

Scientific and Useful.

OYSTERS FRIED IN CRUMBS.—Two or three eggs well-beaten, cracker pounded fine; dip each oyster in the egg, then in the crumbs, and fry in hot lard and butter.

PASTE FOR TARTS.—Four ounces of flour, three ounces and a half of fresh butter, and one tablespoonful of sifted lump sugar; put in a basin; mix with a spoon; roll it to the size of your dish and bake it; when done remove it with a knife.

A JOSEPHINE.—Take one pound of "C" sugar, four ounces butter, beat this to a cream; must be thorough, break in, one at a time, six eggs, reserving the whites of two of them; use three gills of milk and beat that in; put in two teaspoonfuls of essence of vanilla; sift one pound of flour, in which has been put a heaping teaspoonful of baking powder, and half a teaspoonful of salt; bake at once, in a moderately hot oven, using six well greased jelly-cake pans. When three of the cakes are cold put jelly between them; for the other three beat the two whites of eggs which have been kept until stiff, and add three-quarters of a pound of pulverized sugar, and the juice of a lemon; when the other three cakes are cold spread this between them. No cooking necessary for the icing, only put away in a cool place and do not handle.

NAPHTHA.—The vexatious night-foes never met a more deadly enemy than naphtha, the lighter part of petroleum, sold under various names for twenty-five to thirty cents per gallon. Procure a machine oiler; one that holds a pint is convenient. With this filled with naphtha go over in the same way as in oiling a sewing machine, visiting every joint and crack and flaw and spring and even corners of mattresses. It does not spoil carpet or bedding or wall paper. Sofas and cribs may be drenched in this way, and if daily applied the cause soon ceases. Only one precaution should be observed; it must not be used at night, for the gas arising from the naphtha, if mixed with the atmosphere, becomes explosive if a light be applied. Hence it might be unsafe in a room with a cook-stove unless the fire be extinguished. The gas passes away in an hour. The same fluid is used to wash kid gloves. Wash like any cloth, and rinse till clean, changing the fluid.

HOW TO FEED BEES.—A correspondent of the "Germantown Telegraph" tells us how to feed bees: "Now is the proper time to see that your bees have some fresh food, such as a syrup prepared thus: Take good 'A' coffee sugar and make a syrup about the same as we often have for warm buckwheat cakes at breakfast, and when it has cooled you can lay some bits of old comb in the top of your hive and pour on a few spoonfuls of syrup, which they willingly take down and feed their queen; this will stimulate her to laying eggs for her early brood. It is also a very good plan to have some rye flour ground and placed in shallow boxes two or three rods off from your bees, that they may visit and carry to their hives as bee-bread. If you cannot get rye, shorts will do. It is often the case that we find many who are keeping bees the old post-auger style, who should also feed their bees, which can be done by filling up glass tumblers with the syrup thus made and laying a cotton cloth over them; then turn upside down over holes in the top of their hives, and the bees will soon take the syrup down through the cloth, which can be readily seen through the glass tumblers and again refilled.

AMUSEMENT FOR THE CHILDREN.—On rainy days the active child resents his confinement within doors, and is more than usually troublesome. I know of nothing which will afford him surer amusement than the making of scrap-books. Provide the little ones with a pair of blunt-pointed scissors and let them cut out and trim neatly the pictures from papers you do not care to preserve, circulars of farm machinery, or anything they fancy, and then, armed with a cup of boiled starch and an old tooth brush, if you have one, let them exercise their ingenuity in filling the book with their collections. Quite small children find enchantment in this kind of work. A large picture may be put in the centre of the page and the space around it filled with small ones, or short pieces of prose or poetry. I have seen very pretty ornaments for the juvenile scrap books cut out of the illustrated books for children, which had become badly tattered with use so that the pictures were all that were worth preserving. When two pages are full the book should be left open until dry before going on. This amusement need not make much litter about a house, and the little workers can easily learn to pick up their scattered scraps after themselves, and wash the starch-cup and brush after using it, so that it will be ready for the next rainy day.

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