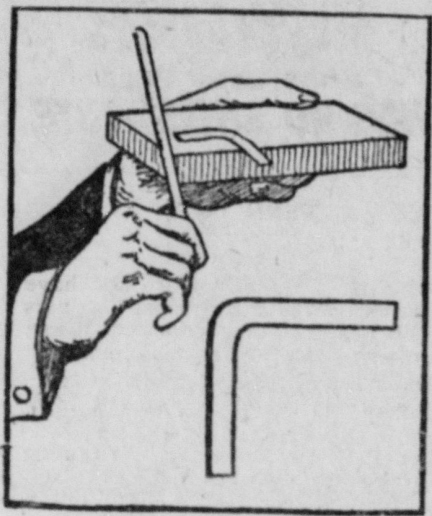




A BOOMERANG.

How to Make and Use One Made of Stiff Cardboard.

You can make a very curious and interesting toy on the pattern of a weapon used by the aborigines of Australia. They made it of a piece of flat, hard wood, but you must use stiff cardboard, as that will be harmless.



TO THROW THE BOOMERANG.

cept that the corner should be rounded both outside and inside. The illustration will give you the idea. The strip should be about half an inch wide and each end, or stem, a few inches long.

To throw it so that it will return to your feet lay it on a book held at a slight angle, allowing one end of it to project about an inch over the side of the book, and then strike the projecting end with a lead pencil or a stout penholder. After a little practice you will be able to make it fly off and come back to you.—New York Mail.

THE DOG'S BARK.

Some of the Proverbs About It and What They Mean.

When Dr. Watts said that dogs "delight to bark" he wrote of the dog of civilized folk. The wild dog, whether wolf or dingy, does not bark. It howls or growls or whines. Barking is therefore an accomplishment. The dog has acquired it just as a little girl may learn the piano or a boy French. For that reason it follows that barking alone is not a sign that a dog is savage or ill tempered. In fact, there is a proverb that "barking dogs never bite," but of course this rather means that fellows who are always bragging never can do anything else. When a dog barks at the moon it expects to frighten it or to express its contempt for it. The other proverb, which says that "his bark is worse than his bite," means, let a person scold and bully as he may, he doesn't intend half the mischief he threatens. It was from the sharp, loud noise of the dog's bark that pistols came to be called "barkers."

Advice For Boys.

A boy who is envious of the good fortune of others and is dissatisfied because he, too, cannot have it makes all around him unhappy. He should not be envious of anything but the good traits of others, and these he may possess if his desire for them is real. One restless, unhappy boy in a house, who is always bemoaning his own fate and envying others, will jar upon the good nature of a saint. He should not be vainglorious and assume airs for something which he supposes places him a little beyond his fellow creatures. If he cannot respect himself he cannot hope to exact it from others, but his self esteem must be tempered with modesty. He may be conscious of his own achievements, but it will be more becoming in him to allow others to herald them.—Pilgrim.

The Boy Was Right.

A schoolteacher, examining the class, lights on the youngest and is so struck with his intelligent aspect that he questions him forthwith, "Now, my little man, what do five and two make?" The little one remained silent. "Well, suppose, now, I were to give you five rabbits today and two more tomorrow, how many rabbits would you have then?" "Eight!" promptly answered the juvenile. "Eight! Why, how do you make that out?" "Cause I've got one to home already."

He Knew It All.

Here is the exact answer of a New York schoolboy to the questions, "What is the meaning of the word 'hall,' how many other words are there that sound like 'hall' and what are their meanings?" "Hall, where you open the door and go in; hawl, hawling along a boy that won't go to school;awl, what the shoemaker charges you 25 cents for to aul your shoes; all, all, everybody in the world."—Success.

Funny Kind of Kick.

Some little girls were returning home from the park when they were overtaken by a goat that wanted the whole street. They ran for dear life, the foremost shouting to her companions: "Run, run, girls! He will kick you with his head!"

Dotty's Learning.

Teacher says the world is round, And yet it looks real flat. She says it turns around like mad—Now, will you think of that! And that ain't all, for teacher tells Us some things queerer yet; I'd tell them to you only I Somehow seem to forget.

BE ATTRACTIVE.

Even the Plainest Woman Can Make Herself Lovelier.

Many a glorious crown of hair is made hideous by foolish arrangement. The entire halo is twisted in hard knots and done in little door knobs and Alpine bumps that are anything but beautiful, while around the edges in single file go small mosslike curls that leave the hair line scraggy and horrid. Just a little knack, merely a suggestion of artistic sense, and that beautiful mop of hair could be made into such a glorious pyramid of soft waves and loops that the girl would be considered lovely ever after, no matter if freckles streaked her brow and her eyes were green.

