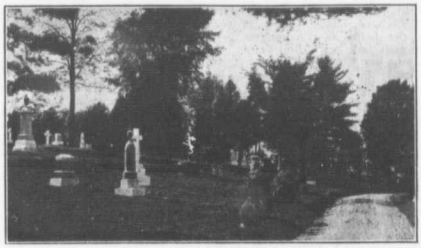
an outline of the work that has been accomplished by them, or with any plans that they may have for work this season.—(Household Editor.)

The problem of caring for cemeteries in country communities has been solved by the Ladies' Cemetery Association of the Hoosier village of Hagerstown, Ind. The responsibility lodged with the town board of committeemen, and that august body declined to heed the pleadings of those women who felt the disgrace and shame attaching to such gross neglect. The cemetery was so overrun with briars, thistles, brambles and weeds that it was all but impenetrable. Women who visited the place had their gowns torn on the briars, and snagged their boots on the sharp stumps of elders which had been cut off above the ground. Snakes and noxious animals were abundant and timid ladies and children abhorred the place.

THE WOMEN TAKE A HAND

Persistent petitions to the board of committeemen availed nothing, and the women held a public meeting. The attendance was large, and a plan of action was outlined. Resolutions expressing the shame and regret of the meeting because of the condition of the cemetery were adopted. A committee was appointed to solicit funds with which to prosecute the work of reclaiming the place. That committee worked and worked hard and achieved slender results, for the feeling was general that the town board was chargeable with the care of the cemetery and few consented to take money from their pockets to defray public charges.



A graded lawn and well kept roadway in a model cemetery in Eastern Ontario.

The prospect was discouraging, for in the warm May weather the weeds rioted and snakes multiplied and the women were in despair. Then they resolved upon heroic measures.

TACKLING THE JOB THEMSELVES

One fine morning before the dew was dry, a number of women whose hearts were stouter than their bodies, marched to the cemetery and assaulted the stronghold of the weeds Axes, grubbing hoes, mattocks, scythes—all were wielded by hands unused and arms too weak, but with telling effect, and before the last one was utterly exhausted, a start had been made. It is related that there was no complaint, no harsh word uttered against the indifferent men. Neither was there any friction of authority. All went to work at the outer border and toiled their way towards the centre. Hands were bleeding, and backs aching, but when dusk descended a dozen brush piles leaped into flame and mocked the darkness with ruddy glow. Then the tired workers walked home to rest for another day of toil. And so it continued from day to day, until the place was stripped of brush, weeds and briars, and the sodden, shaded earth was revealed to the view of the sun.

Intelligent, persistent effort won the day and before the frost of autumn painted the trees, there remained not a snake, nor a weed, nor a briar, nor a bramble to hint at the riot of undergrowth that shamed the spot in the spring.

A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Then the women rested and effected a permanent organization. A president, secretary and treasurer were appointed. While so organized the association adopted a resolution setting forth the needs and issued an invitation for everybody to partake of Thanksgiving dinner with the ladies. A large public assembly room was designated as the place where the dinner would be spread. Expectation was tiptoe in the masculine breast, and the private homes of the village were not redolent as of yore with roasting turkeys and steaming puddings. A better custom was about to be tried and, be it said, to the credit of the men, there were few who protested and none who remained away. All came to the feast, and there was revealed the plan of the association. A charge of twenty-five cents for each person served was asked.

It was one of the greatest triumphs the Ladies' Association had ever enjoyed, that first dinner. The whole town was there and residents of the country districts whose interest in the care of the cemetery was as close as any of the townsfolk. Enough money was realized to keep the cemetery in the best of repair for a year. And when the time came round again it was repeated. So enjoyable have the annual dinners proved that few of all the people who live within reach remain away, and scores of those whose homes have been changed to other places return to feast and renew old acquaintances. It has become an institution as well established as Thanksgiving itself. And the cemetery? There is not in all the land a country burial ground more beautifully kept.

THE WORK SPREADS

Scores of towns and villages have sent representatives to study the plan and observe the work of this body of women. The result is that in many states similar associations have been organized and other neglected homes of the dead have been reclaimed and beautified. A greater number of inquiries have been received this year than ever before, indicating the spread of the idea and the acceptance of the plan as promising a solution of problems surely less complicated than the ladies in the little Indiana village were compelled to solve. The indications are for an awakening public sentiment regarding the neglected burial places throughout the country. Such places mutely appeal for a renewal of the love felt for the sleepers there when they were alive.

Surely there is no spot so remote and no village so small that a similar plan to that suggested herein cannot be followed with equal success and satisfaction to all concerned.

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APPLE WHIP.

Four apples, whites 2 eggs, 2 tablespoons sugar. Select small, tart apples and cook until soft; drain and rub through a sieve. Beat the whites, add the sugar and beat into the strained apples. Serve cold with cream. Peaches may be used in the same manner.

VELVET CREAM.

One pint milk, ¼ box gelatine, 1 teaspoon corn starch, flavoring to taste. Mix the corn starch in a little of the milk and soak the gelatine in it. Soak the remainder of the milk, and the gelatine and sugar and cook 15 minutes. Flavor and stir frequently when cooling. Serve with plain or whipped cream.

CREAM OF RICE PUDDING.

Two tablespoons of rice, 2 table spoons sugar, 2 cups milk, 1 egg, ¼ teaspoon salt, nutmeg, 1 tablespoon raisins. Pick over and wash the rice and put in a shallow baking dish. Beat the egg, add the sugar and salt and stir in the milk; grate in the nutmeg and pour over the rice; stone and chop the raisins, add them to the other ingredients and bake slowly the first half hour, stirring often, then increase the heat and cook until the rice is tender and slightly brown. This is very good.

RED RASPBERRY CAKE

Three tablespoons sour cream, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 cup dark sugar, ½ cup butter, 1 cup of red berries, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 2 eggs, flour to stiffen.

COOKIES

One cup butter, 1 cup sugar (white), cream, butter and sugar, 2 eggs, ½ cup sweet milk, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1 cup currants, 2 teaspoons vanilla; flour enough to roll out. Bake in a smart oven.

OATMEAL CAKE

Two cups oatmeal, 1 cup flour, ½ cup sugar, ½ cup lard (or more if desired very rich), 1 teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon cream tartar, ½ teaspoon salt, 2 eggs. Mix with sour milk. Bake in a quick oven.

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