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The Housewife's Emergency Sleeves.

Too many housewives neglect to provide themselves with sleeves which can be quickly slipped over the dress sleeves when an emergency calls them to the kitchen. White cambric is the best for these, and the full kind, gathered at top and bottom over a rubber cord, is generally most satisfactory.

How to Hang Bodices and Jackets.

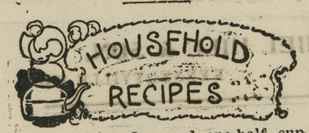
To avoid wrinkling fine shirt waists of velvet or silk they should be suspended upon frames as men's coats are hung up. The frames should be wound with strips of cloth or silk. Orris powder or some delicate satchet may be used upon them to give a faint agreeable perfume to the garment.

Apron For Kitchen Use.

The best apron for occasional use in the kitchen is made of straight lengths of gingham sewed together in a piece wide enough to easily envelope the figure. The bottom and sides are hemmed. Openings are cut at the top for the arms, the two sides being connected over the shoulder by a double bias band. The neck, both back and front, is straight and is gathered into a facing. The distance between the openings for the arms should be determined by the width required at the foot of the skirt. Three or four buttons and buttonholes close the back. The beauty of these aprons is that while they are quickly made they protect the gown at the back as well as at the front, and prevent the waist from being spattered while beating eggs, batter, cream and the like.

Recent Artistic Device.

Brackets and other articles of light wall furniture made to hang from the picture mouldings are a recent useful and artistic device. The bracket is fastened to a tall rod or upright of wood, like that of which the bracket itself is made. This rod extends all the way to the ceiling, but at the point at which it meets the picture moulding the back of the rod is hollowed out in a concave clamp to fit over the moulding, the upright rod resting flat against the wall. If the bracket is too heavy for a single upright two may be used. The uprights are attractively carved and decorated, so that they add to the ornamentation of the bracket. Small bookcases and mirrors, with candle and side brackets attached, may also be put up in this way, for a moulding will support a weight of several hundred pounds, if properly put on.



Plain Cake—One and one-half cupfuls of sugar, one-third cupful of butter, one large egg, one cupful of sour milk, one cupful of chopped raisins, one teaspoonful of soda, three cupfuls of flour. Bake in one loaf.

Vanilla Perfait—Boil one-half cupful each of sugar and water to a thick syrup. Beat the yolks of six eggs very light, add one tablespoonful of vanilla and the cold syrup. Cook in a double boiler to a thick custard. Cool and add one pint of cream whipped and drained. Turn into a fancy mold and bury in ice and salt two hours. Serve with sponge drops or lady fingers. Bits of candied fruit or sweetened fresh fruits may be frozen with the mixture if desired.

Smothered Parsnips — Scrape three large, or five medium sized, parsnips, slice lengthwise and cut in three-inch pieces; two-thirds cover with boiling water, salt and cover closely. Boil four white onions until tender, drain and mash fine. Put two tablespoonfuls of butter into a saucepan, add one tablespoonful of flour, rub smooth, add one cup of cream, two shakes salt, one shake pepper, three grates of nutmeg and the onion. Stir well, let come to a bubble and turn over the parsnips.

Spiced Beef—Take from four to six pounds of beef from the middle cut of the shin. Wash it, pick off fragments of bone and cut away any part that is not sweet and clean. Cut into several pieces, put in a kettle and cover with boiling water. Skim as it comes to a boil, then simmer until the meat falls to pieces and the liquor is reduced to half a pint. Remove the meat, season the liquor highly with pepper, salt, sage and thyme, add it to the meat and mix with a fork till the meat is all broken. Place in a brick-loaf pan and when cold slice thinly. Nice for picnics and lunches.

Apple Gelatin Cream—Wash, quarter and stew enough tart apples to make a pint of juice, add a little stick of cinnamon to the juice, and when soft drip through cheesecloth. Soften one-third of a box of gelatin in half a cup of cold water, bring the fruit juice to a boil, add three-fourths of a cup of sugar and the gelatin, stir until dissolved and pour into a deep bowl and set to cool. When the jelly begins to thicken beat with an egg, whip until light and stiff enough to drop. Add a pint of cream whipped to a stiff froth and sweetened, fold together until smooth, place in a mold and set in a cool place for four or five hours. Serve with strawberry preserves and lady fingers.

