

COOKIES.—Ed. Household:—Old Subscriber, in the January number, asks how to make cookies. One cup of sugar, one cup of butter, one egg, one-half teaspoonful of cream of tartar, one-fourth teaspoonful of soda, one tablespoonful of vanilla, and one tablespoonful of water, and flour to knead hard.

I followed Faith Forrest's directions, in December number, for Christmas cake, and my cake was a perfect success. M. M. B.

ROLL JELLY CAKE.—Eva A. asks in January number for a good recipe for roll jelly cake. I have one which is excellent. Two eggs, one-half cup of sugar, one-half cup of flour, one-fourth teaspoonful of soda, and one-half teaspoonful of cream of tartar. Bake in a long tin. Remove from the tin as soon as done, lay upon a towel bottom side up, spread with jelly and roll as quickly as possible. Leave the towel closely wrapped about the cake until ready to cut.

WHEAT EAR EDGING.

Cast on five stitches.

1. Two plain stitches, thread over, or plain, thread over twice, purl two together, four plain.
2. Thread over twice, purl two together, five plain.
3. Knit three plain, thread over, one plain, thread over twice, purl two together, six plain.
4. Over twice, purl two together, five plain.
5. Knit four plain, over, one plain, over twice, purl two together.
6. Over twice, purl two together, six plain.
7. Knit six plain, thread over twice, purl two together.
8. Over twice, purl five together, three plain.

Commence again at first row

NARROW LACE.

Cast on seven stitches.

1. Three plain, make one, narrow, make two, two plain.
2. Three plain, purl one, two plain, make one, narrow, one plain.
3. Slip one, two plain, make one, narrow, four plain.
4. Cast off two stitches, three plain, make one, narrow, one plain.

Begin at the first row. E. F. C.

ROLL JELLY CAKE.—One cup of sugar, three eggs, three teaspoonfuls of water, two-thirds teaspoonful of cream of tartar, one teaspoonful of soda, and one cup of flour. Beat the yolks and whites separately, bake in a large tin on paper, turn out when baked, spread with jelly and roll quickly.

VINEGAR PIE.—Three eggs, two cups of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of flour, and one cup of vinegar. Mix the eggs, sugar and flour together, then add the vinegar. This amount makes two pies. Mrs. Frank Newton.

CURE FOR CANKER.

Get white pine bark, fresh from the tree if possible, and steep a strong tea from it; in another dish, make a strong tea of common sage leaves, strain and put equal quantities together while hot, and add enough pure bee's honey to make it very sweet. Use it either warm or cold, rinsing the mouth and gargling the throat with it several times a day. It is a matter if some should be swallowed.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE.—Sift a quart of flour, add a teaspoonful of baking powder, half a teaspoonful of salt and a tablespoonful of butter, work well together and moisten with sweet milk. Roll out half an inch thick, put in a large square pan and bake. When done, take up, split, and spread with butter; lay on a large meat-dish. Sweeten a quart of very ripe straw-

berries, spread one half the cake with part them, lay the other over, put on the lining berries, and serve with a pitcher of milk.

THINGS TO REMEMBER.

Gum arabic and gum tragacanth in equal parts, dissolved in hot water, make the best and most convenient mucilage to keep in the house.

Piano keys yellow with age can be cleaned by a dilution of one ounce of nitric acid in ten ounces of soft water. Apply with a brush and wash off with flannel.

To Remove Rust From Flatirons.—Pour some kerosene oil on to a plate or dish, and stand the flatirons in it for twenty-four hours, rub them with rags, and polish with very finely powdered bath brick.

To Preserve Shoes and Boots.—To soften and prevent leather from cracking, rub castor oil into it, and let it remain on for about twelve hours; this applied about once a month will greatly prolong the wear of boots. They will polish perfectly with ordinary blacking after using it.

To Clean Windows and Looking Glasses.—To a quart of lukewarm water add a dessert-

spoonful of kerosene oil, dip a leather into the mixture and rub the glass; it will be clean in half the time it will take to clean with water only; polish with a dry leather.

To Clean Satin Shoes.—Take a piece of new flannel and dip it in spirits of wine, rub the satin lengthwise of the grain, change the soiled part of the flannel, so as not to rub the dirt upon the parts already cleaned. White satin shoes should be kept in blue paper; if laid by for any length of time cover the paper with wadding to exclude the air, and prevent them from turning yellow.

To Clean Decanters and Water Bottles.—Put washing soda, broken small, in the proportion of a dessert spoonful to a tablespoonful of vinegar, into the bottle; shake well, but do not put in the stopper, nor cover the top of the bottle with the hand, or you may burst it. This mixture cleans perfectly and quickly; rinse with clean water.

