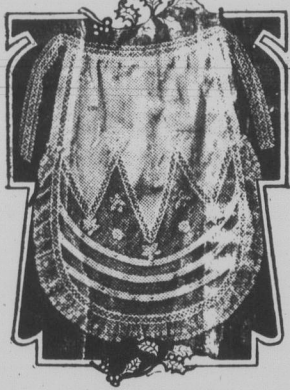


### APRONS AS GIFTS.

Attractively Made, They Will Delight the Busy Woman.

This apron will make a delightful gift for the woman who is devoted to her cooking dish or to the one who is fond of fancy work. The three little pockets that can be applied on the points will be convenient for skins of silk or odd spoils.

Fine lawn was the material used in this case. It was cut in a single piece with the three points below, a handsome beading being run around the out-



CHAMPION DRESS APRON.

side. The top was slightly gathered to the waist band. The lower part of the apron was cut out of heavy net and finished with a beading and a lace trim. The band that goes about the waist was made of a beading bordered with rows of narrow lace insertion. Ornaments shaped out of the material and shaped bands of it were applied to the net.

An apron work bag may also be made of plain or flowered muslin, with pink or blue ribbons, if destined as a gift for a girl or of silk, satin or brocade if for an older lady.

The apron lies round the waist by means of a ribbon, while the bottom of it is doubled up to form a deep bag, with ribbon run round the slot at the top of it, so that when the wearer stands up suddenly any needlework, scissors or cottons lying in her lap slide into the bag instead of falling on to the ground.

This makes it a specially useful gift for any one who has any nursing, waiting on older people or looking after small children to do.

### SWEET SCENTED SACHETS.

Charming Tokens for the Christmas Gift Maker.

Dresden ribbon quaintly tinted is used in making this sachet handkerchief case. The upper part of the case is open so that the folded handkerchief may be slipped inside. A plain satin ribbon is used for the lining. The row of tiny satin ribbon roses wreathed around the edge of the heart and the big plain satin ribbon bow at the left are charming embellishments.

A specially pretty and novel handkerchief sachet is very easily made from a twenty-two inch square of flowered silk, interlined with a layer



HEART SHAPED SACHET.

of nankeenette, lined with Japanese silk and edged all round with a cord chosen to match the lining.

The materials have been placed together and one corner sewed on the four corners of the square should be folded to meet in the middle, envelope fashion, while four inches from each point sew a wee bow of ribbon to catch the sides together.

The four points should then be turned back at will as far as the four ribbon bows, allowing ample room for getting handkerchiefs in and out.

The effect of the turned back corners, particularly if the lining has been chosen in some pretty contrasting color, is very attractive.

For a large sachet, suitable for a nightdress, a yard of silk measuring not more than twenty-two inches wide in some pretty shade is required, together with a yard of soft white silk for lining.

The two yards of silk are laid together, stitched round three sides and then covered on the inside with a thick pad of wadding. If it is the ordinary sheet wadding one three layers.

Track the wadding loosely to the selvage of the silk. The case then is turned right side out and the fourth side slipstitched. The yard strip is divided into three, and two-thirds are sewed up together on either side to form a bag.

The remaining third of the strip is then cut up somewhere about its center with a yard or rather more of wide ribbon to match the colored silk used on the case or, if it is not possible to obtain a good match, with a double strip of the silk itself stitched together to form a ribbon.

The tied up piece of the sachet is usually turned over, so that the white silk lining and the bow lie on the front of the sachet, and the opening is left ready to slip the nightdress in.

### NA-DRU-CO LAXATIVES

Women's commonest ailment—the root of so much of their ill-health—promptly yields to the gentle but certain action of Na-Dru-Co Laxatives.

25c. a box at your druggist's. NATIONAL DRUG AND CHEMICAL CO. OF CANADA, LIMITED. 161

San Francisco is to have a handsome and picturesque new railway station erected during 1913 by the Southern Pacific road on the present site of the Coast Line station at Third and Townsend streets. It will cost \$300,000, and will be in the mission style of architecture, which is very well suited to such structures.

