

small spoonful of finely-powdered sugar. When all are thoroughly mixed bottle for use.

THERE IS PROBABLY NO OTHER FRUIT that can be so easily grown and that is so universally a favorite as the strawberry, and it is surprising how many country and rural families there are who are without this delicious fruit in their garden. Potted grown plants have a great advantage over layer plants from the fact that when set out in the late summer or fall, they will bear an abundant crop the next season.

ESCALLOPED APPLES.

This is a very nice fashion for serving apples. The sliced apples (the sour ones are best) should be sweetened to taste, and flavored highly with lemon juice, cinnamon and any spice that you like. Put in alternate layers with slices of buttered bread. Fill the dish with hot water. Bake slowly to a light brown and serve with a rich sauce. A prettier way is to halve the apples and omit the bread, having only alternate layers of apples and sugar. Flavor as you like. Bake three hours, closely covered. The apples keep their shape, imbedded in a beautiful jelly. Do not break in taking it out.

TO PRESERVE EGGS.

Eggs are at their cheapest just now, and those who have plenty should turn their attention to preserving a few for winter use. If properly preserved, eggs will keep well right up till Christmas time, when they are dearest, and at the same time greatly in demand. Such eggs are good even for boiling, but they have a tendency to crack whilst cooking, which spoils an egg for looks and flavour. This difficulty, however, may be speedily got over if the thick end of the egg be pierced with a fine needle; then the preserved egg will boil as satisfactorily as one which is new-laid. For the preserving process, take three pounds of quick-lime, one ounce of salt, one ounce cream of tartar, and one-and-a-half gallons of boiling water. Put the dry ingredients into an earthenware pan, pour the boiling water over, stir well, and when it is perfectly cold commence putting in the eggs day by day whilst new laid, keeping a cover over the pan. This latter precaution must on no account be neglected. You will find the lime will sink to the bottom of the vessel, but this does not

matter in the least if the liquid covers the eggs. Do not forget that the eggs must be entirely covered with the liquid and the cover left on.

LIME WATER FOR INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.

The two ingredients are distilled water and quicklime, the first being quite as important as the latter, for if you make the compound with ordinary water, it may be highly dangerous in place of beneficial to children. Get one pound of good, fresh lime, put it into a metal pot, and pour over it half a pint of water; this is to slake the lime. Next take two ounces of the slaked lime and put it into a gallon of distilled water, which should be contained in a glass-stoppered bottle, which you can purchase at any chemist's for very little when buying the distilled water. Shake the lime and water well together for two or three minutes, then let it rest for twelve hours, after which you can draw off the clear solution with a syphon as required for use; or, if you prefer it, transfer the clear solution to another vessel, rinse out the sediment left in the bottle, and returned the prepared lime water, which must be kept always carefully stoppered.

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PHLOX DECUSSATA.

Late blooming Garden-Phlox.

Few garden flowers are more satisfactory than the Phloxes, they are thoroughly hardy, adapt themselves to any good garden soil, are neat and compact in their growth and last a long time in bloom; no class of plants have been more improved by the skill of the hybridist. The most noted European horticulturists, chiefly the German, turned their attention to the production of new varieties and the poor purple, lilac and pale pink sorts have been superseded by brilliant shades of rose, salmon, deep red, and bright purple, the size, shape, and density of the truss, and form of the flowers have been brought to the greatest perfection, some with glowing crimson centres on white ground and some delicate pink with a white eye, and others, the purest white, the diversity of