Another plan is to wet tea leaves with a little warm water, put into the decanters, shake well till the decanters are clean, rinse in clear water and drain.

Yet another way is to cut a raw potato into small square pieces and put into the decanters with a little water; shake well till clean, and rinse in clear water.

NICE COOKIES.—One cup of butter, two cups of sugar, four eggs, three spoonfuls of sweet milk, one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder and one-half of a lemon.

FEATHER CAKE.—One cup of sugar, one cup of sweet milk, one egg, three spoonfuls of butter, one teaspoonful of baking powder, lemon and two and one-half cups of flour. NERTIE.

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WHEEL TIDY; CROCHETED.

L. J. W. asks for a tidy crocheted in wheels. Use No. 8 spool cotton.

1. Chain five, join.
2. Chain three, loop in chain of five with single crochet; repeat until there are four stitches in chain of five.

3. Chain three, four single crochet in chain of three; repeat for second, third and fourth loop.

4. Chain three, four single crochet in chain of three, one single crochet in each of the next two stitches, (this will leave two single stitches before the chain of three which are skipped each time;) repeat until one round is made.

5. Chain three, four single crochet in chain of three, single crochet in each of the next four stitches; repeat until one round is made.

6. Chain three, four single crochet in chain of three, single crochet in each of the next six stitches; repeat until one round is made.

7. Chain three, four single crochet in chain of three, single crochet in each of the next eight stitches; repeat until one round is made.

8. Chain three, four single crochet in chain of three, single crochet in each of the next ten stitches; repeat until one round is made.

9. Chain three, four single crochet in chain of three, single crochet in each of the next twelve stitches; repeat until one round is made.

10. Chain three, single crochet in chain of three, chain three, single crochet in first plain stitch, then single crochet in twelve plain stitches; repeat until one round is made.

11. Chain three, single crochet in chain of three, chain three, single crochet in chain of three, chain three, single crochet in first plain stitch, single crochet in the next eleven stitches; repeat until one round is made.

12. Chain three, single crochet in chain of three, in the eleventh round there were three open stitches, this time make four at each open space, next time around five, and continue by making one more each time around at the open space until all the stitches are open.

Now the wheels together. In the space crochet a star as follows:

1. Chain five, join.
2. Chain three, single crochet in chain of five, repeat till there are four stitches in chain of five, four single crochet in chain of three, chain three, loop in wheel, chain three, four single crochet in same chain of three; repeat until all the wheels are joined.

NELLIE G.

ROSE EDGING.

See Illustration.

Cast on seventeen stitches. Knit across plain.

1. Slip one, knit two, over, narrow, over, narrow, knit three, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit three.

2. Over, purl one, knit four, purl one, knit five, purl one, knit one, purl one, knit three.

3. Slip one, knit two, over, narrow, over, narrow, knit one, narrow, over twice, narrow, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit two.

4. Over, purl one, knit three, purl one, knit three, purl one, knit three, purl one, knit one, purl one, knit three.

5. Slip one, knit two, over, narrow, over, narrow, knit three, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit five.

6. Over, purl one, knit six, purl one, knit five, purl one, knit one, purl one, knit three.

7. Slip one, knit two, over, narrow, over, narrow, knit one, narrow, over twice, narrow, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit four.

8. Over, purl one, knit five, purl one, knit three, purl one, knit three, purl one, knit one, purl one, knit three.

9. Slip one, knit two, over, narrow, over, narrow, knit three, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit seven.

10. Over, purl one, knit eight, purl one, knit five, purl one, knit one, purl one, knit three.

11. Slip one, knit two, over, narrow, over, narrow, knit eleven, narrow, knit two.

12. Over, purl one, knit fourteen, purl one, knit one, purl one, knit three.

13. Slip one, knit two, over, narrow, over, narrow, knit eight, narrow, knit one, narrow, knit two.

14. Over, purl one, knit thirteen, purl one, knit one, purl one, knit three.

15. Slip one, knit two, over, narrow, over, narrow, knit seven, narrow, knit one, narrow, knit two.

16. Over, purl three together, narrow, knit eight, purl one, knit one, purl one, knit three.

Mrs. A. G. L.—Wet the scoured flannel with cold water, cover with starch, and spread out in the sun. This will remove the stain, unless really burned.

Mrs. M. M.—To stone raisins, take them from the stems, put in a bowl, pour boiling water over, let stand two or three minutes and drain. The raisins will then be very ready. There is a little machine now made for doing the work.

YOUNG LADY.—Cucumber cream is said to whiten and improve the complexion. To make it, take two ounces each of almond-oil, green oil, white wax and spermaceti, four ounces of the raw juice of fresh cucumbers and four ounces of the essence of cucumber. Put all the ingredients in a bowl, set in warm water until melted, beat until cold. Add a few drops of rose-water, put in a jar and cover. If applied to the face and hands during winter, they will keep smooth and white.

