

for that reason now, knowing well that if you or any of the members can, you will give it. I wish so that I could give some in return. Unfortunately I never seem to know anything anyone asks for; however, I am sending a few "cold beef" recipes that I hope will be of use to some one.

Can anyone tell me what will take the "dress" out of new cotton goods easily? The only way I know is washing, washing, washing; and I am sorry to say there is not much love lost between me and my wash board. Also, can anyone tell me how I can be sure not to take any bed bugs with household effects when moving into a new house? In the one in which we are now living there are quite a number, and I find it impossible to get rid of them. I have tried many and many ways. Has anyone a good recipe for preserving apples for early summer use? Can anyone tell me if white boots can be blackened with ordinary boot blacking?

What can I give in return for asking these many questions? I have recipes for many kinds of puddings and sweets, and for cooking game and meat, if anyone is in need of any. I meant to have sent old country recipes for plum-pudding, mince meat and Christmas cake—recipes that have been tried for several generations, but was sick and unable to do so. However, should anyone care for them it would give me pleasure to send them. I have just thought of something else I have wanted to know a long time. Perhaps someone can tell me: How can I use yeast cakes in recipes where it says "a teaspoon of yeast," etc?

With every good wish for the New Year to all members and yourself, from,

Manitoba.

SUFFOLK.

(It is a housekeeping letter, but not at all "terrible." It seems good to have you back again after a long absence; I can't answer all your questions, but I'm sure the members will come to the rescue.

Here are several remedies for getting rid of the pests you mention. Wash corners and cracks of woodwork, corners and joints of bedstead and springs with boiling water and soap. Then apply with a feather equal parts of turpentine and carbolic acid. Then try fumigating with sulphur. Remove from the room only such metal objects as you do not wish tarnished. Close up all cracks in doors or windows. Then set four ounces of sulphur in a dish and place that dish inside a larger one on the floor. Set fire to the sulphur and leave the room quickly, closing the door tightly after you. Leave closed for an hour, then air the room well for at least another hour before occupying it again. Red oil of cedar dropped with a medicine dropper in the folds of the mattress and in cracks and joints is also recommended. All of these remedies together should prove discouraging to the boldest insect.

My mother always kept new cotton goods by themselves in the wash. They were left to soak over night in soft water to which borax was added. Then they were washed out in warm suds, rinsed well before boiling, then boiled in water with borax or ammonia, but no soap. Hang outside and let bleach for a few days.

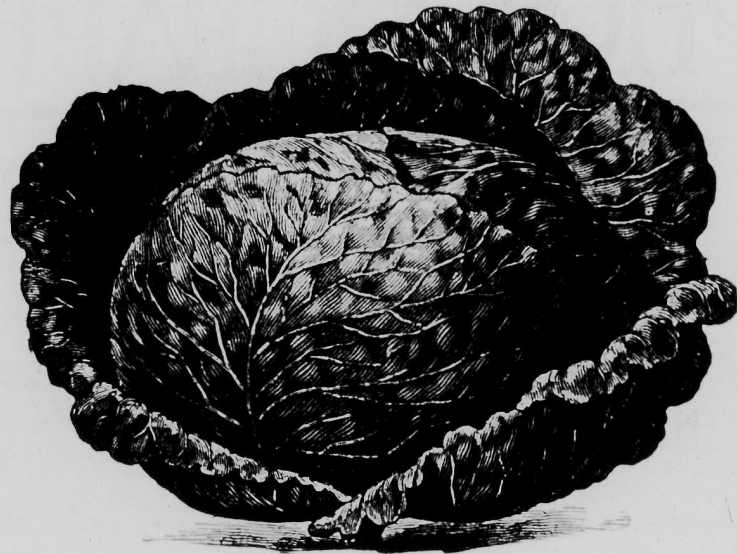
This is the only recipe I have for preserving apples, but perhaps some member can give trustworthy directions:—Pare tart, mellow apples; quarter and remove the cores. Make a syrup of $\frac{1}{2}$ pound sugar to every pound of apples and enough water to cover the fruit. When the syrup has cooked a few minutes remove it from the fire and let it become lukewarm. Then add the apples and cook gently till the fruit is transparent. A teaspoon of ginger tied in a little muslin bag and cooked with the fruit, or a little essence of lemon gives a flavor that is pleasing. Seal carefully in jars while hot.

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