

WOMAN AND HOME.

SMALL GIRL'S APRON.

It Will Be Liked by the Little One Who Goes to School.

The small girl's apron is receiving attention, and the little maid can have several varieties from which to choose.

One of these is the little Fife apron, the pattern for which is taken from the apron worn by the oldest daughter of the duchess of Fife.

This little girl, Lady Alexandra Duff, wears this season a series of pretty house aprons all made of Scotch gingham in pretty stripes of various colors.



APRON FOR SCHOOLGIRL.

The pattern for the apron is a simple one and the diagram for it was sent over from England by an American lady who visits the Fife house.

The skirt is plain and is the same length front and back. Around the edge of the bib is a broad ruffle ending in a point at the waist. When the apron is laundered the waist is separated from the skirt and washed separately.

ENTREE OF FRIED BANANAS.

How to Prepare Them in a Way That Will Please the Most Fastidious Appetite.

The red bananas, or plantains, are best for frying, as they are firmer. They are seldom brought north, as they are not so delicate as the yellow ones.



about an inch and a half long. Drop them in boiling lard or other frying substance that is not too salty.

When a light brown, put them in a covered colander to drain. Make a sauce of half a cup of boiling water, half a cup of claret, thickened with cornstarch and sweetened to taste.

Fruit Fairs at Churches.

A fruit fair was the form of a recent church entertainment. Oranges, limes, apples, bananas, grape fruit and hot-house peaches and pears were attractively arranged in various styles.

Average Height of Women. The average height of women in England is five feet six inches. The average height of American women, according to William Blaikie, the expert on physical culture, is five feet four inches.

A little hot sealing was dropped on his hand has just killed the earl of Clonmell, blood poisoning having set in.

ABOUT ELOPEMENTS.

A Wise Mother Discusses the Subject in an Interesting Way.

A mother whose daughters are all happily married, referring to the subject of elopements and marriage unsanctioned by the bride's parents, recently said: "I think the trouble in such a matter is largely owing to the mistaken treatment which the daughters receive from the members of their family circle.

"I made up my mind when my girls were babes that they should never have to look for admiration away from home. It was the rule in our household to give them every pleasure within our power, to tell them when they looked well, and to be as complimentary and gracious as though they were the young ladies of a neighbor's household.

NOVEL WINDOW DRAPERY.

Simple in Construction, But Handsome in Appearance.

A charming effect at a window with a curtain that is at once a graceful drape and mellows the tone of the room by filtering the light beautifully, is the

THE FARMING WORLD.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.

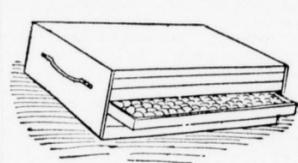
Advice to a Reader Who Wants to Start in Beekeeping.

To make a good beginning is always encouraging. I would advise, says a writer in American Gardening, not to start with too many colonies, say about three good strong ones. We generally succeed better after some experience, and it is economical to gain that before investing a large amount in a new enterprise.

CONVENIENT EGG CRATE.

In It Eggs Can Be Carried Safely a Long Distance.

For one who markets his eggs to private customers or at the stores even the egg crate shown herewith will be found very serviceable. It may be made any size desired, although it is not policy to make it too large.



CRATE FOR EGGS.

work with. Then, to obtain a dry goods box is much cheaper, and generally the storekeeper will let his customer have one of the size in question simply for the asking.

Well, the box obtained, tack leather handles on each end and construct a set of drawers for it, as shown, out of good half-inch pine siding. Cover the bottom of each drawer thoroughly with coarse bran and fit them with pasteboard egg fillers, so that the eggs may have a soft resting place, or else lay the eggs in and then pour over them a lot of bran, such as oats or buckwheat.

NOTES FOR BEEKEEPERS.

The bee life is longer or shorter just in proportion to the labor it performs. Disturbing bees during cold weather is one of the most disastrous things that can be done.

Every hive should have a good bottom board, which should be planed smooth, and painted.

A locality plentifully supplied with clover and basswood is a paradise for the beekeeper and his bees.

New combs that are pure wax and have been used for surplus honey are not apt to be injured by worms.

The workers are dwarfed female bees and so small that they never become impregnated and do not lay eggs.

You need be seldom troubled with swarming if all the queen cells are taken out before they are sealed over.

Bees are the best friends of the growers of small fruits, because they fructify the flowers and cause the fruit to mature.

Honey improves with age. The older it is the finer the flavor. Comb honey should be kept in a moderately warm room.

Extracted honey is much easier kept than comb honey. The latter is liable to get soiled and must be kept in light cases to exclude dust and insects.

Heat does not damage honey, but tends to ripen and improve it. Dampness and darkness damage it. It should always be kept in a dry place.

Dysentery is produced by long confinement of bees in close hives during cold weather. It may be caused also by the bees eating impure food.—St. Louis Republic.

Spring Medicine

These two words emphasize a necessity and indicate a remedy.

SPRING—the season when the blood is most impure as a result of the winter's closer confinement, higher living, slower action of the kidneys and liver; when humors of all kinds, boils, pimples and eruptions are most liable to appear; when the weak, languid condition of the whole bodily structure demands and welcomes help.

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Very Much Run Down,

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Willie's Query.

Willie—Say, pa? Pa—Well, what is it, Willie? "Is painting the town red a cardinal sin?"—Chicago Evening News.

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OVER-WROUGHT NERVES OF WOMEN.

Extracts From Letters Received by Mrs. Pinkham.

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