

## HOUSE AND HOUSEHOLD.

## HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

All clothes should be thoroughly aired after washing before wearing.

Chamomile blossoms steeped and drank will save many a doctor's bill; try it.

A small quantity of salt put in eggs before beating will cause them to beat much finer and quicker.

Warmed skimmed milk (sweet) applied to an oil cloth or painted floor after washing will improve it wonderfully.

In making sauce for pudding, etc., mix the flour and sugar together first when dry adding the salt, and you will have a much smoother sauce.

Half a dozen of onions planted in the cellar where they can get a little light will do much toward absorbing and correcting the atmospheric impurities that are so apt to lurk in such places.

All who have a partiality for good milk-toast should wet the vessel it is to be cooked in before the milk is put in. This process rightly done will hinder the milk from "catching."

If you dip your broom in clear hot suds once a week then shake it till it is almost dry, and then hang it up or stand it with the handle down, it will last twice as long as it would without this operation.

To renew a dusty and discolored chandelier apply a mixture of bronze powder and copal varnish. The druggist where they are purchased will tell you in what proportion they should be mixed.

A tin dish will wear much longer and retain its color better if, before using at all, it is thoroughly greased with good lard (outside and in) and allowed to remain for some time before washing it off.

## PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS.

It isn't one bit too early to think about what you mean to do on Christmas Day—the gifts you propose to give, the manner of spending that one day of all the year, and countless other little things connected with the joyful twenty-four hours that are looked forward to so eagerly from season to season.

Don't let this holiday find you in the lurch as it did last year. Try and plan, by devoting a few minutes each day, so as not to have to sit up until midnight Christmas Eve completing the table scarf or putting the last stitches to the bit of embroidery destined to become somebody's remembrance from you when morning dawns. We are talking now to those who fashion their gifts with their own hands, for after all the loving thought woven with their threads into this style of souvenir makes it doubly sweet and precious to the recipient. Gifts purchased off-hand may be intrinsically worth ten times as much, but the hours expended on the little piece of drawn work, the gaily embroidered cushion or any other bit of work that has been a very part of the giver for weeks previous seems to breathe something of her own personality and bear its own message of love and good will.

To these, then, who fashion such gifts, just a word of admonition, start them far enough ahead to have them finished in time, for hurry at the last minute not only gives one a frightful headache, but is apt to spoil the beauty of all the painstaking work that has gone before.

## QUEEN'S VICTORIA'S FAVORITE SOUP.

One cup of chopped chicken meal, one pint of strong chicken broth, one cup of sweet cream, one-half cup of cracker or bread crumbs, three yolks of eggs, one teaspoon of salt, one-half saltspoon of pepper. The chickens may be obtained from what remains of a roast, in which case the bones, skin, tendons and all the scraps should be boiled for the broth. It is better, however, to use a fowl cooked purposely, as the broth is of finer flavor. Put the cracker crumbs to soak in a little of the cream; break the eggs, separate the yolks from the whites and carefully drop the yolks into hot water; boil them until they are hard. Chop the chicken in a chopping tray until it is as fine as meal, previously having removed everything except the clear meat; then add the soaked cracker, the yolks of the eggs, which should be pressed through a coarse wire strainer, the salt, pepper, cream and broth; stir in through a colander, pressing through all the meat; pour into a double boiler and cook for ten minutes. This is a delicious soup.



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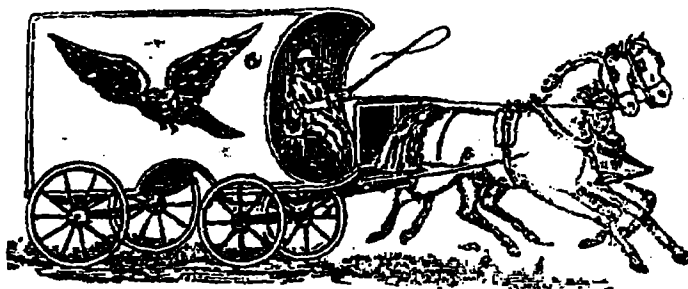
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