An estimate of the government that the world's commerce this year will reach \$31,000,000,000 gives a monthly average of \$2,583,000,000. Oversea trade of the United Kingdom this year has averaged \$478,000,000 monthly; that of the United States has averaged \$325,000,000. Thus, while the United States can boast of 12 per cent of the world's commerce, the United Kingdom can show a ratio of nearly 20 per cent.

The New York Herald says that by the gift of \$125,000,000 to the Carnegie corporation of New York, Mr. Carnegie leaves John D. Rockefeller far in the background as philanthropist. The approximate total now stands: Andrew Carnegie—libraries, \$52,000,000; pensions for college professors, \$22,000,000; small colleges \$20,000,000; hero funds, peace funds and miscellaneous gifts, \$113,000,000; Carnegie corporation, \$125,000,000; total \$332,000,000. John D. Rockefeller—general education fund, \$53,000,000; Chicago university, \$25,000,000; small colleges \$23,000,000; miscellaneous gifts \$74,000,000; total \$175,000,000.

In the personal laboratory of Sir Wm. Ramsay, at University College, London, is a pair of scales so delicately adjusted that they will weigh a seven-millionth of an ounce. The room is in semi-darkness. So delicate are these scales that their balance is disturbed by the turning on of an electric light. The operator has to leave them for an hour in darkness—after he has tipped from the room so that his footfall does not set up any vibration—and then read them swiftly before any change in the temperature has had time to affect them. The scales rest in a metal chamber. The beam, only a few inches long, is placed in a silica case, because silica expands and contracts less than glass.

In one of the Charlottetown schools the other day a number of children ranging in age from five years upwards were found smoking cigarettes. The cigarettes had been sold to these children by a person who could be scarcely ignorant of the fact that he was not only violating the law but that he was committing a much more serious crime, namely, starting innocent children on a road that leads almost invariably to ruin. There is a severe penalty for selling cigarettes to children, and the penalty should be exacted without merciful severity. The man is little less than a fiend who will commit this crime, and we trust that the parents of those who have been given this first push downward will see to it that the villain will get the full benefit of the law.

—Charlottetown Guardian.

Rod and Gun for December, published by W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock, Ont., is an especially readable number. Among its varied list of contents may be found: The Calgary Stampede, a description of the wonderful historical pageant that took place last Sept. in that city of the plains; "Bud Parsons," an amusing tale of a youthful hunter who threatened for the blood of a bear; a funny illustrated article describing the winter attractions of a well known summer tourist rendezvous—Algonquin Park; A Still Hunting in New Brunswick, and a very funny Indian story-poem of "Hole-in-the-Jaws"—so named because his mouth was large and wide, extending clear from ear to ear.

"Food and Feeding" is the subject of the eighth article on the Culture of Black and Silver Foxes and other stories of adventure are of an exceptionally entertaining nature.

Dairying Reminders

Regularity of milking and feeding are important requisites in every profitable dairy operation.

The most perfect separation of the cream from the milk will be obtained by separating at once after milking.

### RIBBON REMNANTS.

Short Lengths of This Make Attractive Holiday Remembrances.

Very dainty powder bags may be made of short lengths of Dresden ribbon fringed at the ends. A bit of chambray is stitched to the under side of the ribbon, and it is with this the powder is put on. Such toilet accessories will be much appreciated by most women and are gifts that are inexpensive yet useful.



RIBBON POWDER BAG.

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Two bits of fancy ribbon thus fringed may be stitched together to make sachet covers.

The dainty colorings and charming varieties in these Dresden ribbons suggest numerous uses for such odds and ends at the Christmas season.

Such a simple thing as a package of good pins can be placed in an attractive holder. Take a piece of ribbon five inches wide, fold it in half and then fold the edges back on themselves. Make this case a little longer than the paper of pins. Fasten the edges at the corners after fringing them and place a bow of narrow ribbon at each end, allowing for a short ribbon handle. This can be made to match the bureau trimmings and can be hung at the side within convenient reach.