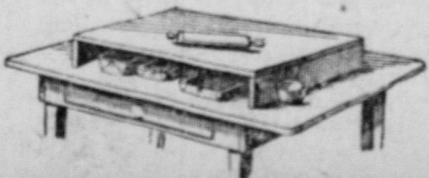
Many a pair of eyes would be beautiful if the one whose eyes they happen to be would let a little of the soul, the sweet thoughts, the goodness of her, beam through. The woman who feels no emotions, whose heart is not stirred by sympathy or appreciation or the kindnesses of other people, has eyes that are cold and staring. They are eyes—nothing more. But the eyes of the tender hearted, whole souled woman! Why, they are beautiful just because she makes them lovely by sending into them the warmth of her graciousness and womanliness.

Consider the question of the hands. Of course long slender hands are beautiful, especially when the nails are shaped prettily and the skin is soft and smooth and white. Yet the most beautifully modeled hands can be extremely ungraceful, while hands that are naturally well formed can justly be considered pretty if they move with charm and daintiness. So let us console ourselves with the tender thought that there are possibilities in all of us. Even the plainest woman can be attractive. She can cultivate a sweet voice and gentle manners, and she can breathe an air of freshness and cleanliness that is a thousand times more beautiful than the most beautiful woman in the world without these attributes. It is all a matter of making the best of the materials that are at hand. Let the glory of the few beauty qualities cover up the lack of the many.—Chicago Tribune.

KITCHEN TABLE.

Have an Upper Deck For Use When Making Bread.

There are many little contrivances that help to make the work of the kitchen less laborious, and the wise woman will adapt each one as it comes to her notice. For instance, when bread is to



DOUBLE DECKED KITCHEN TABLE.

be made an "upper deck" for the kitchen table will be found to be convenient. For one thing it saves whoever is making the bread from the need to bend over the table. Besides this it almost doubles the table space, as the illustration given herewith makes plain. As this extra piece is only set upon the table, it may be kept in a closet when not actually needed. The end supports may be hinged to the upper part and folded in when the board is not really in use.—LaNes' Home Journal.

Wicker Furniture.

Oftentimes a piece of wicker furniture grows dirty past all cleaning. In these cases they should be dyed, and this can be done easily and successfully. In the first place, the old varnish must be removed. To do this pour boiling water, to which a little piece of washing soda has been added, over the piece of furniture and after it is dry wipe it with a piece of flannel which has been wet in either turpentine or naphtha. The next day it will have to be sandpapered. To take the dye evenly the whole surface should be wet just before the color is applied with clear hot water. Most housekeepers prefer a white enamel to any colored stain. When white is used the piece of furniture which you are renovating must be left perfectly dry. Give it two coats of white varnish, then rub it down with sandpaper, and after this oil it with a soft silk cloth and rub until there is a high polish.

Washing Linens.

A firm of linen manufacturers gives some useful hints for washing table and other linens. They advise the best of washing soaps, to begin with. Soaps full of alkali discolor linen. It is better to wring linen by hand or at least have the rollers of the wringer fairly loose. Be sure that the rinsing process is thorough. A great improvement in doing up linen is this stock: Dissolve one ounce of gum arabic in half a pint of warm water. Add one tablespoonful of the solution to a quart of water and wring out the linens in the mixture. A point in the care of towels—admonish the masculine members of the family never to wipe a razor on a towel. The damage done often does not show at the time, but is apparent after the towel is washed.

Bits of Lace.

A bit of real lace will often contribute greatly to the style of a frock, and it is an excellent plan to rip from the garments before they are thrown aside any lace trimmings. No matter how badly soiled, every scrap of lace is worth saving. And this applies to the linens as well as to the real, for if there is only sufficient to trim a stock collar it may be used for that purpose very conveniently and effectively on some future occasion, and as lace does not occupy a great deal of space and is not so popular with most as are many other materials it may easily be preserved.

FATS AND DRIPPING.

Those That Should Not Be Used in Making Pastry.

The use of raw suet, lard or mutton fat in pastries is to be avoided, for each leaves an unpleasant after taste. The small pieces of fat trimmed from off the piece of beef that forms the more substantial part of the daily dinner are placed in an iron pan and allowed to simmer four or five hours either in the oven or at the back of the range. The fluid fat is then strained into a small crock or tin pail and set within the refrigerator when sufficiently cooled. Here it will keep fresh indefinitely.

