

sweetheart and have reason to think it is returned, before you take the chances of spoiling three lives, see her or write to her once more, not as a lover or too coldly, but in a straightforward way let her know how you feel toward her, giving her distinctly to understand that you will drop forever out of her life if she is not willing to share it. If she loves you, she will not let you go beyond recall. If she does not, turn that leaf of your life and never look back at it. Be sure it is dead in your heart and then come once a new leaf. From the soil of honesty, respect, confidence and admiration you may be surprised at the flower of love that sometimes springs forth. Now, everyone will think I am a disappointed, lovesick old maid. If you ever meet me again you will simply see, as all my friends do, a contented, busy woman, for we carefully bury our dead and then raise a beautiful monument above them.—[Sister Ella.]

Fickle?—If I were you, Cowboy, I should go and see the "old maid" and give her another chance to refuse my devoted love. Find out what her most important objections are; perhaps you can amend them or improve in some way. Your very devotedness of loving her all this time will be a passport to her favor, surely. I am afraid you are fickle in your love in some way, though you think you love her yet. I tell you, no friendship, nothing but true, deep, lasting love will stand the test of married life. The eastern girl probably is all right. You can't judge by a person's letters; married life can alone test all.—[Mrs M. B.]

Useful—I live on a farm and am "Polly Jane" all through the week, and do anything that presents itself to be done, and I am glad indeed that I can make myself useful in some way to help to make others happy, for that is what I live for, and I find in making others happy I am always happy myself. But when Sunday comes the boys try to spoil me by saying: "You just look lovely," and I feel like saying, "It's just the same Polly Jane, and you need not try to make her vain, for it's been tried and you may as well call me Plain Country Lula."

Inquiring Friends—Mrs J. H. M., directions for shell work mittens were given in our issue of Dec 15, '99.—H. C. M., we don't know where you can get a cross stitch pattern book. We have published quite a number of such patterns in animal and conventional designs.—S. E. H., please be more explicit in stating the fancy work articles you want us to print. Your request covers too broad a range and might mean almost any kind of work.—Etta Hicks, Box 8, Chetek, Wis., wants information about Arkansas.—Ellen H. Fergus, Fergus, Mont., thinks she could be of assistance to those girls who want to go west to do housework.—An intensely interesting letter from Lonely Pete to Sister Grace, evidently sent us in the wrong envelope, is so good that we want Sister Grace to have it if Lonely Pete will send her address.—A rope portiere, with kind of rope used, Mrs S. N. would like to know how to make.—Mrs C. says that several years ago Gladys Deane had directions for an English point lace that she wishes we would reprint, and sends us the sample. If anyone has those particular directions we will print them.—New Subscriber, we prefer to have correct name and address accompany item, though the same is never published unless requested.—Mrs O. E. Smith, 49 Granite street, Biddeford, Me., wishes to exchange flower roots, so does Mamie Henry, Box 29, Braddyville, Ia.—R. O. L., California, the firm mentioned has no standing in our commercial report; it may be a reliable firm, but we can't vouch for it.—P. J. K., we don't know what you mean by money investing lotteries. Send specific names and we will look them up.—Charley M., we form no new letter circles.—We have received a long printed article in behalf of stepmothers with request to publish. We don't publish old matter. The article awaits ownership.—We are overwhelmed with requests to have readers send certain songs and poems to those who want them. We cannot give space to these requests.—Mrs O., we must publish your name if you want somebody to tell you about any section of country.

WHAT WILL YOU HAVE?

Dandelions—This most healthful plant may be used for food until it blooms, when it becomes too tough and bitter. Cut off the leaves very nicely, wash in several waters, put into boiling water and boil one hour, drain well and in another salted boiling water cook two hours. Turn into a colander and drain, season with butter and pepper. Cut through many times with a knife. Serve with vinegar if desired. [A. R. Annable.]

Eggless Cake—One cup sugar, ½ cup butter, 1 cup sour milk, 2 cups flour, 1 cup chopped and seeded raisins, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 of cloves, 1 of cinnamon. Good with or without frosting.—[M. P.]