### MERE MAN'S CHRISTMAS.

The Offerings That Women Friends May Prepare For Him.

In selecting a gift for a man a girl is limited to articles for his desk, sofa cushions, calendars and bits of embroidery.

A man will like this attractive case for brushes, which is made of very



BRUSH CASE.

wide ribbon in a novel blue and white and pale green figured design. It is lined with green china silk and is fitted with separate compartments for the different brushes. The back of the case may be made over a frame of cardboard, while the front can be stiffened with canvas. A narrow dark blue and gilt braid ornaments the edge, binds the two sections of the case together and gives body to the flaring bow of ribbon along whose face it is run.

Do not forget a round bag for col-lars. A circular disk of stiff cardboard six inches in diameter can be cut and covered with linen. Measure off a strip six inches wide and as long as the circumference of the circle. Sketch some simple design on it, repeating the motifs three times and embroider.

Attach rings to the upper edge and whip on the straight piece after joining at the straight edges. Run ribbon through the rings.

### Last Minute Giving.

The only Christmas spirit evoked by last minute preparation is a cynical disgust for a holiday that should be attractive. It is like a woman who says she can work only under pressure. Before long she finds the work suffers.

The Christmas List

Do not think of Christmas giving as compulsory. Examine your list carefully and buy pencil each item that is not necessary. The instant a Christmas gift becomes a burden it is as useless as the Christmas itself.

### FARM TOPICS

Do you Keep "Boarder" Cows?

The cow from an economic standpoint, is simply a manufacturing plant through which is run so much raw material in the form of nutrients to turn out the finished products—milk and cream. Many of these manufacturing plants are run at a dead loss, but their owners do not know it, as they are too indifferent to take the trouble to "keep books" so they can find it out. This is one of the lamentable defects in farming as a manufacturing enterprise. In any other phase of industrial activity such negligence of business methods would spell bankruptcy. The Babcock test and a pair of scales makes it possible for every farmer to keep accurate accounts with each cow in his herd, and where this is done it does not take long to convince the owner that the cow that does not pay her board but better move on. But as yet the major portion of dairy farmers have not risen to the point where they test each cow's production. Through the organization of co-operative cow testing associations in a number of different states improvement is being rapidly made, but it is probably a safe estimate today to assume that 20 per cent of the milk producing cattle in the great dairy state of Wisconsin are not paying their owners for the feed and care which they require.

In these days, when modern machinery has so greatly reduced the relative use of hand labor, a lamentable lack of efficiency is shown where a man spends his time milking and caring for a number of animals whose returns often do not pay for the feed consumed, let alone the labor expended.

### Stable Sanitation

In the first place, the carcass of any animal that dies of a contagious disease should be destroyed by burning; otherwise it should be buried deep and completely covered with quicklime. Anthrax especially is frequently spread by neglect of these precautions, as birds, dogs or other animals feed on the unburied carcass and distribute the germs. The stable which has housed an animal that died of a contagious disease should be subjected to rigorous sanitary treatment. All the infected forage and bedding should be raked out and burned; the walls should be well soaked with water and then thoroughly scraped. All rotten wood in the floors, feed boxes or stanchions should be removed and burned. A noted authority has said: "Thorough cleaning will often make disinfectant unnecessary, but no amount of disinfection will take the place of clean-

### Possible Increase of a Grain of Wheat

It has been calculated by a German philosopher that a single grain of wheat produces fifty grains, and that these fifty grains will each produce fifty grains more, and so on. Thus he finds that the grain would develop in the following way: In the second year, 2,500 grs. In the third year, 125,000 grs. In the sixth year, 15,625,000 grs. In the twelfth year, 244,140,625,000 grs.

The third year's crop would give 300 men one meal, leaving enough for ten to feed eight pigs for one day. The produce of a single grain in the twelfth year would suffice to supply all the inhabitants of the earth with food during their lifetime.

