

## Evening Fairy Tale for the Children

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"Now, whenever you are near water," said Father Raccoon to his children, "you must always wash your food."

"That makes it so much cleaner."

Father and Mother Raccoon are very clean and care a great deal about having their food fresh and nice and clean.

"You can eat a great many things," continued Father Raccoon. "You are allowed eggs of all kinds, fish, frogs, turtles and all sorts of fruit and nuts."

"The best of all you haven't mentioned," said the Raccoon little ones.

"Ah, I am keeping it as a surprise," said Father Raccoon.

"Where are we going?" asked the children.

"Going where?" asked Father Raccoon.

He acted as though he didn't know what the children meant.

"Dear me," sighed Mother Raccoon, "the children know so much these days."

"Yes, it was different in my time. I didn't know about treats and feasts until I was told."

At that all the Raccoon children laughed shrilly.

"Oh, mother," they said, "now you have let the cat out of the bag."

"We didn't say we knew that we were to be taken to a feast and to

have a treat when our lessons were over."

"Let what eat out of what bag?" asked Mother Raccoon. "I have no cat, and I have no bag."

"What absurd nonsense you children talk."

"Oh," said one of the Raccoon children, "that is just an expression, you know."

"Still I don't understand," said



Washed Every Bit of Food.

Mother Raccoon. "I am not up to date, I suppose."

"An expression is a saying," said the Raccoon children. "It is something people say—lots and lots of people. And it is supposed to be wise."

"What does it mean?" asked Mother Raccoon, who was much puzzled.

"Well, it just means that some one has let the secret out—or the thing that was supposed to be kept in."

"Why did they use the cat and bag for example?"

"Oh, I don't know," said the little raccoon. "I don't believe any one

knows how these expressions start, but once they start every one starts saying them—so that they become sayings or well-known expressions."

"Well, it is true," said Mother Raccoon, "we are going to have a treat and a feast."

"You have all learned your lessons well," said Father Raccoon, "and so we are going to have a treat."

And Mother and Father Raccoon, and all the little Raccoons went off for a splendid feast.

But even at the feast they all washed every bit of food before they ate it.

In fact they had their picnic by a brook, and the Raccoon parents were proud to see how well their children had learned their lessons.

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### Hot Sauce Will Add to the Pudding

Here's delicious hot pudding sauce which your grandmother, doubtless, knew how to make. She would have used it for cottage puddings, plum puddings, and other hot cooked desserts for which its flavors are suited. The ingredients are given by the Bureau of Home Economics.

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup butter.  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. salt.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup granulated sugar. 2 eggs.  
2 lbs. boiling water. 1 lbs. lemon juice.

Cream the butter, add the sugar, salt, boiling water, and the well-beaten egg yolks. Cook over steam and stir constantly until thickened. Fold into this the well-beaten egg whites and the vanilla and lemon juice. Serve at once.

## PLAN TO SAVE STEPS WHEN SEWING



Both Large and Small Equipment Centralized for Sewing Where There Is Good Light.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)—WNU Service.

While we usually think of sewing as one of the jobs we sit down for, it is quite possible to walk about the house considerably in making very simple garments. For example, are you in the habit of doing your cutting on the dining-room table, because it is large enough? Then, undoubtedly, before you can set to work sewing, you must walk to your bedroom or some other room that provides the good light you require, a low, comfortable chair, and a place for your work basket. After the preliminary basting or pinning you are to stitch the seams on the sewing machine, which may be in another room.

Stitching is generally followed by pressing. Does this mean going to the kitchen or even the laundry to use the ironing board and iron? And where do you keep your "findings" and finishing supplies? Buttons, snaps, bias binding, tape, etc., as well as your tape measure, skirt gauge, scissors, needles, pins, piece boxes, or patterns? Where is your dress form, if you have one, or your full-length mirror?

A state home management specialist in extension work for women asked several sewing club members in one community to make a simple apron and measure the distance walked while they did so. One woman reported that she walked 534 feet and had to go into five rooms just to make that one simple garment. Another woman walked 524 feet and entered seven rooms.

Clothing specialists in the Bureau of Home Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture point out that a few well-considered changes in most instances would have saved many of these unnecessary steps and also cut down the time for making the aprons or any other garments. If sewing is to be done pleasantly and efficiently, sewing equipment and tools should be grouped near each other. Of course, in many homes a whole room cannot be given up to sewing, although this is very satisfactory when it is possible. With thoughtful planning a corner can often be found where the chief tools for sewing can be kept together.

Some women do most of their sewing after the hard work of the day is over. They are tired, and if the sewing equipment is not convenient their fatigue is increased until sewing seems a most irritating task. Other women have to "get the sewing in" as best they can throughout the day. For these it is particularly necessary that there should be no lost motion hunting for accessories or repeating work that has been disarranged by much moving about.

In some cases a homemade sewing cabinet is the answer to the problem of centralizing the sewing equipment. Each woman has her own ideas about the details of such a cabinet. It will be useful if it provides shelves or drawers for supplies and working tools, a file for patterns, drawers for uncut material and hanging space for half-finished garments. A folding ironing board and an iron for pressing are often included.

### Dividing Child's Day

According to the White House conference about six hours should be given to school work, and a child twelve years of age should have eleven hours' sleep. The dividing of the remaining hours of the day would depend on the individual case.

