Mix well as quickly as possible and put in warm buttered muffin-pans. Bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes. This quanity will make 12 muffins.

Grape Catsup.—Five lbs. ripe grapes boiled and put through a colander; 3 bs. brown sugar, 1 pint vinegar, 2 teaspoons salt, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 2 of cloves and 2 of allspice, 1 level tablespoon pepper. Boil until thick enough and seal in bottles.

Sour Cream Salad Dressing.—To 1 cup thick sour cream add 1/4 teapsoon each of salt, paprika and mustard, and 1 tablepoon lemon juice or vinegar. Beat until thick and light with an egg-beater.

Elderberry Pickles.—Three quarts elderberries, 3 onions chopped fine, 2 teaspoons whole cloves, 2 tablespoons ground ginger, 1½ cups brown sugar, 2 cups seeded raisins, ½ teaspoon red pepper, ½ teaspoon mace, 2 teaspoons mustard seed, 2 tablespoons salt, 2½ cups vinegar. Cook until thick and put in sterilized jars.

Plum or Grape Marmalade. - Three pints grape or plum pulp cooked to a mush and pressed through a colander, 1 pint of the skins (plum skins shredded), 2 lbs. sugar. May add raisins or chopped nuts if liked. Cook slowly until thick. Green Tomato Preserve.—Three quarts

green tomatoes sliced thin, 3 lemons sliced thin and cooked in 1½ cups water, sugar as liked. Simmer until thick.

Chili Sauce.—Take 18 ripe tomatoes,

3 green peppers, 3 onions, 1 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 4 teaspoons salt, 21/2 cups vinegar, 1 teaspoon ground allspice, 1 teaspoon ground cloves. Peel and cut tomatoes, add the chopped peppers (with-out seeds) and the onions also chopped fine. Put in a kettle with remaining ingredients, bring slowly to boiling point and cook until thick, very slowly.

Soft Gingerbread.—One beaten egg, 2

heaping tablespoons sugar, 3 tablespoons melted butter, I cup molasses, I teaspoon ginger, I teaspoon cinnamon, I cup boil-ing water, 2½ cups flour, I teaspoon soda. Beat the egg, add sugar, butter, molasses, then the flour sifted with the the spices, and last of all the soda dissolved in the boiling water. Bake in a steady

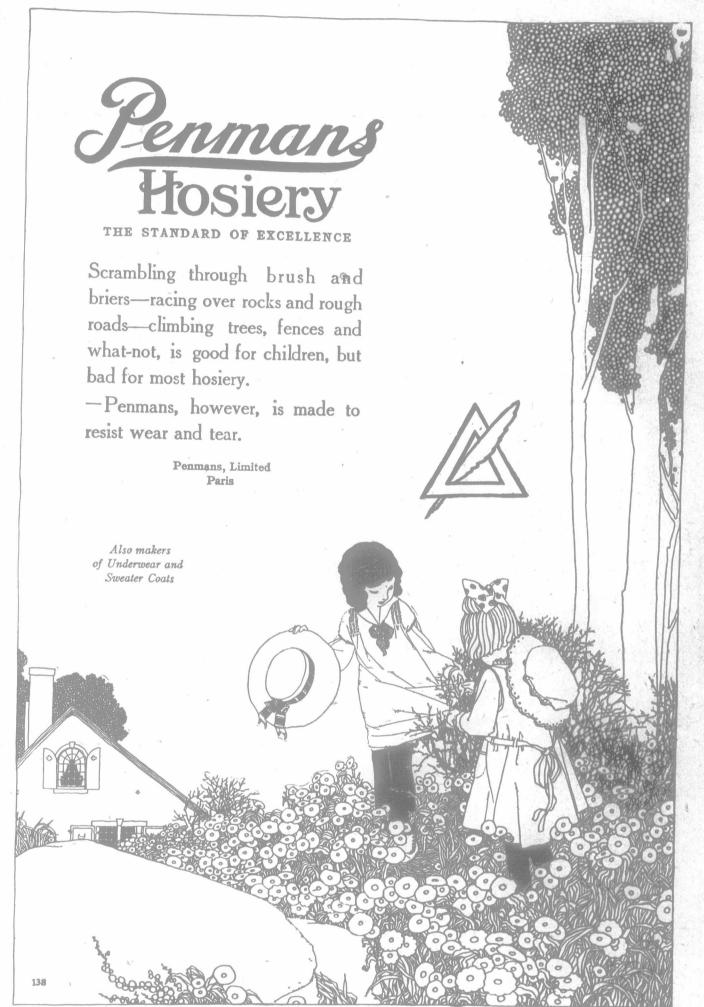
oven, not too hot. Crab-Apple Catsup.—Wash 4 quarts crabapples and cook in a little water, and press through a colander. Add to the pulp 3 pints sugar, 2 quarts vinegar, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon cloves, 1 level tablespoon pepper, 2 level tablespoons salt. Cook slowly until thick. Never use tin for cooking any kind of fruit or pickles. Graniteware should be used, even a granite colander, as the touch of tin ruins the flavor of anything that

has acid in it.

Watermelon Preserves. — The rind should be preserved as soon as the melon has been used, as it will sour in hot weather, unless it is kept in a very cold place. Take two pounds of the rind with the peel and all the pink flesh removed. Cut into small squares, and soak overnight in a solution of two ounces full strength lime water (which can be procured at a druggist's) added to a gallon of pure water. Alum may be used instead of the lime water. In the morning take the rind out of the solution, soak in clear water, drain well, then put on in rapidly boiling water for ten minutes. Make a syrup of six cups of sugar to three quarts of water. Add the juice of one lemon and slice in half another. Add the rind slowly to the boiling syrup and cook until the melon is tender and transparent. Remove the kettle from the stove and allow the contents to cool. After cooling, arrange the pieces of rind in the jars, and pour boiling hot syrup of medium density to fill. Partially tighten the tops of the jars, sterilize as for other fruits in boiling water for forty minutes. Remove the jars, tighten the tops, and place to cool, but not in a draught. Some persons like the flavor of ginger with watermelon. To give this flavor, cook the rind—after the preliminary soaking, and clearing, and par-boiling—in a syrup made in the proportion of a pound and a half of sugar, a quart of water, and pint of strong ginger tea strained. When the rind is tender and transparent, place in the jars, pour on gingered syrup to fill, and sterilize.

The Scrap Bag. Stale Bread.

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