

HOUSEHOLD.

Farm Telephones.

When the farmer once learns, says an American paper, that there are good telephones which he can buy at a moderate cost, and thereafter operate at little or no expense, he will not fail to have one. A telephone circuit, including ten or a dozen farms, can be constructed at a very moderate cost, and such service will not only be a pleasure but one of the greatest actual advantages possible for the farm. The rush to the cities is caused largely by poor roads leading from the farm to anywhere, and consequent farm isolation. But a telephone will span distance much quicker than is possible with the best of roads, and the real enjoyment to be derived from its use never wears off.

Selected Recipes.

Drawn Butter Sauce.—Put half a teaspoonful of butter in a saucepan and when melted add two tablespoonfuls of flour. Cook, but not brown, and add a pint of water; stir until smooth and season with salt and pepper. This sauce is a nice addition to boiled or baked fish.

Creamed Pea Soup.—Soak three-fourths of a pint of dried Scotch peas over night in a quart of water. In the morning put them on to cook in boiling water and let simmer until very tender. Rub through a colander to remove skins. Add a pint of hot mashed potatoes and milk enough to make three pints in all, and one cupful of cream. Salt to taste. Let get thoroughly hot again and serve at once.

Beef Toast.—A most relishable stew may be made from the best portions of a roast that can no longer be carved to advantage. Cut the meat into small squares and stew it for some hours in stock or soup, or in water, if nothing else is at hand. By long and slow cooking, the meat becomes tender and delicate, the gristle parts dissolve, and the meat is saturated with the rich juices. Let it boil down until there is but little of the liquid left, then drop it upon slices of toast or fresh-made biscuits, which will absorb a large portion of the moisture. There are many persons who do not relish mussy, sloppy-looking food, and for this reason do not indulge in as many left-overs as they would if they could not make them more attractive-looking. A veteran housekeeper stews the beef or left-over meats as described, and when the time comes to make ready for the meal she pours the stew into a strainer and drains it dry. The liquid is put aside for gravy. The other is put into little shells made of potato paste and browned in a quick oven. The gravy is put on in a separate dish and served as may be required by each person. Potato shells are easily made by working and beating mashed potato with beaten egg and a spoonful of flour, then forming the mass into cup-shaped receptacles for meat or other filling.

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Truro, N.S., Feb. 11, 1901.

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