HOUSEKEEPER.—Green tomatoes, beans, cauliflower, cabbage, onions, martens, peppers and melon rinds all make excellent pickles.

Mrs. J. H. T.—Syllabub is a very old-fashioned dish. To make it, dissolve half a pound of cut sugar in one teaspoonful of wine; heat three pints of cream lukewarm, pour the wine on it, holding it several feet above and pouring very slowly, so as to cause the cream to froth.

LADY READER.—There are a number of different recipes for making blackberry wine. The two following have been used in my family for several generations. Take a bushel of ripe berries, wash, and pour over them a water-bucketful of clear spring water. Cover and let stand for twenty-four hours. Drain through a cloth, and to every three quarts of juice add two quarts of clear, cold water and five pounds of brown sugar. Pour in a jug or cask, reserving some to fill the vessel as fermentation goes on. After six or eight days add half a box of gelatin. Let stand two weeks, covering the bung-hole with a piece of muslin. In three weeks cork tightly and leave undisturbed for six months. Bottle and seal. Another and more simple recipe is to mash the berries, strain and measure. To every quart of juice add a quart of cold water and a quart of granulated sugar. Mix and let stand; skim every morning until fermentation ceases. Bottle and seal. Blackberry wine is a highly medicinal tonic.

KNITTED SCROLL LACE.

Either wool, cotton or linen thread may be used for this pretty lace.

Cast on 25 st and knit across plain.

First row—Slip 1, k 3, o, n, k 9, o, n, o, n, o three times, n, k 1, n, o, k 2.

Second row—K 7, p 1 (this should be in second loop of o three times), k 1, p 1, k 14, o, n, k 4.

Third row—Slip 1, k 3, o, n, k 3, n, o twice, n, k 1, o, n, o, k 3, n, o, k 2.

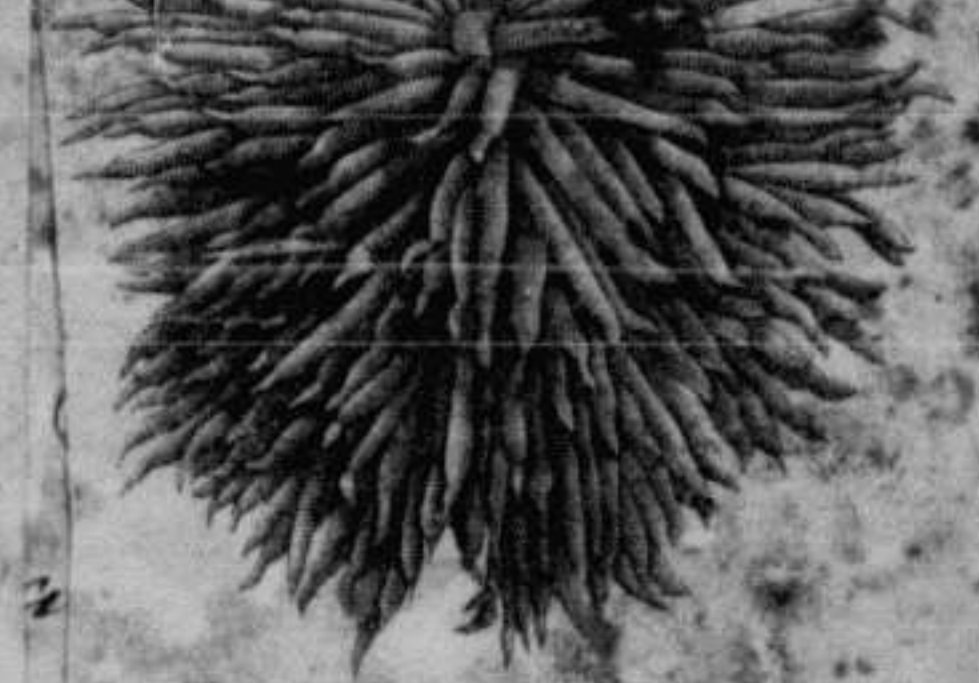
Fourth row—K 18, p 1, k 4, o, n, k 3.

Fifth row—Slip 1, k 3, o, n, k 1, n, o twice, n, o twice, n, k 2, o, n, o, n, k 1, n, o, k 2.

Sixth row—K 16, p 1, k 3, o, n, k 3.

Seventh row—Slip 1, k 3, o, n, k 3, o, n, k 5, o, n, k 5, o, n, k 3, n, o, k 2.

Eighth row—K 18, p 1, k 5, o, n, k 3.



HONEY-SUCKLE BALE.

