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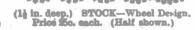
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TO CLEAN A STEEL BUCKLE. Steel buckles and ornaments that have become slightly rusted, may be cleaned as follows: Rub well with sweet oil; let stand for a couple of days, then rub with powdered, unslaked lime, and polish with chamois.

## A BREADMAKING HINT.

A housekeeper says that bread dough will not stick to the mixing-pan if the pan is first greased with lard, and the flour is put in next, then the water. Before mixing the bread with the hands, first wash them well and clean the nails carefully, then grease them before working with the dough. A patent breadmixer is, of course, the ideal way to mix 

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# CHOPPED CHEESE:

When preparing macaroni and cheese, put the cheese through the food-chopper instead of grating it. Much less time will be required.

# WIRE "DISH-CLOTH."

Use a wire dish-cloth, which may be bought for a trifle, for cleaning pots. It will save much time.

# DROP COOKIES.

One and a half cups brown sugar, 1 fine, 1 teaspoon soda, 21 cups flour, cup of butter, 3 eggs, } cup of seeded raisins, } cup of English walnuts chopped Drop on a well-greased pan, about a large teaspoon for each cookie, and bake in a quick oven. Haldimand Co., Ont.

## A ST. VALENTINE'S EVENING. Dear Junia,-Will you kindly give sug-

gestions for a "St. Valentine's Night" for a Literary Society? J. M. "Heart Games" are, of course, appropriate for a Valentine party: Here are

a few suggestions:

(1) Prepare a number of small pasteboard squares with letters of the alphabet. Let each of the company take a handful and write sentences (preferably sentimental) from the letters which they draw, the words to begin with the let-ters drawn. At the end of a certar time, read the sentences aloud and award

a prize for the ene voted best. (2) Have each person read or recite what he or she considers the most beautiful love song in the English language. Give a prize for the one voted best. (A good suggestion for a prize for this is

'An English Woman's Love Letters.") (3) Distribute paper and pencils, and have each write a rhyme for a valentine. Those who wish may also draw a picture to illustrate, as well as write a verse.

At a Literary Society meeting, a paper on the origin of St. Valentine's Day, should, of course, be read, and some pretty love-songs should be sung.

If it is desired to divide the party into 'partners,' here are two rather novel ways: (1) Cut as many hearts from red tissue - paper as there are girls in the party. Let someone take up one at a time and send it with a puff from a palm-leaf fan into the ranks of the guests. Each man must catch a flying heart, and take as supper - partner the girl whose name appears on the heart.

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