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Wring them out and pull them into shape. A hot iron tends to destroy the color, particularly if they are wet.

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TO CARRY WATCH SAFELY. When carrying a watch in a inseture place, as in a belt or shallow pocket, slip the ring into a concealed eyeglass hook, and its safety is secured.

SUGAR FOR THE FIRE. The next time your fire has almost gone out, try throwing a little granulated sugar on it, which will have the same effect as kerosene, but is not at all dangerous.

Seasonable Cookery.

Sweet Pickled Apples.—Make a syrup of one cup of vinegar and two of sugar. Add a few small pieces of whole cinnamon and some cloves. Pare and core sweet apples; drop them in the syrup and let them cook till tender. Put in a jar and pour the syrup over them. They are ready to use as soon as cold, and will keep for any length of time.

Apple Flipflaps.—Butter gem - pans and half - fill them with rich biscuit dough. Pare, core, and slice tart, juicy apples, and fill gem-pans, placing apples on top of the dough. Cover with soft maple sugar, a heaping tablespoonful to each one; adding also a teasponful of butter in small bits to each. Bake in a quick oven and serve with cream.

Canned Pieplant.—Cut the pieplant is pieces two inches long, put it over a slow fire with its weight in sugar. When the sugar is dissolved, let it boil slowly till clear, but do not leave it to become dark-colored. Put up in air-tight cans or jars.

Red-pepper Jelly.—Mash ripe red peppers, place the pods in an earthen jar, which must be set in a kettle of coldwater and boiled until the juice is entirely extracted. To every pint of juice allow a pound af sugar, and boil until it ropes well. Put in small tumblers. This jelly is very nice for cold meats.

Quince Preserves.—To one peck sweet apples—pared and quartered—take fifteen quinces, cut in eighths, and five pounds of sugar. Place alternate layers of fruit and sugar in preserving kettle, add two cups of water, and let stand over night. In the morning, cook slowly till fruit is tender and syrup clear.

CANNED CORN AND TOMATOES. Stew the tomatoes until cooked; boil the corn on the ear; cut it with a sharp knife through the center of every row of grains, and cut off the outer edge; then, with the back of the knife, push out the yellow eye, with the rich, creamy center of the grain, leaving the hull on the cob. Let it cook with the tomatoes until thoroughly hot, and while boiling fill the heated cans and fasten instantly. The tomatoes and corn may be in equal proportions or otherwise. This may be used in the winter in layers with breadcrumbs, baked in a baking dish. Canned Bartlett Pears .- Ten pounds of fruit, two and a half pounds of sugar, two quarts of water. Weigh the sugar and put it in the preserving-pan with the water, leaving it covered on the table. The fruit should be ripe and yellow, but perfectly firm. Pare, halve, and core. Ten minutes before finishing this work, put the pan on the stove, and when the syrup boils the fruit will be ready for Slide it in, all together, and let it it. boil, covered, until nearly done. Have a deep pan of boiling water on the stove close by the pears, with a thin board in the bottom, on which are the glass jars hall-filled with water. As the fruit cooks. empty the cans and fill them. There will be specks in the syrup, little particles of fruit that have boiled off, and to strain this without cooling the syrup, heat a small pitcher in boiling water, place it in the ket'tle with a little wire sieve on top, and fill it with a ladle or teacup, then quickly fill ond cover the cans. While the syrup is boiling, the covers may be placed on the cans to keep the water from getting in, but they must not be screwed on. Lay the rubbers, rings, and glass covers on the cans while they are in the water, and give the metal ring a turn, then remove jars to the table and screw tight. An hour or two later, screw them again as tight as possible.

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