

THE SEWING BASKET

When making collars for thin waists you will find that they will fit much better if a perfectly fitting collar of paper is sewed on the waist first and the strips of lace and insertion are basted on it.

When sewing lace at the top of collars hold it against the wrong side of the collar so that the stitches will come on the right side, drawing the thread moderately tight. This will make the lace stand up neatly around the neck.

THE PUPIL'S PLAINT

You showed me the ruddy rose,
But never thought to warn
That with its pleasures there were woes,
You pointed out the thorn.

You showed to me the apple fair,
But never thought to tell
Me that a worm was there,
And in the heart did dwell.

You showed me Cupid's bow and darts,
But never made it plain
Not always bliss comes from his arts,
But just as often pain.

GINGER DROP CAKE

One cupful of light brown sugar, two thirds of a cupful of butter, one-half cupful of cold water, one egg, two-thirds of a cupful of molasses, one large tablespoonful of ginger, one large teaspoonful of soda, and flour to make a thick batter. Drop by teaspoonfuls on a well greased pan. Bake in a moderate oven. These are extremely nice if properly made.

Uses for Cold Biscuits. Heat them in a steamer, then split them and put a couple of spoonfuls of any desired fruit between the halves and serve with sugar and cream. Or, steam the biscuits, break them up and put into a tureen. Pour over them a pint of thickened chicken or beef gravy.

To Preserve Bacon smoke it well, rub the surface of the bacon with powdered borax, wrap in paper and hang up in the store-room, not in the cellar.

Quick Light Bread. Dissolve one yeast cake in about one quart-of-brewer's water. Add one tablespoonful each of sugar, lard and salt, flour enough to make a dough. Set the sponge at night and let rise until nine o'clock the next morning, then work well, adding flour as needed. Make into loaves or rolls, let rise about three hours, then bake in a hot oven.

NEW RECIPES

Italian Eggs. Eggs cooked with tomatoes are delicious. The following mixture makes a nice supper dish, yet involves little trouble. Put a tablespoon of chopped onion and two tablespoonfuls of butter in a pan over the fire. Let cook until slightly colored, then add 1½ cups canned tomatoes, and ½ cup good cheese grated. When well blended, stir in three eggs slightly beaten; season with salt, and stir continually until a creamy consistency is obtained. Serve on rounds of buttered toast.

To Caramelize Sugar, put in a smooth saucepan, place over hot part of the range and stir constantly until melted and of the color of maple syrup. Care must be taken to prevent sugar adhering to the sides of pan and spoon. A little butter rubbed on first will prevent this.

New Cream Toast. Make the sauce by cooking one tablespoon of butter with half a tablespoon of flour until smooth, then add a cupful of cream and stir until

the boiling point is reached. Have ready, hard boiled eggs, cooled and sliced, and allow two to each cup of sauce. Heat them in the sauce and ladle into half a cup grated cheese for each cup of sauce. Cook for a moment longer, season to taste and serve on hot toast.

A tasty home made confection may be made from prunes with the stones removed and stuffed with peanuts browned in the oven in butter or olive oil. Do not salt the peanuts.

A nice sandwich is made from slices of white bread spread with rich jam and topped with cream cheese.

TO CLEAR MUDDY WATER

It is said that water for laundry use may be cleared perfectly by putting a tablespoon of powdered alum into each tubful of water and allowing to stand

for a short time. Some washing compound will be necessary to soften the water for laundry purposes as the alum makes the water hard.

If kerosene is bad and smokes the lamp chimney, put a spoonful of salt in each lamp and watch how bright the light becomes.

If moths get into carpet, wet a clean towel with clear water and lay it over

the spot that has been attacked. Then iron the place with a hot iron until the towel is quite dry. The steam will kill the moths and their eggs will not injure the carpet.

Unless rake tins have been well greased it is often difficult to dislodge the contents when laked. The experiment should, however, be tried of wrapping the tin for a moment or two in a cloth wrung out in cold water and then giving it one or two sharp knocks.

TO MEND RUBBERS

Thin spots in rubbers can be mended at home by applying a cement made from five cents' worth of rubber dissolved in benzine or chloroform. First apply benzine for an inch or more around the thin spot and scrape until clean or until a new surface is exposed. Then apply the rubber with a brush as quickly as possible so that it will not harden.—Mrs. M.E.C.

THE BARNACLE DAYS

By M. Windett Roberts

Let me have done with the days that are dead;

Must they forever

Drag at my life as the weeds of the ocean
(ling to the water-logged hulk in its bed?)
Denied to my spirit all freedom of motion

Till I can sever

My life from the barnacle days that are dead.

Their's is the tale of my rudderless course;
I, who was driven

Hither and thither by hot winds of passion,

Soon to be sunk in the seas of remorse.

Now, at your bidding, how hard in my fashion,

Have I not striven

The wreck to repair of my rudderless course.

Yet am I bound by the days that are dead;

All my endeavor

Serves but to deepen the depths that abuse me;

Perish I must where my waywardness led,
Unless by the power of your love you can raise me

So that forever

I shall be free from the days that are dead.

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8929. A Good Style for a Boy's Suit.

This is very little detail to this cut, which is comfortable and suitable for cloth or wash fabrics. The sleeve is laid in tucks at the wrist. The trousers are also regulated. Kill-brothers closing at the left side. The Pattern is cut in 3 sizes: 2, 4, and 6 years. It requires 3½ yards of 47 inch material for the 4 year size.

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