the huge, lumbering engine from whose smokestack pours a roll of black soft-coal defilement; next an odd-shaped teetering coal wagon on two wheels; then towering separator, or threshing ma chine, big, red and rattling; behind this a house on wheels: then a water wagon and last a buggy, in which of the owly rides the propriet

man's Protective Union, and a sche dule of prices is fixed from which the farmer cannot escape if he hires one of the threshing outfits. It ranges from four cents a bushel when the farmer furnishes and boards the hands, to seven cents when the thresher does it all. The latter the common and popular way. It means ease for the farmer's family and better times for the crew.

The new method is better than the old. On the former an endless belt with slats across carried the straw up an incline and two boys kept busy ushing it away.

The modern machine has a long zinc or iron tube like a huge telescope. At its base is a fan which is kept in motion and sends a blast up the tube carrying straw and dus with it-hence "wind stacker." The man at the bottom guides the pipe, pointing its end in various di rections so as to make a perfect stack. It accomplishes this too. In other®ways is there great change in the modern threshing methods The old-time farmer stood beside the

machine and caught the grain that flowed in a red-brown stream in a half bushel measure. Then he lifted it to his wagon and kept the tally on a board.

The modern machine takes the wheat as it comes from the cylinder, cleans it, puts it in a tube high a bove the top of the machine, weighs and measures it, then lets it run into the wagon. There is no more of he tedious fanning-mill process that tired out the boy of the earlier generation.

Nor is there a band cutter at th start of the machine's work. A selfeeder attachment does all that, and from the minute that the bundles tied in twine by self-binders, are pitched at the gaping mouth of the separator until the farmer drives to the elevator with his load of clean wheat, leaving the straw behind, the hand of man has not been called into use. The machine does it all.

Out in Ellis County were raised 2,000,000 bushels of winter wheat this year. The first acre of wheat ever produced in the county was in 1876, when Hill Wilson, now of Topeka, put in ten acres. It was sod wheat, but it did well and when it was ripe he wondered how he would be able to cut it. Not a reaper could be found with in sixty miles. Near him was a col-

ony of Russians and he received a call from their leader. "I will cut your wheat," said he,

'for \$2 an acre." It was all the wheat was worth but Mr. Wilson had to agree. The Russian brought all the women the colony to the farm and with hand sickles they cut the grain while in their arms and aprons they carried it to the little granary.

To-day Ellis uses 2,000 extra la. borers to cut the wheat its soil. grows. With such a development in what was once an arid country is it any wonder that the farmers pros-



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pot of boiling greens odor.

TO PRESERVE EGGS. -Have a kettle of boiling water on the stove, and into that dip the eggs. Let them remain as long as it takes you This recipe has to count ten fast. been in use in my family for forty or fifty years. The eggs cannot be told from perfectly fresh eggs, as the hot water cooks that fine inner skin, there can be no evaporation. There is no taste of lime about them put up in this way. It is a find thing for country women who want to hold for better prices, and also the city woman who wants to purchase for future use while eggs are cheap. nity of interest."

SLEEPING ROOMS .- This is my way of keeping my sleeping rooms fresh and sweet: Arising, I remove ing for the coming of the harvest. Heretofore every farmer has made the covers from the bed, spreading them out on chairs, and shaking the his own contract with the thresher and every thresher has charged what he pleased. As a result some made Then the beds are ready to Practically every thresher in the 1896

outfit, so to speak, in his private It costs \$8 to plant, harvest and car attached to the rear of the train.

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market an acre of grain. This year Ellis County will sell \$1,200,000 "Something to be proud of, ain't worth of grain that cost only \$800, said Tom Whitney as he halted 000 to raise. This means \$400,000 the train at the foot of a hill while profit for 5,000 people, or \$80 for the engineer raised the steam presevery man, woman and child in th to the climb. "I've been workin" ten county. That is the way a wheat sure higher in the gauge preparatory years to get this together. Cost me crop counts out West. \$3,000-\$1,800 for the engine and

The threshers who are making themselves well to do out of the ex. trys. I've got ten good men in that present wheat crop have invested only about \$1,800 on an average. If there cook shanty and a cook who can beat th' band. If I don't make they can thresh, 1,000 bushels of wheat a day for fifty days they will money this year it ain't my fault.' pay for their machine and outfit. He will make money all right-all Next year they will make an equal the threshers will this year. They have a trust, a combine, a "commuamount, for the Kansas wheat crop shows no indication of diminishing This is the remarkable record of the All through the spring they have

been holding meetings behind closed past decade:doors in the country towns, arrang-

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ment, even in this not, then, any longer prov justice of the Lord. Watch honor and reputation of yo You are Christians. not in your midst, habi breathe of paganism."

Then, to come down to par the Archbishop says: "A ta dangerous amusements, the coholic drinks, have alread too much headway in every o rank of society. Do not, the the fearful responsibility, of on those evil inclinations developing them by means tematic encouragement."

The dangers are pointed of an appeal is made to the he e good people of the city there is one passage we mu omit; it is the one that dea the primal source of these di His Grace places a finger th it: "Do you not see that th usements, organized by gree culators, lead hundreds of p neglect the Mass, to abandon are the Mass, to abandor caments, to ignors the try faith, to destroy the family to weaken, if not extinguiss pletely all good morals?" And all these things, where plaint is thus made are coo at the very Church doors,