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about twice the length of the outer ones. The male is blue-gray above and black on the head, and ruddy underneath; the female is duller colored inclining to brownish.

The Mourning Dove is shorter by four inches and both sexes have black spots on the ears and brownish backs. The forehead of the adult is cinnamon brown, and the nest is usually less than 10 feet from the ground.

Observers should be absolutely sure of the identity of the bird before making a report. If the nest contains eggs, haste in reporting is unnecessary as young birds will remain in nest for three weeks or more before leaving.

It should be remembered, too, that the rewards are offered for undisturbed nests. The birds must not be molested in any way, watch them closely from a concealed position with a field glass and ascertain for a certainty that they are passenger pigeons before reporting.

Dish Washing

First in line in every household is the cooking. This occupies about three-quarters of our time. Next is the dish washing. Almost every woman considers herself master of this commonplace work, and every one has a method of her own. The method I follow, and which gives the most satisfactory results, is to neatly pile my dishes in the dish pan, pour over them some soapy water and thoroughly wash them. Then put them in a draining pan and pour sufficient scalding water over them to thoroughly rinse the dishes, let them drain a few minutes, and then dry with a clean, dry towel. I have very little use for a towel at all, only to rub and polish a little, as they drain almost perfectly dry. I can recommend this method to every tired girl who dislikes dish washing and considers it the least pleasing of all work. This method saves washing and drying towels, and if the above rules are practised, one towel will last a week. "COUNTRY GIRL."

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No Occupation

(Suggested by the Census Bureau, which places housewives under the classification of "No occupation.")

From the Census blanks we learn, That the one who runs the churn, And that patches up your breeches, In our shirts takes a few stitches, And the one who bakes the bread, And each day makes up the bed, Milks the cows, feeds the hens, Nails the pickets on the fence, Skims the milk and feeds the calves, Makes good gyrgus and good alives, Does the cooking, sets our tables, Sings us songs and tells us fables, Make her dresses, darns the socks, Does the washing, winds the clocks, Spanks the children, rocks the baby, (Knitting at the same time, maybe), Hayting time will help at mowing, And at County Fairs is showing, Just as proud as you can please Samples of her homemade cheese, Who will gather up the eggs, Brace the wobbly table legs, Sweep and dust, and scrub the floors, Nail the hinges on the doors, Dig and hoe, and weed the garden, Of the pantry act as warden, Work the mottos on the wall, Put the water for us all, Plant the water all the flowers, Tie up vines in shady bowers, See that nothing pinches and wrings, Carpets makes and crazy quilts, Puts the molasses in our clothes, Dresses up some new scarecrows, From the store keeps all the tags, Scours kettles, mends the bags, Irons out our Sunday shirt, Ne'er lets the little child get hurt, And keeps all of them a-living, Raises turkeys for Thanksgiving, And in sewing circles sews Clothes the heathens wear as beaux, Carries slip down to the rig, And makes laprobes for our rig, Propping up the fence post leaning, Never misses spring housecleaning, Cuts the grass from off the lawn, Keeps the green, puts water on, Washes windows, fills the lamps, Cures us of our colds and cramps, Sets the traps to catch the mouse, Whiteashes the chicken house, Kills the bugs by poison vapors, Catches flies on "stick-un" papers, In the morning builds the fire, Ties the rake up with a wire, Carries water from the well (Half the things I cannot tell) And delights in thrifty shopping, When in town awhile she's stopping, Where she surely won't fail Attends every bargain sale, When she tries to feed a vote (From the Census blanks I quote), All the housewives of our nation, Simply have—"No occupation."

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Gourds

For covering summer houses and arbors the gourds are very satisfactory. They grow like, like—well, they grow like gourds of the Jonah variety—and that, you will remember, if you are familiar with Biblical story, was very rapidly indeed, and their leaves will be large enough to serve as sunshades, individually, while collectively they will form a screen that is perfectly sun-proof. I would not advise planting them about the house, however, as they are too coarse in habit and general appearance to be satisfactory at close range.

