

HOME INTERESTS.

Conducted by HELENE.

WHAT TO MAKE FOR CHRISTMAS.

One of the prettiest and cheapest book markers may be made by dried autumn leaves, amary, oak, or water maple being used.

THE MOTHER AS AN ARTIST.

As I look into the world of to-day I see a beautiful woman. There is a bright light in her eyes, but not of love and tenderness.

Some men look and see the beautiful and good, others look and see the beautiful and evil. Critics praise, men cry "Success," women are silent with envy.

But I see a different scene. A woman coming from the Valley of the Shadow of Death, and in her arms she bears a little lump of living clay, fresh from the hands of the Creator.

ALONE AT CHRISTMAS.

If in this age of organizations innumerable there is room for one more, it is for an organization which would bring together, especially on Christmas, those who are alone in the world, particularly women.

HOW TO MAKE CHRISTMAS CAKES.

Little cakes that will please the children either at the table or on the Christmas trees are made as follows: Bake the cakes in little party or muffin pans and frost the tops with a white icing.

HOW TO PREPARE A CHRISTMAS HAM.

A Christmas ham should be prepared as follows: Let the ham soak in tepid water over night, allowing at least twelve hours, then wipe it dry and trim away the rusty places and derelict.

RECIPES.

For a large quantity of mince-meat, four pounds of beef is needed. A good way to cook it is to seal it in an earthen jar by putting a paste lid over the cover, to keep the steam in.

When the meat is cold, mince it very fine. It can then be put through a machine, but for mince-meat it is less messy chopped by hand. A pound of good beef suet, freed from skin, is chopped very fine and mixed with the beef.

Plum Pudding.—In making the plum pudding do not fall into the error of having it too rich, for with such a substantial dinner the pudding should be light.

For a large pudding that will serve eighteen people use three pints of milk, one quart of cracker crumbs, one tablespoonful of butter, one-half cupful of sugar, one tablespoonful of cinnamon, one nutmeg (grated) one

teaspoonful of salt, six eggs, one pound of seeded raisins, one half pound currants, one-quarter pound each of citron, candied orange peel, and candied lemon peel. Have the cracker crumbs rolled fine, mix butter, spice, and salt with them.

TIMELY HINTS.

Unless you live in an apartment with all the rooms on one floor, have a handy outfit both upstairs and down, to save steps and patience.

Wooden spoons and paddles are indispensable if there is much pickle making to be done in the home, and even for the pickle dish on the dining table, a small wooden spoon, deftly carved, can be kept more attractively than a silver or plated one that needs constant polishing.

It is a fad to have sofa pillows combine as many shades of one color as possible without introducing a foreign tone. Various shades of red which harmonize well are excellent for a couch.

Absorbent bath towels with a smooth surface on one side and a rough one on the other are made.

A nail driven through an empty spool makes a good substitute for a clothes peg in a wardrobe.

No hallway is quite complete without a Roman chair or a low, broad sofa.

To remove white spots from the nails make a paste of equal parts of turpentine and myrrh. Spread on the nails at night, binding on a cloth to prevent its soiling the clothes. Remove in the morning by applying olive oil.

Many inherit weak lungs, and as disease usually assails the weakest point, these persons are continually exposed to attacks of cold and pulmonary disturbances. The speedy use of Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup will be found a preventive and a protection, strengthening the organs so that they are not so liable to derangement from exposure or abrupt atmospheric changes. Bickel's Syrup is cheap and good.

It is by loving, and not by being loved, that one can come nearest to the soul of another.—George MacDonald.

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CONSCION, May 30th, 1904.

It affords me pleasure to speak of the merits of Psychine, which I found to be a marvelous tonic and tissue builder. I was taken down with a bad cold, which settled on my lungs. In fact, I believe I was never free from colds for months previous, and tried many of the common cure-alls and cheap nostrums you see advertised, but obtained no relief.

O. W. MORRISON.

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KINGS OF FURS.

FUNNY SAYINGS.

Dinner was a little late. A guest, asked the hostess to play something. Seating herself at the piano, the good woman executed a Chopin nocturne with precision. She finished, and there was still an interval of waiting to be bridged. In the grim silence she turned to an old gentleman on her right and said, "Would you like a sonata before dinner?" He gave a start of surprise and pleasure. "Why, yes, thanks!" he said. "I had a couple on my way here, but I think I could stand an other."

The chaplain of one of His Majesty's ships, reports the London By-stander, was giving a magic lantern lecture, the subject of which was "Scenes from the Bible." He arranged with a sailor who possessed a touch of grapes, and who had

misconduct on the part of her good little daughter, but she said nothing. Five minutes passed. Then back into the room again crept the child, the grapes in her hand untouched. She replaced them on the dish, and as she departed her mother heard her mutter: "That's the time you got left, Mr. Devil."

AS A BAIT.

A gentleman who recently moved to a suburb of London declares that for tact and diplomacy he knows nobody to equal his neighbor there. He had scarcely settled himself in his new home when one day he heard a hen proudly cackling in his backyard. He went out to see what could have brought a strange hen into his yard, and found that the a gramophone to discourse appropriate music between the allies. The first picture shown was Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The sailor chuckled his teeth, but could think of nothing suitable. "Play on," whispered the chaplain. Suddenly a large fish struck the jolly tar, and to the great consternation of the chaplain and the delight of the audience the gramophone burst forth with the strains of "There's Only One Girl in the World for Me."

As long as I can devote myself to

Dear Girls and Boys How delightful to snow. Now is the balling, making greatest of all joys—rink. Little ones live public skating rink, too small to go, any their papas to free of the yard, and their hearts' com one letter looks: pose you are all prepa mas. Your loving AU

Dear Aunt Becky: Since I have not w for some time I tho write to-day. It is down at Sturgeon no not as good as the su all the little birds are the trees are all bare, school this week for I I had a better time as have a high dog name is full of tricks. I thi now. I will write a next time. So good-by From your fr

Sturgeon, P. E. I.

"LITTLE MOTHER"

A little maid of the t out to do her Christ and a sympathetic w York daily tells, how her small capital. She was a little Germ meant that she must for each member of the means also that she d mas shopping on Aven First and Eighth street citing little village o booths which springs u by magic just before Ch year.

The little girl of the t that the explorer mi with her while she did and the explorer was g She was a little moth managed to leave "my t for just this one day wearing to have the bab one goes shopping.

She had three broth sisters, counting the ba father and mother made presents for, and she b cents. The explorer tho be profitable and interes this Christmas shopping. The little maid had be and knew very well the three cents to spend o a cent over, probably her mother's present. B baby would hardly need That would be extrave baby, who cannot be exp appreciate expensive pres

Two gay little tin bal the other crimson, tied t a bright cord, and rattl are shaken—that will ple and they cost only a ce

A candy chair, qu rounds, beak and everyth the shopper's eye met. A boy is selling them for a One of those will do for baby. He was the baby months ago, and he will chair, and then eat it.

And so there are t bought and only two ce There is a wineglass, I isn't wine, but only m and the man selling the people what a good joke vite one's friends to have of it. That would ple who is big enough to see cent for Johnny. It is how money holds out, especially in the hands shopper who knows what worth.

But Mamie Rose must full three cents. Mamie and critical. She knows of things. A doll's wash pitcher—it costs three ce is worth it. There is a all up and down one side tiful white crockery.

A little washboard fo costs only two cents. "Lam so critical. She will be anything one gives her

And then a drum for th ther costs three cents. E something to make a m this is the nicest in money.

Only 11 cents spent and