### Four Eggs in Ten Hours

High cost of living does not bother Miss Augusta C. Norling of Brockton, Mass., as long as she can raise hens that lay four eggs every ten hours.

"I just take good care of my hens and they make return by laying plentifully," she said. "I guess no one in this city has got a hen that will lay four eggs in ten hours, and I will wager there isn't one in the country that will beat that record. My Peggy is queen of the flock. I have always made a pet of her. One day last week she was sick, and I took her in the house. When I carried her back to roost there was an egg in the basket at the house. The next day when I went out to see how she was getting along, I found in her nest three more eggs that she had laid during the night."

### Care of Dairy Utensils

Rinse all utensils used in the dairy with lukewarm water, then thoroughly wash with hot soda. Do not use soap or any of the washing compounds containing grease. Then rinse with scalding water. This will make the utensils thoroughly clean. The milk and cream will thereby keep sweet longer. Cold water is useless in cleansing milk pails, separator parts or anything else with which milk or cream has come in contact.

### Sweetening a Churn

Place several lumps of unslaked lime in the churn with water enough to make the lime creamy. Put on the lid and leave it for a half hour. Churn several minutes. Remove the lime-water. Scald thoroughly with boiling water. If the first trial of this method does not sweeten them churn repeat the operation.

Lime is one of the most efficient disinfectants, as it destroys organic matter as well as bacteria. To prepare milk of lime add a pint and a half of water to each quart of quicklime to be slaked. By weight use sixty parts of water to a hundred parts of lime. One quart of the resultant dry powder can be mixed with four quarts of water. This preparation should be used as fresh as possible to spray the walls, partitions and floors of infected buildings. It should be put through a fine sieve or strainer previous to using to prevent the clogging of the spraying nozzle. Every stable should be whitewashed at least twice a year, as this inexpensive process not only is a valuable means of disinfection, but also materially improves the interior appearance of the barn. The whitewash should be made from freshly slaked lime, using the same proportions as in the case of milk of lime. The surface of the stanchions and mangers, together with the side walls and ceiling of the barn, should be brushed clean of dust. The whitewash should then be thoroughly sprayed over the stable by means of a hand spraying outfit.

Victoria has spent 15,000,000 dollars on Irrigation Works and the main channels command over 2,000,000 acres. In Victoria, the control and use of all water supplies, rivers, creeks, and lakes is in the hands of the Government, and all water supplies, whether domestic, stock, or for irrigation purposes, are owned and controlled by the State, whilst the charges for water are amongst the lowest in the world. Irrigable land may be purchased under Closer Settlement conditions at prices ranging from £10 to £20, (\$50 to \$100) per acre. The deposit is 3 per cent of the value of the land and half-yearly payments of an equal amount pay off the remainder in 3½ years. The interest charged is 4½ per cent. The charge for water is remarkably low as compared with the charge of \$17.50, which is the price in California, Colorado, Nevada, Washington and other States of the Union. The climate is equable and crops may be grown all the year round, there are no extremes of heat or cold; the mean temperatures are 49.2 (Fahr.) in winter, and 65.3 in summer. Dairying, stock-raising, wool and cereal production, as well as fruit growing are extensively carried on.

In 1911 Victoria produced Wool to the value of £4,142,747 (\$20,713,735) minerals \$13,088,955; wheat \$17,736,330; butter \$19,300,500. In 1910-11 season Victoria produced 3,502,714 bushels of apples, pears, etc.; 27,390 cwt. of raspberries, strawberries and other small fruits.

The area of this productive Australian State is 87,844 square miles, about equal to the size of Great Britain. The capital of the State, Melbourne, situated on the River Yarra, near Port Phillip Bay, is the eighth city of the British Empire, having a population of 588,000 people.

