

## HOUSEHOLD.

## How to Root Slips.

Take a shallow dish and fill with sharp sand; wet this very wet; but not so that it will be muddy, or so that the water will stand on the surface. Insert the slips in this sand, and never let it get dried out; this is the secret of success—keep the sand wet all the time, and remember that it dries out rapidly.

If you want to root a geranium slip choose one that is strong, large, healthy and not woody.

Almost anything will root in this wet sand. If you want to root a good many slips, a box or something that could be covered with glass would be best. Fill this partially with sand, and have no drainage; insert the slips and cover with glass, put the box in a sunny window and raise the back end so that the box will be thrown with its entire surface to the sunshine. Slips will root rapidly, and when well rooted they may be transplanted.

If you begin sufficiently early you will have plants for summer blooming, and those that have bloomed during the winter may take a rest and have their buds pinched off to fit them for service another winter. It is a fact that a plant will produce more flowers as it grows older if it is cared for. Of course plants may get too old, but I think this is the exception rather than the rule.

Now a word about potting rooted slips; these must be handled with care, and here is where the novice makes a mistake. Do not put a tiny rooted slip or a good-sized rooted slip into a big pot; use a very small one; it will not put the plant back to transplant it from time to time; it will do it good; it will make it strong and stocky, instead of growing up spindling and weak.

Use drainage always in the bottom of the pot, and for the first potting use rather poor soil, and put sand about the roots at first. When the plant is well established, and growing well, then transplant it to a pot one size larger, and use as good soil as it may require; if you use the regular flower-pots the potting is an easy matter, as the plant may be taken out with all the dirt about its roots, and reset without much trouble.—'The Household.'

## Left-Over Dishes—Vegetables

(By Emma Louise Hauck Rowe.)

Very tempting dishes may be fashioned out of left-over vegetables, and be served under the more dignified name of escalloped vegetables. These may be cooked and served in individual dishes, but where there is a large family it is much more sensible and equally as well to cook in one dish.

Prepare your left-over cooked vegetable—beets, potatoes, cauliflower, carrots, cabbage, rice, or any other that you may have on hand—by mincing, cubing or slicing, as preferred.

Make a plain white sauce by melting one table-spoonful of butter in a saucepan; stir in smoothly two level table-spoonfuls of flour, and add gradually about one cup of previously heated milk, stirring it perfectly smooth and free from lumps. Add salt and pepper to taste, and according to the previous seasoning of the cooked vegetables. Grease your baking-dish to about one-fourth from the top.

Mix the white sauce with the prepared vegetable, and put some into your baking-dish. Over the top sprinkle some buttered cracker or bread crumbs. Do not have your baking dish more than three-quarters full. Bake in the oven until fully heated through and browned very nice on top.

With rice and cabbage, cheese can be grated over the top instead of buttered crumbs. This is a very simple way of making an attractive new dish out of what might otherwise have been very plain left-over.—'Christian Work.'

## How to Clean Egg Spoons.

Place on the discolored spoon a good pinch of salt. Rub it well into the spoon and in a few seconds it will be quite free from discoloration. Rinse the spoon in a little water. If the weather is cold the salt may want to be moistened with a drop of warm water.

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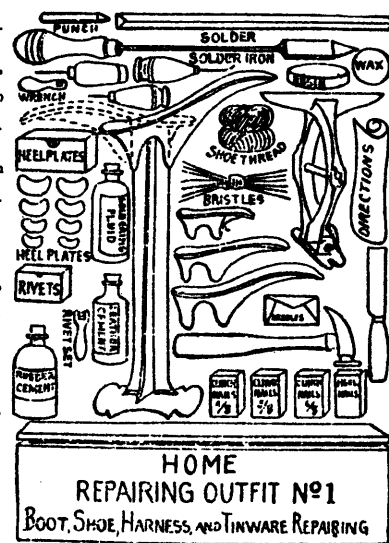
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