### First American Rope Walk

The first rope walk built in the United States was constructed at Boston by John Harrison in 1642.

## Use Plain Curtains if Paper Is Figured

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)—WNU Service.

The choice of curtains for any room is determined by its use, the character of the wall, and the other furnishings. If the wall paper is figured there is already much color and design in the room. To add more pattern, usually of a different kind in the window hangings would produce confusion and restlessness. However, an interesting contrast may be secured, according to the Bureau of Home Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture, by using plain curtains when the wall paper is figured. They may repeat the background color of the paper or one of the dominant hues in the design.

The illustration shows a successful window treatment for a room of this kind. The ceiling is rather low and the divisions in the wall space tend to make the windows seem shorter than it really is. For this reason simple curtains were selected and made to emphasize the straight vertical lines.

The side draperies were finished at the top with a French heading which divided the fullness into well-defined pleats. Shaped tie-backs were used to hold them in soft, graceful folds. French heading hooks, such as are described in Farmers' Bulletin 1032-F, on Window Curtaining, were sewn to the back of each pleat and used to attach the curtains to the rod.

The tan cotton poplin chosen for the draperies is slightly darker than the deep creamy background of the paper and blends with the lower part of the wall and the woodwork. Deep scrubbed fillet net was used for the glass curtains. They were finished at the top with an inch heading and a small casing through which the rod was run. The lower edge was finished with a 2-inch double hem.

When planning curtains, an allow-

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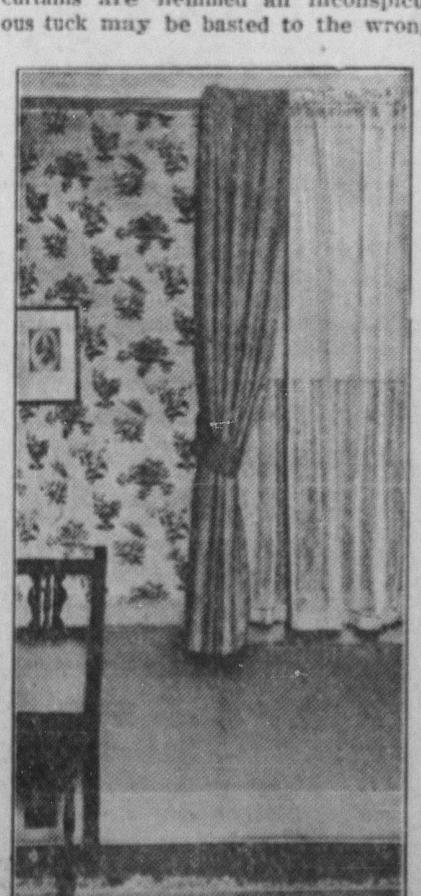
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Plain Window Curtains for Room With Figured Wall Paper.

side just below the casing. It provides a practical means of having the curtains the proper length at all times, and can be quickly and easily ripped out before they are laundered.

## Hints for Housekeepers

Use silk thread for basting velvet.

"As ye sew ye may rip" unless each step of garment making is planned in advance.

In washing silk stockings do not wring them to remove the water; squeeze them and pat them between towels.

A whisk broom is a good clothes sprinkler; it gives a fine spray, sprinkles evenly, and is quicker than hand sprinkling.

A piece of waxed paper folded over the sharp edge of a knife before butter is cut, will keep the butter from sticking to the blade.

A wire spoon-shaped whisk, or egg beater, is excellent for folding beaten egg whites into a cake mixture or for smoothing thin batters.

The best playthings for children of all ages are those which provide materials for interesting occupations, such as buildings, sweeping, or snow shoveling.

Thorough rinsing is as important as thorough washing for successful laundering. Soap or soda left in clothes yellows them and increases their tendency to scorch when ironed.

## Touch of White in New Print Frocks

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



It's the little finishing touches which count in making a dress. No one appreciates this fact so keenly as does the amateur seamstress who has undertaken to make her own "simple" dresses. Her one hope is that the frock or blouse, whichever she happens to be making, will not have a "homemade" look.

To most women it is "finishing the edges" which presents the most perplexing problem. Well, why not do them the trim-stitch way? It's ever so simple when you know how. Done on your sewing machine is this neat and attractive stitching which laces the

effect of rows of outline embroidery. Before we tell you how to do it we would call your attention to the two perfectly charming print dresses in the picture. Our reason for thus digressing is that it may interest you

to know that the graceful white crepe collars which so attractively style these frocks are finished about their hemlines in the trim-stitch way.

For the benefit of those who feel the urge to try this interesting experiment—here's how: You simply thread the coarsest of machine needles with a special trim-stitch thread which can be bought at almost any notion counter. Wind the same kind of thread on the bobbin, set the gauge for nine or ten stitches to the inch and sew. The thread may be in self color or it may contrast the material. A tri-color effect is suggested, that is, when there are three rows of stitching such as adorn the collar which graces the dress at the top. The flower-like collar below shows only two rows of trim-stitching, the color of the thread matched to the background of the print.

In these flattering necklines the vogue for a "touch of white" is interpreted in a most effective manner. The majority of daytime frocks have dainty lingerie details about them, this season. An interesting feature about some of the smartest collar-and-cuff sets made either of linen, crepe, pique or organdie is that they are often finished with hand-crochet edging.

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