

propose to convince the world of the fact by showing the horses. The proof of the pudding is in the eating."

A correspondent writing to the New York Tribune from Ithaca, New York, gives the following recipe as the best for poisoning English sparrows; "Dissolve arseniate of soda in warm water at the rate of an ounce to a pint; pour this upon as much wheat as it will cover (in a vessel that can be closed so as to prevent evaporation), and allow it to soak for at least twenty-four hours. Dry the wheat so prepared, and it is ready for use." It should be distributed in winter in places where the sparrows congregate, but where domestic fowls will not be endangered, and a quick decrease in their numbers is certain to follow.

OUR COSY CORNER.

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A lady friend who visited me some time ago had a travelling case of her own manufacture, which I think some of the *Priscilla* readers will like to copy. This case is made of heavy, dark-brown linen. It is eighteen inches wide and five feet six inches long. Of this length, sixteen inches is turned over to form the pocket for a shawl at one end; sixteen inches are turned back at the other end and made into two pockets, one for dressing case, the other for change of underclothing, and the centre between the two pockets has two straps to hold rubbers, slippers, or a bundle of any kind. All the edges were bound with navy-blue dress braid; the handles are formed of pieces of rope covered with linen, and the two bands, which hold the case together when folded up, are also made of linen, embroidered in feather stitch and firmly sewn to the linen case. At one end of these bands are smoked pearl buttons, and at the other a row of button-holes, so that the case may be closed tight or let out to suit its fullness.

This lady also taught me to make very pretty wool fringe which may be used on any kind of furniture. She took a piece of board two feet long and six inches wide, along the top she put a row of nails one and a half inches apart. She had a like row along the bottom edge. She began at the left-hand side of the board with two lengths of wool, each containing about twenty single threads; one of these she carried over the first top nail and down on the right-hand side of the second bottom nail, up on the left-hand side, skipped one top nail, over the next and down again, skipping the third bottom nail, and under the next, and so on till she reached the other end of the board. This left every other top and bottom nail vacant. She then took the other length of wool and did the same thing over again on the vacant nails. Then she tied the wool with another thread below the top nails all along the board, then again at the first crossing of the wool and again at the second crossing. Where the wool goes over the top nail she cuts all but two loops, then at the first crossing she cuts all but two strands each way, half way between the first and second crossings she cuts again, as before, all but two strands each way, then she cuts right through all the threads that are over the bottom nails and the pattern is complete. She repeats the pattern until she has all the fringe she requires. A. H. QUILL.

In canning, sugar is not the "keeping" power as it is in preserves; it is the entire exclusion of air from the fruit that preserves it, and with this fact in mind it will be seen that great care must be exercised to have all the jars in perfect condition. We repeat our former directions for testing the jars. Purchase for the purpose the glass jar having a glass or metal top with a rubber. The "Lightning" jar can always be relied on and is much easier to manage than the screw-top. Thoroughly cleanse the jars, and if the rubbers have been used before and seem hard or worn, get new ones; they can be purchased at any store where the jars are sold. Partly fill the jar with water, place the rubber in position, and put on the top securely. Then turn the jar upside down and let it remain in this position at least five minutes; if any water oozes out the jar is imperfect and should be set aside for some other work that does not require air-tightness. Often, however, simply changing the top or putting on a new rubber will render the jar perfectly safe.

MAKE YOUR OWN CANDY.—Now is the joyous season of the year when, if you are only acquainted with the precious secret of their preparation, you can make for yourself with ten minutes work candies more delicious than were ever purchased at the most expensive confectioners. The latter never have this particular sort of candies for sale, because they will not keep; but fresh cooked they are morsels for the gods, and this is the way to make them:

Take some big strawberries, ripe and firm, and hull them. Then mix two cupfuls of granulated sugar with a little less than one cupful of cold water. Put the mixture on a hot fire and let it boil hard without stirring, until a spoonful dropped into cold water crystalizes to the brittle point immediately. Now take it off the fire and pour into cups previously warmed in the oven. Dip the strawberries one by one into this hot solution as quickly as possible, fishing them out with forks and laying them on greased tin pans.

The briefest sort of an immersion will be sufficient to give each berry the desired coating of sugar candy. Finally, set the pans on the ice in the refrigerator, and as soon as the fruit is cold it will be ready to eat. Perhaps "gobble" would be a more appropriate word, considering the eagerness with which such strawberries are usually consumed. In very truth they are not rivaled by any other kind of sugar plums, as you will yourself confess if you try them. Malaga grapes and nuts as well may be treated in the same way.—*Philadelphia Record*.

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