

Asked and Answered

Readers are asked to send any question they desire to this column. Make them brief. The editor will aim to reply to as many as quickly and as fully as space will permit. Address Household Editor, Canadian Dairyman and Farming World, Peterborough, Ont.

What shall I color cheese with and how much color is needed for each gallon of milk used?—Mrs. Frank Osterbauer, Nanton, Alta.

Annatto is a substance used for coloring cheese. The amount varies from 1 to 3 cents per gallon. It would, therefore, require only a very small portion to color one gallon of milk.

Kindly send me a remedy for boils. Our small boy is troubled with many of these painful afflictions. Any help will be gratefully received. Mrs. Tom Moore, Peel Co., Ont.

Slice lemon thin, remove the rind, lay on boil, and cover with thick pieces of fat salt pork or bacon. Change every two hours. Cover with oil silk bandages, if possible. The same treatment can be given carbuncles and felonies.

What will take the colored spots off my windows? They are caused by rain and snow?—Mrs. James W. Heston Co., N.S.

It has been discovered that pure lye is the only thing that will remove these stains. Use two glass is about the only thing that pure lye will not harm. Make the lye by pouring hot water over wood ashes, and wet a cloth in it, and rub over the glass. Wipe dry, and you will have bright and sparkling windows.

Please tell me a good way to try out pork drippings, as I have a large quantity and think they could be of much value if I knew the proper way to try them out?—Mrs. John McNaught, Ontario Co., Ont.

Save all your pork drippings until you have perhaps a gallon. Put into a vessel over the fire, and allow the fat to slowly melt, then increase the heat. When melted, pare 2 medium sized potatoes, and drop into the frying pan. When the potatoes rise to the top, remove vessel from the fire, stir up the potatoes, and let the fat stand a little while to settle. Now pour off the clear part, leaving the sediment at the bottom. Drippings treated in this manner, will be found to be almost equal to the best lard.

When one reads in recipes, etc., teaspoonful, or tablespoonful, how should the measure be taken, heaping full, or even full? I have often been puzzled to know which is meant, and it sometimes makes a serious difference in mixing ingredients together.—Miss Laura Black, P. E. I. Co., Ont.

Salt, pepper, spices, baking powder, etc., are usually measured with a level spoonful, not rounding; if you are to use only half of the spoonful, divide it lengthwise, not the other way. The tip of the spoon is much shallower than the other part, and by dividing across the bowl, less is used than has been directed.

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Our Girls and Boys

The Lucky Prize Winners

So many interesting letters were received from our boy and girl readers, in the Winter Fun Contest, that it has been a very hard matter for the Editor to decide who is entitled to the prizes. We are sorry to note that more letters were received from the girls than from the boys. How does this happen? Boys, you must not let your sisters get such a start again. The letters we received from the boys, however, were very interesting, and all the letters received in the contest will be published at different times in this column. As they were all about Winter Fun and Winter Sports, most of them will be held over and published next winter. Every boy and girl who wrote us a letter in the contest will be remembered in some way, by the editor, and we trust you will each receive one of you, write us at any time that you have anything of interest to tell the other boys and girls.

WHO WON THE PRIZES

The letter that won the prize among the girls, was written by Bessie Jackson, of the snow, Ont. There were so many good letters from the girls, that it was a very difficult matter to award the prizes. When we considered the composition of the letter, its general appearance and neatness, and the writing, we decided that Bessie had won the prize.

The lucky boy to receive the prize, was Gordon Bell, of Wiltholme, Ont. Gordon's letter seems to be the most complete of all. We publish below the two letters:

THE GIRL'S PRIZE LETTER

"Dear Editor,—
"My winter sports are skating, coasting, snowshoeing, and making snow-men. We skate at recess and noon, also after supper. We have good fun skating. Coasting is a great sport, especially when you tumble or run into the fence. On Saturday we go snowshoeing. We walk over the fences on the snow bank. Sometimes we make a snow man. Then we get some coal, and make eyes, nose and mouth. I shall close now." Bessie Jackson.

(Bessie is only 12 years old, and sent a very neatly written letter.)

GORDON'S LETTER

"Hello, I am a little boy, ten years old. I go to Woodborn school. I like to go out at school and give the boys a peck of snow ball, and then run around the corner and see the boys look around to see who hit them. Sometimes they catch us and wash our faces, but we don't mind that. Sometimes we make a fort and let the big boys send snowballs at us. I like to slide down hill with a cat in my arms. In winter we skate to school. Sometimes we fall down, and hurt our heads, but we soon get over that."—Gordon Bell.

The prizes will be sent to the prize winners in the course of a few days. It may be that they have already been received by the time you read this. The editor is sending something else to each boy and girl who sent us a letter.

A Daily Thought

Never delay To do the duty which the hour brings.

Whether it be in great or smaller things.

For who doth know What he shall do the coming day?