Ninth row—Slip 1, k 3, o, n, k 1, n, o twice, n, o twice, n, k 4, o, n, o, k 2.

Tenth row—K 16, p 1, k 3, p 1, k 3, o, n, 3.

Eleventh row—Slip 1, k 3, o, n, k 3, n, o twice, n, k 7, o, n, o, n, k 1, n, o, k 2.

Twelfth row—K 18, p 1, k 5, o, n, k 3.

Thirteenth row—Slip 1, k 3, o, n, k 1, o, n, o, n, o, k 2.

Fourteenth row—Bind off 3, k 20, o, n, k 3.

Repeat from the first row.

HOW TO CLEAN FURS.

Before the furs are put away for the summer they should be carefully examined, all dirt and dust removed from them, and in many cases they will need to be cleaned. The Cleveland Sun and Voice gives the following directions for this latter process.

Ermine and sealskin are best cleaned with soft flannel. Rub the fur delicately

against the grain, and when it has been thoroughly lifted and reversed, so to speak, dip the flannel into common flour, and rub lightly any spots that look dark or dirty. Shake the fur well and rub with a clean, dry flannel until the fur is all removed.

Sable, chinchilla, squirrel and monkey skin may be very nicely cleaned with hot bran. Get a small quantity of bran meal and heat it in the oven until it is quite warm. Rub stiffly into the fur and leave for a few minutes before shaking to free it from the bran.

Mink may be cleaned and freshened with warm cornmeal, and, like the other short-haired furs, may be done without removing the lining. But the long-haired furs are best ripped apart and freed from stuffing and lining.

Those who may not care to go to the trouble of taking fur garments apart will find that the simple remedies prescribed will go a long way towards making the jackets and capes look clean, even if not ripped apart.

CROCHETED ANTIQUE I.

See Illustration.

Chain seventeen.

1. One treble in sixth stitch, chain two, one treble in eighth stitch, chain two, one treble in tenth stitch, chain two, one treble in twelfth stitch, chain two, one treble in fourteenth stitch, one treble in each of the three remaining stitches, chain three; turn.

2. Three trebles in top of last treble of last row, chain two, one treble in last of four trebles, three trebles under two chain of last row, chain two, treble in treble, chain two, treble in treble, chain two, treble in treble, chain two, treble in treble, chain two, treble in treble, chain four; turn.

3. Treble in treble, chain two, treble in treble, chain two, treble in treble, two trebles under two chain, treble in treble, chain three, thread over, look twice and make long treble (by drawing the thread through three loops instead of two) under two chain, chain three, four trebles in little loop at edge, formed by three chain in previous row, chain three; turn.

4. Three trebles in first treble, chain four, one double in last stitch of three chain, one double in next chain stitch, chain four, one treble in last of four trebles, three trebles under two chain, chain two, treble in treble, chain two, one treble in middle of four chain, chain four; turn.

5. Three trebles under second treble, chain, one treble in first treble, chain one double in last stitch of f, chain, one double in each of three, chain, one double in next chain stitch, trebles in edge loop, chain one; turn.

6. One slip stitch in each of four trebles, chain three, three trebles under five chain, chain four, one double in second, third and fourth stitches, chain four, three trebles under five chain, treble in treble, chain two, treble in last of four trebles, chain two, one treble in edge, chain four; turn.

7. Treble in treble, chain two, treble in treble, chain two, one treble in last, four trebles, three trebles under f, chain, chain three, one long treble, middle double, chain three, three trebles under four chain, treble in treble, chain one; turn.

8. One slip stitch in each of four trebles, chain three, three trebles under three chain, treble in treble, chain two, one treble in last, one treble in last of four trebles, chain two, treble in treble, chain two, treble in treble, chain two, treble in treble, chain two, treble in treble, chain four; turn.

9. Treble in treble, chain two, treble in treble, chain two, treble in treble, chain two, treble in treble, chain two, four trebles under two chain, chain three; turn.

Proceed from second row. ZERKIA.

Fruit Short-Cake.

The recipes for this luxury are legion, but none have ever excelled, in my opinion, that of a dear old aunt in New Jersey.

Sift two teaspoonfuls of baking powder through a quart of sifted flour; rub through two ounces of butter and wet to a soft dough with cold milk. Mix lightly and pat into a cake ten inches in diameter and thick enough to split; bake immediately on a griddle, and while still warm pull apart; spread both halves with the best butter, cutting it in little bits and dropping it on, but not pressing it with a knife; spread the lower layer thickly with crushed strawberries, raspberries or a mixture of raspberries and currants well sugared, put on the top crust, dust with sugar, and send at once to the table, where it must be cut with a hot knife and smothered with cream. Peaches halved and sugared may be used.

ALICE CHITTENDEN.