

the overloading of their houses with senseless ornaments and furniture, writes Julia Ditto Young, in 'Good Housekeeping.' Rugs upon carpets, thirteen pillows to a couch, sash, lace and silk curtains all at one window, these are some of the household superfluities that chew up the dollar. Great good would follow a simplifying of domestic equipment. Work would be easier for servants, and easier in their absence, while the reposeful atmosphere of an uncluttered house would soothe both master and mistress. There has been some reform in this line, but 'Oh, reform it altogether!'

To every housekeeper who has not an account in the savings bank, the writer would say: 'Look over your crowded dining-room, where the chairs touch each other, and ask if you would not be as well off without the china cabinet and the fragile ware upon it—were intended to be washed only in butlers' pantries, not in a kitchen sink. Sell some of these useless trifles, or give them away, and put the money you would have spent in the bank, and never again buy anything for the house which is not needed, but each time you are tempted to add knickknacks and dust-catchers, put the money resolutely by, that some day you may have enough to buy a house.—Selected.

Some Candy Recipes.

PEANUT TAFFY.—One quart of peanuts chopped fine, and one pint of granulated sugar. Put the sugar in a saucepan, and, when melted, add the peanuts.

PEPPERMINTS.—Two cups of granulated sugar, one-half cup of water, one-quarter teaspoonful of cream of tartar. Boil eight minutes, add six drops of oil of peppermint, and beat until it granulates; drop from a pointed spoon on to oiled paper. Orange drops, etc., may be made by adding different flavoring. Color with cochineal coloring.

MOLASSES CANDY NO. 1.—Two cups of molasses and one tablespoonful of sugar. Stir occasionally while boiling. Before removing from the fire, add butter half the size of an egg and one-third teaspoonful of soda. Pour on to buttered tins and pull when cool.

MOLASSES CANDY NO. 2.—Two cups of sugar, one cup of molasses and one-half cup of water. After it begins to boil, add one-fourth teaspoonful of cream of tartar. Do not stir. Before taking from the fire, add butter one-half size of an egg. Pour into buttered tins and pull when cool.

TAFFY.—Two cups of brown sugar, one-half cup of butter, four tablespoonfuls of molasses, two tablespoonfuls of water, two tablespoonfuls of vinegar. Boil about fifteen minutes, or until it hardens in water.

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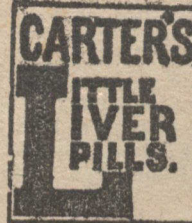
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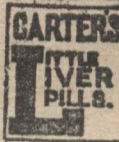
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