

The Silent Land.

Every Other Saturday.

Into the Silent Land!
 Ah! who shall lead us thither?
 Clouds in the evening sky more darkly gather,
 And shattered wrecks lie thickly on the strand.
 Who leads us with a gentle hand
 Thither, Oh, thither,
 Into the Silent Land?
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 To you, ye boundless regions
 Of all perfection, tender morning visions
 Of beautiful souls, the future pledge and band
 Who in life's battle firm doth stand,
 Shall bear hope's tender blossom:
 Into the Silent Land!
 O Land! O Land!
 For all the broken hearted,
 The mildest herid by our fate allotted
 Beckons, and with inverted torch doth stand
 To lead us with a gentle hand
 Into the land of the great departed,
 Into the Silent Land

Household Receipts.

STRAWBERRY SHERBET.—To make strawberry sherbet, mash and strain two quarts of strawberries. Cover the mashed berries with two pounds of sugar and let them stand for an hour. Press out the juice. Add as much water as there is juice and the whites of four eggs. Cover and freeze.

GINGER SNAPS.—One cupful of molasses, half a cupful of sugar, one teaspoonful of ginger, one teaspoonful of soda, half a cupful of butter, flour enough to roll out. Warm the molasses, pour it over the sugar, add the butter softened, the ginger, soda and flour. Roll out, cut and bake in a quick oven.

LEMON BUTTER.—Rind and juice of three small or two large lemons, one pound of sugar, five eggs, butter the size of a walnut; mix all up together and place on the fire; stir constantly, as it must not be allowed to scorch in the least, for which reason a double boiler is preferable. When it thickens remove from the fire and set away to cool. This is "extra good," as the children say, and makes a most appreciated addition to picnic fare.

FRIED CUCUMBERS.—Peel three good sized cucumbers, slice them half an inch thick and lay in cold, salted water for an hour, then dry on a towel. Put a large frying-pan over the fire, with drippings of lard half an inch deep in it, and when the fat begins to smoke put in the cucumbers, only so many at once as will lie on the bottom of the pan, dust with pepper and quickly fry them brown on both sides. Serve hot. These are very nice with toast.

BLACK COFFEE.—After-dinner or black coffee is made by simply doubling the proportion of coffee to the amount of water. Use two rounding tablespoonfuls of coffee to every cup of water. If you will dip the strainer, or drip, in cold water just before filtering the coffee the fine grains will not go through. Do not fill up the strainer with water, but pour slowly and steadily until all the water has percolated through the coffee, keeping it where it will not cool. Serve it once.

MAYONNAISE SAUCE.—At up the yolk of an egg and add a teaspoonful of freshly made mustard, then olive oil. "With cautious hand that grudges what it spills," about two tablespoonfuls, then a tablespoonful of vinegar—tarragon is best—with equal caution, stirring all the time. A glass of Chablis, Sauterne or still hock is a great addition. Many ladies avoid vinegar, believing it to be bad for the complexion. In many dishes lemon juice can be substituted for it.

Gardening Notes.

Curiously tenacious of life is that beautiful plant commonly called the ivy geranium. Branches cut off and kept partly immersed in water live on for months, not only with small loss of vitality in larger leaves, but even with some development of leaf buds, and possibly some growth of new wood. This occurs, too, without any sign of

root development in the immersed ends. The clippings are peculiarly fitted for in-door decorations in winter, as the green of the ivy geranium is so fresh as to suggest a perpetual spring. Bulbs that have bloomed in pots can be turned into the garden and left there. They are not suitable afterwards for forcing. Bulbs which have bloomed in the garden can be removed, when the leaves have all ripened, and be stored in a cool, shady place until August and then be again planted; or they can be left in the ground and be allowed to bloom again the following spring.

A new cure-all for ants of all kinds came to my knowledge the other day and was hailed with delight, as this summer we have had the tiny red ants and the large black ones in the house. It is also a remedy for cockroaches and pests that invade the sanctum of the "chef." Place green walnuts in the pantry, closets, cupboards, or any place where the varmints roam. I tried it as soon as I heard of it and the ants left post haste. I also placed a handful of nuts under the red and white peonies, and the ants do not thrive there either. The cure was so quick and so effectual that I concluded I could recommend it to the whole world at large. I have been so tired of the untidy remedies of tea, alum, chalk, etc., littered all over the pantry shelves, and all to no purpose.

Woman's World.

A rose ruching of pinked-out silk in contrasting color is seen at the hem of some of the fashionable dresses. A ruching of this sort, made of velvet and lined with bright-colored silk, was seen on a recent Paris order. The velvet was turned in at the edge and blind stitched down to the silk, which was pinked and plaited very full.

Among the judicious provisions always made by sensible women are wraps suitable for evening outings. A handsome garment designed for this purpose, is a double cape of soft, fleecy camels' hair. It is trimmed with a flat fold edged by a narrow double fold of satin, which is stitched under the edge of the fold of the material. The cape has a collar that rolls back, or can be turned up around the throat if required.

It may be "home where mother is," but the mother who is endeavoring, by herself alone, to make the happiness of home, is carrying a very heavy and a very needless burden. Much has been said of the benefits of co-operation in the past few years, and much has also been urged against applying it to simplify the cares of housekeeping; but the true application of co-operation to domestic life has not yet been made manifest. It is not by many families living in common, that the mother's cares are most efficiently to be lightened; it is by every member of the family, father, sons and daughters, co-operating with the mother to form a true home, that the burden is lifted from her shoulders. It should be lifted from them, and yet it should not be permitted to weigh heavily upon those of any other. How this is to be accomplished it is for the mother to devise.

Trouble at Melita.

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