In the eighteenth century silken cocoons sold in the London market for 1 shilling a pound.

THE CAUTIOUS LOVER.

[A contemporary states that for a man to marry on a small income he must marry a wife who is a "stock size" at the dressmakers.]

Mary, I love your rosy lips,
Your ankle trim and neat,
I love your dainty foot that trips
Adown the village street.
Your hair I worship and admire
The color of your eyes.
(I've likened them to liquid fire)
But are you a stock size?

At cooking and the kindred arts
You yield to none the palm;
Full oft have I consumed your tarts
And never felt a qualm.
And as a housewife, dear, of late
I've learnt your sterling worth;
But is your height proportionate,
My Mary, to your girth?

Love is, indeed, as poets say,
Of happiness the fount,
But love, alas, omits to pay
The dressmaker's account.
Unwedded, then, we twain will die
(For fate must be obeyed)
Unless, my Mary, you can buy
Your dresses ready made.

—London Globe.

RIVALS.

By Mary E. Hullah.

It was cold. The branches of the mighty beeches were weighed down with snow and the wind roared and moaned over their stately heads.

Three o'clock, and twilight was already at hand. Happily for the small boy who trudged perseveringly on his way, the snow had frozen hard on the road, otherwise he might so easily have been lost in a drift. He had escaped the vigilance of home authorities and come upon this expedition secretly. A rabbit hopped right across his path, a robin flew from a bush; he did not stop; he had other matters in hand; he must go on and reach his destination before night.

The wind buffeted him till he could hardly stand. Once he slipped and fell on the hard ground full length. He picked himself up and struggled forward.

Panting and running, slipping and sliding, he heard some one shouting. Looking up he beheld a man riding a big black horse that tossed its head and fairly stamped with impatience. The man drew rein suddenly, with a muttered ejaculation.

"Hullo!" he called, "I nearly rode over you! Who are you and what are you doing here?"

"I am George Maurice Hamilton, and I'm going to the Old Court House."

"It's a good three miles farther on; you'll never get there."

On nearer examination the rider saw that George Maurice Hamilton was utterly beat; he had lost his cap and his hands were bleeding.

"I've got to get there," persisted the small obstinate voice; "I shan't never stop till I do."

"Nonsense! I'll give you a lift on your way home. Where do you live, sonnie?"

Ignoring this question the traveler squared his shoulders resolutely and gazed at the master of the dancing steed with indignant eyes.

"Is you a highwayman? Look—I'll give you my lucky sixpence—though I do want it."

"And what am I to do in exchange for the sixpence?"

The child crept a little nearer. "Go right on without me. I shan't never stop till I get to the Old Court House."

The highwayman burst out laughing. "You're a plucky one. Surely you are afraid to be out all alone in the dark?"

A tell-tale blush rose to the little face. "I shan't never mind the dark when I've got to the Old Court House. Gentlemans are not frightened, Highwayman."

The rider raised his cap. "Mr. George Maurice Hamilton," he said, "I am glad to have the pleasure of making your acquaintance. Kindly place your foot on my boot and give me your hand. I will take you to the Old Court House at once."

"Word of your honor, true?"

"Word of honor, between gentlemen. Now, up you go!"

In another instant the black horse wheeled round sharply and set off in the desired direction.

The highwayman had a kind heart; he put his arm around the boy and tried to warm his cold hands.

"Why do you want to go so far tonight, sonnie?"

"It's her birthday, and I've brought my lucky sixpence."

"A good job that you didn't pay it as a ransom! Her birthday, is it? It happens to be mine, too. What's the little girl like?"

"Beautiful! When I've grown up I shall marry Miss Barbara, and (gratefully) you shall come to the wedding."

The highwayman whistled. "Miss Barbara! This is a serious affair, then. You and I are rivals."

"What's that?"

"We both admire the same lady."

George Maurice leaned his head against the rough coat and murmured, "Miss Barbara's my lady, but p'raps she'll love you, too."

The highwayman looked tenderly at the tired hero. "Will she love me, too?" he thought. "I hope so; I'm not sure!"

Barbara did come out to welcome them; she brought them into her snug sitting-room, put her arms around the weary child and kissed him, and yet she had a hand and a smile for the other visitor.

