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HINTS FOR WASHING DISHES.

One of the most wearisome domestic tasks which falls to the housewife doing her own work, is the "never ending, still beginning," washing of dishes. It is often a pleasure to prepare a dainty, palatable meal; a well-earned satisfaction in viewing the work of one's hands in the light, sweet loaves of white or brown bread, the roast flesh or fowl, done to a turn, the perfect cake, quivering custards, etc. But not one of these toothsome viands can be brought to pass without the aid of various pans, spoons, cups, etc., all to be cleaned for, perhaps, immediate use again. They must be washed by hands already weary—for modern invention, fertile as it is, has not yet, to my knowledge, produced an automatic dish washer and drier. It is discouraging, and few things sooner bring the tired housekeeper's spirits down to zero (especially if the mercury has already gone down to that point) than a kitchen table full of sticky, greasy, unwashed dishes greeting her as she rises from breakfast or dinner, in addition to the dishes used upon the family table. A very great help is to wash as you go. Have your pan with hot water and cloth handy on a table, and as fast as you dish articles from the stove or range, wash the cooking vessel. Rinse out frying-pans, kettles, etc., with very hot water to take off the grease. Chain dish-cloths readily take off whatever sticks to the sides of stew-pans or pots, or a common clam shell may answer the same purpose. As nearly all cooking utensils are more easily washed when warm, washing as you go saves time for the dining-room work, after the meal, besides getting the kitchen sooner in order. Keep several thick holders near the stove, to save your hands and towels, in lifting hot kettles and pans. Never take hold of these with the dishcloth, as you wish to keep that important kitchen appliance entirely free from pot-black and grease. By taking some simple precautions the cooking vessels can be washed with almost as much ease as your china service. By having your pan and hot water ready, you may sit down to breakfast or dinner with the sense of relief that the "kitchen things" are out of the way—until next time.

RATHER ROUGH ON THE LADIES.

A highwayman has the line at which he draws a distinction between victims. An old police magistrate who used to be at the armory tells this one:

"A man charged with robbing a citizen on the street was before me. There were two witnesses against him, one the victim and the other a friend who was with him.

"You met these two citizens on the corner? I asked the prisoner.

"Yes, sir."

"You attempted to rob one and not the other. Can you tell me why you made a distinction—whether by chance or intentionally or what?"

"I attempted to rob this one, indicating the victim, 'because I did not know him. The other one I did know. I knew he was a married man.'

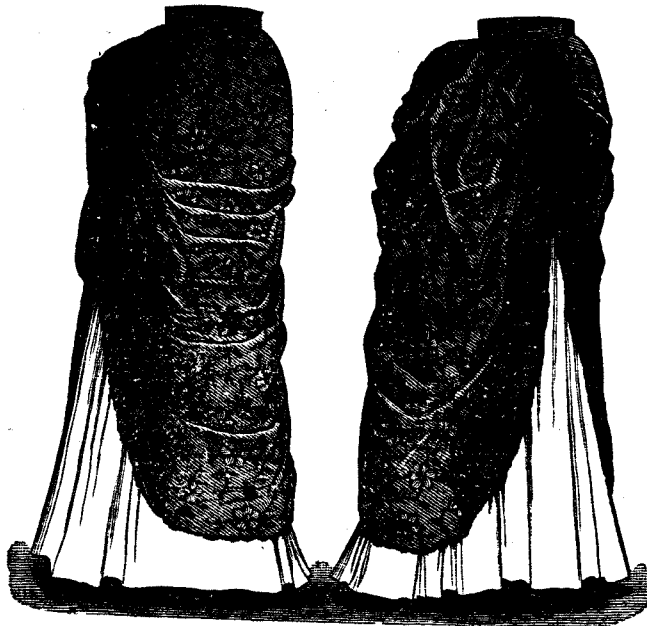
"Ah; quite a considerate fellow for one of your class. You did not care to rob his family?"

"No, sir, I knew he had nothing. A married man never has."



ANATOLIA VISITE.

There is scarcely any variety of cloaking or suit goods that is not adapted to this design, and as it is stylish in effect, and practical in construction, it will be found a most desirable and satisfactory model. The pointed front pieces are somewhat longer than the back, and are fitted by a single cart in each. The sleeves are set in with a moderately high effect at the shoulders, and the back pieces terminate a little below the waist line. Velvet, silk and many kinds of suit goods can be suitably made in this way, and the garniture should be selected to accord with the material used. A medium size will require three yards and one-eighth of goods twenty-four inches wide. Four yards and one-quarter of flat trimming will be sufficient to arrange as illustrated. Patterns in two sizes, medium and large. Price twenty-five cents each.