The fat that is skimmed from soups and gravies must never be mingled with the purer fat obtained as just described, because, useful as it is for frying and other purposes, owing to the fact that it is usually flavored with herbs, spices or vegetables of some description, it is not available for pastry. Should the supply of pure fat fail to suffice it can be augmented by the occasional purchase of three or four pounds of beef fat from the butcher's, where it is cut into bits ready for rendering.

The drippings of poultry lend a fine flavor to the fat and add to its richness. A cup of fat or half a cup and the same of butter and a saltspoonful of salt are rubbed to a cream with a wooden spoon. Add four cups of flour and mix with the hands until the mass resembles granulated sugar. Make a hole in the center and pour into the opening a full cup of ice water. Mix quickly and lightly with the spoon and do not knead. This suffices for three pies of ordinary size. Should less be required the remainder can be kept in the refrigerator and utilized for dumplings, tarts, turnovers, etc.

TRY VARIETY.

When Things Get Monotonous in the House Change Them Around.

When things get monotonous in the house try changing them around. Put the furniture in different positions, change the bric-a-brac from one room to another or, better still, give some of the ornaments a rest from duty and leave on view just enough to lend a note of distinctive simplicity.

If not in the habit of using flowers for everyday decoration of the dining table, try the effect of a few bright blossoms and feathery ferns. Then vary the menu and send the ordinary dishes to the table in a more attractive form than usual. Have bread and butter sandwiches instead of plain bread for dinner and try some of the varieties of breakfast biscuits instead of rolls and muffins for the first meal of the day. Serve croissants in the soup, utilizing stale bread for this purpose, and serve the pudding or jellies for dessert in individual molds instead of portions from one large dish and try new combinations in desserts.

This apparent touch of novelty is effective oftentimes in stimulating a jaded appetite or silencing the oft heard criticism of "same old thing" not unusual in the average household.—Brooklyn Eagle.

NURSERY NOTES.

Don't forget to dry the hands and feet of a child well.

Don't neglect to keep the feeding bottle properly cleaned.

Threats of the bogey man and ghost stories make a child cowardly.

Don't hang curtains around the cot. Children need plenty of air, especially when sleeping.

Don't encourage little children to drink tea or coffee. It is very injurious to the nerves.

Don't forget that regular habits, proper feeding and long hours of sleep are necessary conditions for a healthy infant.

Don't lift an infant up by its arms or make it stand on its toes while partly lifted. Neither allow a child to be placed too early on its feet to stand or walk.

Don't use artificial means to put a child to sleep. Walking about with it, rocking it and joggling it are also bad habits. A child should be taught to go directly to rest.

A Good Cleansing Fluid.

The following recipe is highly recommended for its efficacy in cleansing fabrics without injuring the texture or "starting" the color, however delicate: Grate two potatoes of ordinary size into a bowl containing one pint of clean cold water. Strain carefully through a sieve, allowing the liquid to fall into another vessel containing an additional pint of cold water. Let it settle and then pour off the water and bottle it for use. It may be put into a clean fruit jar. Rub the soiled garment softly with a sponge dipped in the potato water, after which wash it in clean water, dry carefully in the shade and then iron it. Use the sediment left after pouring off the water for cleaning heavy clothes, rugs and carpets.

Serving Sardines.

The serving of sardines with their accompaniment of oil always causes more or less trouble. A small china dish fluted and adorned with a realistic fish for handle does away with all embarrassment in this direction. It is stood on a plated silver tray, which makes a very pretty adjunct to the supper or luncheon table. The sardines are either turned out into the dish or set inside of it, box and all.

Furred Kettles.

A furred iron or copper kettle is easily cleaned. Place it empty over a clear fire for a short time. This will loosen the chalky deposit, which can then be removed. To prevent the kettle from furring again keep a large marble in it or an oyster shell will answer the same purpose.

Revenge is Sweet.



Fly—Hooray! Here's where I get revenge!—San Francisco Examiner.

Ungrammatical, but Sincere.



"And don't you think you could learn to love me?"

"I—I—don't know."

"If you could learn to love me I should love to learn you too."—Chicago Tribune.

John Bowen was killed on the railroad at Johnstown, Wednesday. This is the fourth summary death in a family of five boys within two years two brothers having been killed on the railroad and his brother Frank was killed about a year ago in Snow Shoe township, this county, by a tree falling on him.



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