

HOUSEHOLD.

A Darning Club.

Among all the clubs of the present day a 'Darning club' is certainly one of the most practical. It originated among a number of housewives, who decided that 'darning' was too dull work to be pursued in the solitude of one's own home, and so decided to have a weekly meeting on Wednesday forenoon, to which each should take her mending, while those who had no work were to entertain the rest by reading or something of a similar character. The plan was carried out, and worked admirably. Not only was a pleasant weekly entertainment enjoyed, and a great deal of uninteresting work happily disposed of, but the members became familiar with a large amount of elevating literature which else they would not have had the time or opportunity of assimilating.

Mould in the Cellars.

Unslaked lime is best suited for the extermination of mould in the cellar. It is blown in the shape of fine powder, on the walls of the cellar and into the joints and crevices by means of the bellows or else thrown on with the hand. The walls must be damp; dry walls have to be well moistened previously. The lime slakes with the adhering water and kills all organisms. On the day following the walls are washed off, and, as experience has proved, the cellar will remain free from mould for at least two years.

Selected Recipes.

Cottage Pudding.—This is a very light pudding if properly made. Mix together a breakfast-cup and a half of flour with a tablespoonful of sugar and a cupful of milk to a stiff batter. Then take about an ounce of butter and two eggs. Beat the eggs and butter together until they are like cream, and then stir into the batter; add a teaspoonful of baking powder, and turn into a greased dish and bake for an hour. This may be eaten as it is, or with jam, or a few currants or sultanas may be added.

Apple Compote.—Put a cupful of sugar and one of water into a preserving kettle, adding the juice of one lemon. Boil five minutes, or until the scum rises, and remove it. Add six apples, pared, cored and quartered. Boil until nearly tender, and then bake in the oven. This is good either hot or cold.

Sauce for the Same.—One cupful of sugar, one pint of water, the thin yellow rind of a quarter of a lemon, a little grated nutmeg; let it boil slowly for a few moments and serve.

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Toronto, Jan. 14, 1901.

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