LISKA OVERSKIRT.

This style of overskirt is unusually attractive when made up in light woolen goods, grenadines, buntings, and the different varieties of dress goods that drape handsomely. The front is full and prettily wrinkled, and the sides are looped high. The edges of the front and back draperies are reversed, and when the revers are faced with an appropriate contrasting material they form a stylish and dressy finish to the whole. The back is moderately bouffant and falls nearly to the bottom of the skirt. The ingenious though simple style of drapery and the contrast produced by the facing make this a particularly pleasing and desirable model. This overskirt is shown on the plate of "Spring Costumes" in combination with the "Cleora" jacket. Five yards and a half of goods twenty-four inches wide will be sufficient for the overskirt, and one yard and a half of velvet will face the revers as illustrated. Price of pattern, thirty cents.

A PRETTY ROOM.

Young ladies are now decorating their bed-rooms in artistic fashion. A room furnished in tones of blue, pink and gold has walls of palest blue and gold, with a very faint suspicion of pink in the deep frieze. The curtains are sheer with great sprays of blue cornflowers worked in Kensington on the lower part, while long loops of pale blue and pink ribbon form a balance of color in the middle of the rods. Queen Anne darning ornaments the bureau scarf—wild roses with rich, dark leaves. The pin cushion, shaped like a meal bag, and about the same color, is tied at the end by blue satin ribbon. The blue plush curtain in front of the book-shelves has an old gold band prettily embroidered in feather stitch. The splasher over the washstand is a relief from the usual "morning dip," and "wash and be clean" affairs that have so long insulted us, it is nothing more nor less than a large mirror with a hammered brass frame. Just over the mirror, on a bracket of blue plush, stands a little white marble statuette. A gilt wicker chair is run with pale pink ribbons, and near by it stands a little pine table, covered with a pale blue flannel cover, embroidered in daisies. The wall, from the mantel shelf up, is covered with blue canton flannel, studded around the edges with brass-headed nails. On this background are hung the trophies of two seasons—a cane, a birch bark cannon, a few photographs, a baby owl, perched on a gold crescent, and innumerable german favors. Another room is similarly furnished in pale pink and seafoam green.

GLAZE.

Take four pounds of leg of beef, four pounds of knuckle of veal, and one pound of lean ham; cut them into small pieces and put them into a stock pot, with about two quarts of cold water—enough to cover the meat; let it come gradually to a boil, skim carefully, occasionally adding a dash of cold water; when clear boil it for eight hours more and then strain it through a sieve into a pan. Remove the fat when cold. Pour it into a stewpan—be careful not to let the sediment go in—with one ounce of whole black pepper, half an ounce of salt, and boil it over a clear fire, leaving the pan uncovered; skim, and when reduced to one quart strain it through a tammy into another stewpan; then let it simmer till, on taking out some with a spoon and allowing it to cool, it will set into a jelly; great care is required to keep it from burning. It should be kept in earthenware pots, and, when required for use, melted by putting the pots into saucepans of boiling water. To glaze the ham and tongue, wash them over with the melted glaze, using a brush kept for that purpose.

THE INTUITIONAL SENSE IN WOMEN.

The wit of women has been praised, but her instincts are quicker and keener than her reason. Counsel with your wife, or your mother, or sister, and be assured that light will flash upon your darkness. Women are too commonly adjudged as verdant in all but purely womanish affairs. No philosophical student of the sex thus adjudges them. Their intuition, or insight, is the most subtle, and if they cannot see a cat in the meal, there is no cat there. In counseling one to tell his trouble to his wife, we would go further, and advise him to keep none of his affairs secret from her. Many a home has been happily saved, and many a fortune relieved by man's full confidence in his better half. Woman is far more a seer and prophet than man if she be given a chance.

The so-called tailor-made suits of the incoming season lack the charm of simplicity that attached to the Puritan-like garments of the past.

It is said that for summer wear light fabrics will be made, with corsages pleated on the shoulders, crossed in front and belted at the waist, the sash or belt having long ends.