THE COOK'S CORNER

Recipes for publication are requested. Inquiries regarding cooking, recipes, etc., gladly answered upon request, to the Household Editor, Farm and Dairy, Peterboro, Ont.

OATMEAL GEMS.
To 2 cups rolled oats add 1½ cups sour milk. Mix and let stand over night. In the morning add 1 even teasp. soda, a little salt, 1 egg, ½ cup sugar, and 1 cup flour.

Cranberry Marmalade
Pick over and wash 2 quarts cranberries and put over fire with cold water to barely cover. Cook until tender and press through a sieve. Add 4 pounds sugar, 1½ pounds seeded raisins, and juice and pulp (cut fine) of three oranges. Discard seeds and cook orange pulp until tender. Cook until thick and set away in glass jars.

CREOLE SOUP
Cook 3 tablespoonsful of chopped green peppers and 2 tablespoonsful of chopped onions in a ¼ of a cup of butter 5 minutes, add ½ of a cup of flour, 1 quart of brown soup stock, 1 pt. of tomatoes and simmer for 15 minutes. Rub through a sieve and season highly with salt, pepper and cayenne. Just before serving add a ¼ of a cup of cooked macaroni cut in rings, 2 tablespoonsful of grated horseradish and 1 teaspoonful of vinegar.

MARSHMALLOW FUDGE
If your marshmallows get a little stale before using up, try making marshmallow fudge. Put 2 cups of granulated sugar and 1 cupful milk in a saucepan and let the mixture come to a boil. Add 1½ squares of chocolate, grated, and 2 tablespoonfuls of butter. Cook about 10 minutes, and then remove from the fire and beat until the fudge gets rather stiff, but not so stiff that it will not pour easily. Break marshmallows into several pieces, place in the bottom of a dish and pour the fudge over them.

Stuffed Apples

Have on hand half a dozen Northern Spy apples, all uniform in size. Pare very closely, just merely removing the skin, being very careful not to cut into the flesh of the apple. Divide into even halves, dig out the cores so as to leave a cavity in the centre of the apple, put a little water in the bottom of the bake dish, arrange the apple halves in order in the lake dish, and cover with a liberal cupful of sugar. Watch very closely while baking, and do not allow them to break off. The beauty of the dish consists in preserving the halves as whole as possible. As soon as the apples are cooked tender and soft, arrange them neatly on a shallow plate, leaving one piece of apple in the juice, which should be retained in bakes with a cup of brown sugar and cook down until the apple develops into a rich brown sauce. Fill the cavities in the apples with this rich brown sauce and serve with whipped cream.

The Sewing Room

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FANCY WAIST, 6888

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For 15 yrs. is required 3½ yds. of material 21, or 1½ yds. 36 or 44 in. width, 7½ yd. of all-over lace and ½ yd. of velvet.

The pattern is cut for misses of 14, 16 and 18 years.

FIVE GORED SKIRT, 6889
This skirt is one of the smartest and best liked for all materials. It is long enough to allow of a tailor finish. It is perfectly simple, there is no fulness whatever at the waist line.

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The simplest break-fast jacket is one most needed. This one has a neck over each shoulder which provides becoming fitting. The right front is cut in two big scallops, but can be finished plain as shown in the small view, if preferred, and the neck can be made a little higher with a turned over collar. Sleeves just below the elbows are found practical, or with long sleeves as preferred.

For medium size is required 4½ yds. 24 or 27 inches wide, 3½ yds. 36 or 44 in. width, 3½ yds. 44 in. width, 3½ yds. 44 in. width, 3½ yds. 44 in. width.

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The four-piece skirt is practical, smart and gracefully in demand. This one takes straight lines yet is not too narrow.

The skirt is cut in the bottom of the front and back gores are lapped onto the side portions and stitched to give the effect of box plats.

For 15 yrs. is required 4½ yds. 24 or 27 in. width, 3½ yds. 36 or 44 in. width, 3½ yds. 44 in. width.

The pattern is cut for misses of 14, 16 and 18 years.

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