Ham Toast—To scraps of cold ham—balled being the best—chopped fine, add a little finely chopped or grated onion, a pinch of sage, pepper and salt to taste. Turn into skillet with hot water enough to make rather thin, let boil 10 or 15 minutes, dip a slice of toasted bread into hot salted milk or water, lay in dish, butter, turn on some of the meat and repeat until the dish is full or the required amount is prepared. Beef toast can be made in the same way by using left-overs of beef in place of the ham and using some of the stock in which it was boiled, or by adding butter to the water in which it is to be cooked.—[Jessie Bartlett Jennings.]

Mock Mince Pies—Five crackers powdered fine, add 1 cup hot water, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup molasses, ½ cup vinegar or boiled cider (or part of each one), 1½ cups chopped raisins, 2 well-beaten eggs. Stir all together and spice to taste the same as any mince meat. This will make a large pie. You can use frozen eggs by chopping the yolks with the raisins. For the crust take 3 cups sifted flour, 1 level teaspoon salt, ¼ cup lard, ¼ cup cold water, with about ¼ teaspoon baking powder.—[Mollie Samantha.]

Devil's Food—One cup milk, 1 cup dark brown sugar, 1 cup grated chocolate, put in saucepan, bring to boil and then cool. Add to this 1 cup dark brown sugar, ½ cup butter, yolks 9 eggs, 2½ cups flour with 1 teaspoon soda sifted four times, 1 teaspoon vanilla. Bake in three layers. Put together with boiled icing.—[Ora C. Blery.]

Cottage Pudding—One-half cup sugar, 1 egg, 2 tablespoons butter, ½ cup sweet milk, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1 pint flour. Bake as cake. Dressing for same: One-fourth cup sugar, 1 tablespoon butter, 2 tablespoons corn starch, 1 pt boiling water. Let boil, add 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon to the dressing.—[Ora C. Blery.]

Cream Pie—Make a good crust, put it on the bottom of a pie pan and bake. Put 1 pt new milk in a pan on the stove. Take 2 tablespoons flour and 1 of cornstarch, the yolk of 1 egg, 3 tablespoons sugar, a pinch of salt and some nutmeg, stir it all up with some cold milk and add it to the boiling milk. When it has thickened spread it in the crust. Beat the white of the egg to a stiff foam and add 1 tablespoon sugar and a little vanilla, and spread it over the top. Put it in the oven and let it just brown.—[Mrs George W. Clement.]

Pumpkin Pie—Peel and slice into the size of apple slices, steam tender but not soft enough to lose its shape—just sufficient to lose its raw taste. Fill crust, dust over it rather less sugar than for a sour apple pie, add a teaspoon molasses, a teaspoon vinegar, a teaspoon each of lemon juice and grated peel. Cover with rich pastry.—[The Maine.]

Breakfast Cake—Take 1 pint bread sponge, knead into it 2 tablespoons butter, ½ cup sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon, or twice as much lemon or vanilla extract. Roll into a sheet two inches thick, moisten the top with sweet milk, to which has been added a little sugar, let rise two hours and bake in a moderate oven.—[Lalla Mitchell.]

Graham Pudding—This is an excellent pudding. Take 2 cups graham flour, 1 cup each of sweet milk, mo-

lasses and raisins, 2 teaspoons soda, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, ½ teaspoon each of cloves and allspice. Steam three hours. Sauce: One cup sugar, 1 tablespoon cornstarch, butter the size of an egg, 2 cups boiling water, the juice and grated rind of one lemon. Boil three minutes. [Mrs John Yates.]

Molasses Cookies—Three cups molasses, 1 cup each hot water and sugar, 2 cups lard, 3 eggs, 1 tablespoon each ginger and soda, mix soft, roll thin and bake in a quick oven.—[A. R. A.]

Graham Gems—One egg, ½ teacup sugar, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 pt buttermilk, 1 teaspoon soda, graham flour enough to make quite a stiff batter. Bake in gem pans.—[O. C. B.]



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