"Now that you have got here safe and sound," she said, "we will send a messenger to reassure Mrs. Hamilton, and you must both stay to dinner. Never mind about your riding costume—father will forgive that, and it is my birthday."

"The highwayman brought me!" announced George Maurice. "Do you love him? Him and me's rivals—do you know what that means, Miss Barbara?"

Barbara looked across the room at the rival admirer, standing by the fireside with the full glare of the candles on his face; it was a good face, she thought. His eyes met hers. "Do you know what that means?" they asked.

"Him and me both loves you," explained the sleepy child, the lucky sixpence between his finger and thumb. "He hasn't got no birthday present; give him one quick, please, Miss Barbara!"

And, with this appeal to Miss Barbara's generosity he shut his eyes and slumbered peacefully.

The rival stepped quickly across the room to Barbara's side.

"The little man is quite right," he said, and his voice came in jerks, "only for me it is a matter of life or death. Barbara, I love you! I love you, my darling!"

She could not rise. George's head was on her shoulder. She lifted her sweet face, and there her lover read his answer. She had given him the only present that he cared to have in the whole wide world.

So it fell out that on Barbara's wedding day the rivals were both present at the ceremony, the highwayman appearing as the bridegroom and George Maurice Hamilton as best man.—Ladies' World.

WISE WORDS.

It is quite possible to go through an endless variety of experiences, to suffer deeply and enjoy keenly, to see all the countries of the world, to hear what great men have to say, and to live to a good old age with a past full of stirring occurrences, and yet have very little to add to the wisdom, or knowledge, or interest of mankind. It is not a man's actual experience, but that which he has gained from it that determines its value to himself and, through him, to society.

In doing our very best to be good to ourselves we bring tremendous unconscious influence to bear on every one around us. No one can meet a man who transparently and constantly tries to do his duty without being either spurred or shamed by the encounter.

The past remains with us to remind us of our perils and our constant need of help, but it ought not to haunt and oppress us. The real life of an aspiring soul is always ahead.

A moral wrapped up in sugar goes down certainly, but it may be feared that it only goes down because of the sugar.

Good luck is the willing handmaid of upright, energetic character and conscientious observance of duty.

It is one thing to survey yourself with pride, and quite another to explore your heart with humility.

Deliberate with caution, but act with decision; yield with graciousness, but oppose with firmness.

Mind is not matter nor from matter, but above. Leave matter then, proceed with mind.

If a man is unable to find a reason for doing a mean act he invents an excuse.

Marriage at Thirty.

The celibacy question is a delicate one to discuss, but it seems to me that if by giving young workingmen a chance of lodging themselves comfortably and respectably when they first become self-supporting you prevent them from getting married to girls as young as themselves and acquiring a quiverful of babies before they are well out of their teens, far more good than harm is likely to result in the long run from this operation. Young men of the middle class at the present day rarely marry under thirty, many of them not till they are well past that age. So far as I can see, neither they nor society are the worse for deferring their nuptials. The lower you go in the social scale the stronger are the reasons against a man marrying young.—Henry Labouchere, in London Truth.

Pearl Industry in Sulu Islands.

Pearl is an important article of commerce in the Sulu archipelago. The Gazetteer of the Philippine Islands gives these figures: The value of this product at Sulu alone since January, 1900, according to Custom House returns, was 222,814 pounds of mother-of-pearl shells, valued at $75,712; black shells, 1114 pounds, valued at $440, and small shells, 17,707 pounds, valued at $5609; total, $81,761. The same amount was exported, approximately, from the port of Siassi, in the Tapul group, which would make an aggregate of 483,242 pounds, valued at $143,522, from the two Sulu points alone. This does not include the value of the pearls taken from the mother-of-pearl shell, the finest of which at present go to the Sultan of Sulu as royalty.—Boston Transcript.

Growth of Literature.

Norway was the last of the European countries, except Turkey, to adopt the art of printing, notwithstanding its early famous literature, but to-day has 429 newspapers and periodicals, an average of one to every 5000 of the population. Of these 196 are political newspapers, eighty-eight are literary weeklies and 145 are reviews, magazines, professional, religious and scientific publications. Norske Intelligenz-Seddelen is one of the oldest papers in the world, having been founded in Christiania in 1763, and has been the organ of the Government from the beginning. For a century and a quarter its contents were limited to advertisements and official announcements.—Chicago Record-Herald.