Eggs and Easter

There are many superstitions in connection with Easter, and each country has a custom of celebrating it peculiar to itself, but while these vary, they all unite to observe the spirit of Springtime, and all Christians rejoice that the Lord of Life forever won the victory over death. Among the many quaint superstitions is the old Aryan one, which typifies the return of the sun of Springtime by golden eggs being distributed at the early equinox by priests, to strengthen the hopes of the people that the bleak, cold days of winter might soon cease, and a brighter time ensue.

The Persians believed that the earth was hatched from an immense egg on Easter morning; the Aryans also held the sun to be a large golden egg which was constantly rolling nearer to the earth.

With the Jews, the egg became a type of their rescue from the land of bondage, and in their Feast of the Passover, eggs occupied a conspicuous place in the service. It was their connection with the latter that finally caused them to be used by Christians the world over in celebrating Easter—the egg of resurrection, into a new life bringing a message of life from death as it were.

While the egg is, to most of us, the most familiar symbol of this season, there is another emblem, beginning to dispute its supremacy for each year seems to make "Br'er Rabbit" more typical of Easteride.

As ordered by the Christian church the time of the Easter festival is determined by the moon; and the hare was in ancient, and especially in Oriental symbolism, identical with the moon. The Buddhists have several legends explaining the presence of the hare in the moon. One is that Indra, disguised as a famishing pilgrim, was apparently dying for lack of food, and the hare threw himself into the fire that he might be roasted, for which the grateful Indra immediately translated him to the moon.

How Birds Dress

Birds think a good deal about their dress, and are careful to keep themselves tidy and in good order. Of course, their fashions differ, because birds themselves differ, but they do not change. A robin to-day dresses just as her grandmother did, and none of her neighbors call her old-fashioned.

Neither do birds have many suits. Two a year is quite sufficient for most of them, and many are content with only one. As a rule, the gentlemen dress more gaily than their mates, though they spend less time upon their toilet.

Just watch your canary after he has had his daily bath. See how each separate feather is cleaned, pulled and looked over, and how all the loose ones are taken out and dropped. All this is done by the bill, for a bird's neck is so flexible that it can be turned in all directions, but the bill cannot reach the head, and so Mr. Canary uses his foot.

With it he combs his hair, first on one side, then on the other, scratching very fast, as if to get all tangles out. Then he uses his hair oil, for although complexion powders are not known in the bird world, hair oil certainly is. When a Madam bird wishes to use it, she squeezes it out with her beak, then she lays the oil on her back, above her wings, and rubs her head against it, turning her neck in all directions, until every feather on her head is straight and shining.

In the Sewing Room

When sending for patterns kindly mention the size of the person for whom the pattern is required. The editor has received lately quite a number of such cases. When ordering patterns, simply state number of pattern and size desired. Allow 10 cents for each pattern before pattern may be expected.

SHIRT WAIST OR BLOUSE \$10



The simple shirt waist fills a place in the wardrobe that nothing else supplies, and is consequently always in demand. Here is one of the latest models that is smart in the extreme, and which allows the choice of two styles of collar and sleeves. The sleeves are arranged to give a full, becoming line to the figure and the double-breasted effect is distinctly attractive.

The waist is made with fronts and back laid in tucks that are stitched their entire length. It can be made straight, liked, but in either case the two rows of buttons are used. The sleeves are gathered at upper and lower edges and the long ones are finished with regulation cuffs, the short ones with cuffs of the turn-over sort.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 3½ yds 27, 3½ yds 32, 36, 38, 40 and 42 in bust measure and will be mailed on receipt of 10 cents.

CHILD'S PLATED SKIRT \$5.00



To be worn with or without belt. Simple, little frills that are made with waist and skirt portions are made to suit either boys or girls as they are finished in one way or another. This one shows combined box plaits and tucks that give long becoming lines. Wear it with collar, cuffs and belt of embroidered heading or with these simply scalloped at the edges it can become sufficiently dainty for the little girl.

The dress is closed invisibly beneath the box plait at the centre back. The full sleeves are gathered into bands and the belt, when used is adjusted under straps at the under arm seams.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (4 yrs) is 4½ yds 24, 2½ yds 26, 2½ yds 28, 2½ yds 30, 2½ yds 32, 2½ yds 34, 2½ yds 36, 2½ yds 38, 2½ yds 40, 2½ yds 42.

The pattern \$5.00 is cut in sizes for children of 4, 4½, 5 and 6 yrs of age and will be mailed on receipt of 10 cents.

FIFTEEN GORED SKIRT \$5.00



The many gored skirt is the latest decrease of fashion, and is really a very desirable acquisition to the wardrobe. It is suitable for all skirtings, it is well adapted to cloth. It is the most satisfactory for linens, pique and other materials of the sort, which so many women are using making for the coming summer.

can be made in round or in walking length, and be laid in an interval, or finished in habit style at the back, so that it is adapted both to the street and to indoor wear. The many gored skirt has long lines that give the effect of slenderness, and the belt may be made to sit at the upper portion with graceful flare at the lower.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 11 yds 27, 6 yds 44 or 5½ yds 42 in waist one skirt has figure or nap; 8½ yds 27, 5½ yds 44 or 4½ yds 32 inches wide if it has not.

The pattern is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 in waist measure and will be mailed on receipt of 10 cents.