Any reader who would desire to receive a copy of this publication, gratis, may address F. T. A. Fricks, Esq., Victorian Government representative, General Delivery, San Francisco, Cal., U. S. A., or Elwood Mead, Esq., C. E. (State of Wyoming, U. S. A.), chairman of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, Melbourne, Australia. The publishers at 44 William Street, Melbourne would also supply any added particulars which may be desired.

A school to teach society women with large incomes the best way to spend their money, has just been opened by Lady Esher, and at the first lesson thirty six pupils, wrapped up in furs, arrived in their carriages and automobiles to be initiated into the mysteries of petty cash and stamp books. The "school" is situated at Craig's Court House, Charing Cross, where the lessons will be held once a week until Christmas, when Lady Esher will hold an examination to test the progress made.

The first lesson had for its subject "The Duties of Honorary Treasurers of Societies." Each pupil was supplied with an account book, ledger, cash book and petty cash book, and all wrote entries in them as the teacher, who, on this occasion, was Miss Tait, well known as "John Ironside," the novelist, dictated sample incomes and sample items of expenditure. Among the items dealt with during the lesson were: Account books, how to open and keep accounts correctly, muddle that

result from lack of method, cash book and ledger, petty cash and stamp-books, receipts and payments and of office rules, treasurer's report at committee meetings, financial year, the audit.

Charlottetown Examiner The death occurred at the City hospital under very regrettable circumstances, of Miss Bridget Callaghan. She had been employed at the Revere Hotel and on Wednesday afternoon in a playful mood, dared Jerry Gallant, another employee, to open the cellar hatch after he had gone down for coal. She stood partly on the hatch and partly on the hatch support and when he responded to the dare and raised the hatch Miss Callaghan slipped and fell. The sharp edge of the hatch catching her in the pit of the stomach. A doctor was at once called and she was removed to the Charlottetown hospital where she gradually sank until the end came Thursday at noon. Death was due to internal laceration of the stomach and liver. Deceased belonged to Cardigan and leaves to mourn several brothers and sisters.

An English newspaper owner has purchased thousands of dolls for the poor little girls in London who would otherwise receive no Christmas presents. He has made arrangements with a trans-Atlantic steamship line to place the dolls in small lots on board liners, sailing for New York, with the understanding that the women passengers would be offered the opportunity to clothe them. Sixty dolls were supplied with beautiful gowns on one liner which has arrived in New York. They will be taken back to England on the return trip.

A children's theatre, the only playhouse in the world, devoted exclusively to the entertainment of children, is to be opened in New York next month. The funds for the enterprise were provided by Wm. K. Vanderbilt, but it is expected to be practically self-supporting. The auditorium, which is placed on the roof of the building, erected by Mr. Vanderbilt and other for their new theatre, will seat 800 and has 12 boxes. The wall decorations are in nursery style, and great arched windows looking out over Central Park give an abundance of pure fresh air. Plays are to be given in the afternoon, beginning at 3.30 o'clock.

Florence McQuire, the 13 year old daughter of James McQuire, of Victoria Mills, was drowned a short distance from her home on Sunday afternoon. She was one of a large number of young people skating on the St. John river near the Mills and went through the ice. The swift current carried the body under the ice and after an alarm was given grappling was commenced, but this work was hindered by the snow storm which started before dark. A body of determined workers persevered however, and on Monday afternoon the body was found about 75 feet from the place where the child fell in.

A Des Moines man had an attack of most peculiar rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of \$150.00 or more. He sought for a quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this liniment he was well. For sale by All Dealers.

The story of eleven years of married life during which not a word was exchanged between husband and wife is told in papers on file in a separation suit in the New York State Supreme Court.

The pair, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mintz, were married in 1884. For thirteen years they lived happily together with their four children. Eleven years ago they quarrelled. The dispute was over some trivial matter, it is said, but the wife declared that she would never address another word to her husband as long as she lived. He declared that the arrangement was satisfactory to him. Mrs. Mintz asserts that both adhered to the agreement.

Seven years ago their daughter Dorothy died, but even at the funeral service the vow of silence was not broken. Mr. Mintz is now seeking a separation.

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