FARM TOPICS

Save the Corn Fodder.

Where hay and grain are short, owing to weather, it will be wise for farmers to carefully cure and save their corn fodder. Do not leave it exposed in the fields, as it will be valuable before the winter is over.

The Stubble Fields.

The stubble fields, where the chinch bug or any other insect pest has been very troublesome, should be burned over when dry enough to destroy any eggs they may have left there, or that may intend wintering there. Then let the weeds get a good start on the burned land, but not go to seed, and plow them in. Most weeds can then be kept down by harrowing about once in two weeks, but it is sometimes preferable to put on some crop to remain the winter, and be plowed under to furnish vegetable matter for another season. This will prevent loss by washing or by the mineral matter leaching down into the soil.

Sunlight in Stables.

A recent experiment demonstrated the value of sunlight in the stables. Twenty-four healthy cows, known or believed to be free from tuberculosis were divided, and one-half put in a dark stable, the others in a stable into which the sun shone freely. Then a number of tuberculous cows were procured and kept at intervals first with one lot and then with the other, interchanging at stated periods. At the end of a year the twelve in the dark stable were tuberculous and only four in the other stable. Plenty of sunlight and pure air in the stables will do more alone to exterminate tuberculosis than all the tuberculin tests and consequent slaughter of suspected animals can do without these aids.

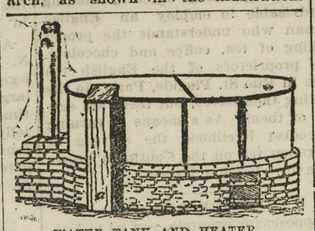
Feeding Hay to Hogs.

As a rule farmers are not accustomed to feeding hay to hogs, but the Kansas station reports that better results were obtained from feeding alfalfa hay and Kaffir corn to hogs than from Kaffir corn only. The hay was fed dry, in forkfuls, and the pigs were given an abundance. They picked out the leaves and finer stems, rejecting the coarser portions. It was demonstrated that pork could be produced cheaply by putting the hogs on pasture in summer and feeding hay in the winter, allowing a proportion of grain during severely cold weather.

It has not been known that when clover hay is cut very fine and scalded, leaving the mess overnight and sprinkling it with bran and corn meal, it is a very complete ration and costs much less than grain. Pigs that are fed on grass grow more rapidly than when given grain exclusively, although an allowance of grain is always an advantage.

Heating Water For Stock.

I am using a homemade water heater, which is simple, cheap and effective. I dug down below frost and laid three large, flat stones on which to put the brick work, then built an arch, as shown in the illustration.



WATER TANK AND HEATER.

Made the fire box about sixteen inches wide, with one tier of bricks running back to within twelve inches of the end of the tank. Put in two flues eight inches wide, leading to the pipe, which goes into a chimney. The water pipe is inclosed in box, a. The tank holds fourteen barrels of water. With a small handful of dry wood the water can be warmed to any temperature required. I am using a galvanized steel tank and keep it covered.—H. W. Burnett, in New England Homestead.

The Care of Sheep.

For keeping sheep successfully it is necessary to have good sheep, and that they should have good feed, water and care. Extra feeding of corn, oats, bran and roots at times, and extra care all the time are better and cheaper than to permit a decline of condition and disease. Good shelter against storms and changeable weather is important. Sheep will become accustomed to it so they will come running to get in at the approach of a storm. Salt and ashes continually, and sulphur occasionally, in nice weather, should be provided. Tar placed in the trough and a little on the nose in fly time will protect against nasal catarrh, grub, etc., and a few drops of turpentine internally, a few times, in case of indications of intestine parasites, are all the remedies I have used for over fifty years. Sulphur will effectually eradicate the ticks and greatly assist in keeping the blood in good condition. Five years ago I got some Shropshire sheep from Ohio. They were very ticky at first shearing, but not a tick was to be seen at the last four shearings. They had a cough and a disgusting nasal discharge, but are as clean and healthy now as sheep can be and very fat. They are the best sheep I ever kept. They can easily be made to weigh over 100 pounds at one year old, and they shear from six to nine pounds.—D. E. Hazen, in The Epitomist.

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