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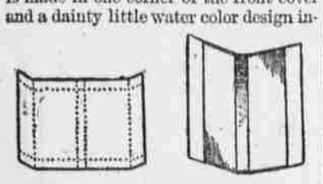


HOW COVER IS FOLDED AND MADE.

serted, or a sketch in pen and ink, if one prefers, or in oils. Of course this supposes one to be an artist, or a semiartist anyway, accustomed to the use of the brush. If not, some substitute for an original design may be found, or it may be omitted altogether. But the tiny picture in the corner can ill be spared without spoiling much of the dainty effect of the whole. If the water color design be used, a thin sheet of transparent mica should be put over it, in lieu of a glass, and the edge of the oval opening might be slightly gilded. The lettering in the opposite corner of the cover should be careless and quaint and outlined in gold, with faint touches of red.

The narrow ribbon, which serves as the only "binding," passes through the book somewhere near its center and up the whole length of the back of the cover, tying in a careless little bow at the top. The whole effect is dainty in the extreme.

The book may of course be chosen to suit one's literary tastes or the tastes of one's friend, but it should be printed on

THE COVER COMPLETED.

good paper, and if it possess artistic illustrations so much the better. Such a book inclosed in a cover designed by a friendly hand furnishes a gift that would be valued by many recipients high above a more expensively bound book fresh from the publisher's hands.

Lemon Jelly Cake.

One cupful of white sugar, 3 tablespoonfuls of melted butter, yolks of 2 eggs, a cupful of milk, 2 cupfuls of flour, 2 teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Bake in layers. To make a filling to place between the layers, take 3 eggs well beaten, a cupful of white sugar, a tablespoonful of butter, juice and a little of the grated rind of 1½ lemons. When thoroughly beaten together, cook like boiled custard until done, stirring frequently.

Time For Outdoor Exercise.

About midafternoon, says an exchange, noting authority, is the best time for gentle outdoor exercise. Those who delight in antebreakfast walks or gymnastics are warned, too, that "early morning exercise" is as much to be avoided as early mental labor, because at that time vitality is at its lowest ebb and needs stimulation rather than further taxing. None but the gentlest exercise should be taken until the exhausted system has been supplied with abundant nourishment.

In the early afternoon, especially if a noonday dinner be taken, the results of mental labor are not, as a rule, satisfactory, because digestion and sound thought cannot proceed together. This fact is a well recognized one by all brain workers, and there are some enthusiasts who think it the height of cruelty to pupils and teachers alike that school should be in session in the afternoon. From noon until after 3 o'clock there is a perceptible disinclination to work. The comparative absence of electricity from the atmosphere makes the head heavy and induces drowsiness. The same condition prevails again between 9 or 10 o'clock at night and sunrise. There is little question of the fact that atmospheric electricity affects the quality of mental labor. When it is in excess, from 6 o'clock in the morning until noon, the best work is done, all other conditions being favorable. Again, from about 6 o'clock in the evening it rises and is maintained for some three hours. In regard to season, there is less atmospheric electricity at midsummer than at midwinter.

SPRING HOUSECLEANING.

Many Useful Hints For Those Who Contemplate This Important Event.

When spring renovating is contemplated, commence at the top of the house and work down to the bottom. The first onset should be the spare room. Clean out the grate if there has been a fire in it. With your oldest dustpan take out the loose soot which has collected during the blowy days in winter. The next move should be for the closet. Empty out every article, wash the shelves and dust the walls. Then put it in order. The winter clothes pack away. Following this clean-out the bureau drawers and into them deposit all the fixings of the dressing table, scarfs, pincushions, etc., which the dirt and dust will affect. Turn your next attention to the heavy curtains and portieres. After shaking them carefully fold them, and between each fold place some tar balls of camphor. Wrap them in newspapers and give them a place on the shelf which has just been cleaned. With a clean cotton cloth wipe down your walls; dust well your pictures. If the carpet needs renovating, send it to the cleaner's. If not, sweep it vigorously with salt.

When the dust is disposed of, begin with the furniture, which should first be rubbed with a silk cloth and afterward polished. If it is mahogany, there is a preparation which comes for the purpose. If walnut or ash, kerosene can be used sparingly with a woolen rag. This will extract the dirt and dust and remove all marks. Remove your inside curtains and in their place put up green linen shades. If your chairs are upholstered, cover them with striped linen, bound with a gay binding. Always let your rooms look cool and airy during spring and summer. Empty every trunk and gripsack. Remove all summer clothes which have been packed away for six months and in their stead fold carefully your winter costumes, which should be brushed well. In every trunk use a good quantity of tar camphor. When packed, place over the top a clean cloth, a list of its contents.

In the servants' room let your vigilance be unceasing. The place most dreaded is the kitchen, which should be superintended by the mistress at this season of the year.

The first point to be gained is the kitchen closet, that "opening" which collects everything useless or useful in one season. Every article should be taken out and all the shelves washed. Narrow oilcloth for shelves can be purchased at any household store for 10 cents a yard. If the walls are painted, strong soapsuds and a sponge will cleanse them nicely. The dresses, which to all women are an ambition, should be cleaned and the narrow oilcloth will do admirably there.

Now, the floor of the kitchen is a problem. Oilcloths are desirable if of the best quality, but linoleum is better. Rag carpets are good if the house woman does her own work, but for servants the painted or stained floor or the floor pure and simple is the best. Now comes the cellar, that dark hole which in housekeeping is very important. Clean it out and bring in the calciminer. Let him give it a good coat of whitewash, which is not only a cleanser, but a disinfectant, according to a writer in the New York Herald, the authority for the foregoing.

Hominy Pudding.

One cupful of cold boiled hominy, 2 cupfuls of milk, a tablespoonful of butter, 2 tablespoonfuls of sugar, 2 eggs and a pinch of salt. Rub the hominy smooth with the bowl of a spoon, work the butter and sugar together, stir in the milk, eggs and salt, pour into a buttered pudding dish and bake.

Recipe For Julienne Soup.

The preparation of the vegetables is the most important point in this favorite soup. Take one-fourth of a pound each of carrot and turnip, half an ounce of celery and 2 ounces each of leek and onion. Cut these in thin shreds and fry them in butter until they are brown. Drain off the butter, cover the vegetables with broth or stock and let them boil about two minutes; then add them to 3 quarts of good soup stock and boil gently for two hours.

An Evening Bodice.

A low cut bodice for an evening dress that is especially adapted to youthful figures and fresh complexions is made in turquoise blue velvet. This bodice and

A FRENCH BODICE.

the balloon sleeves are adorned with a bertha in white muslin, edged along the vandyked front and the scalloped epaulets with frilling displaying at each angle a rosette bow. Two small ones catch down at the waist a box plait drapery which extends as loose ends on the skirt.

Recipe For Maplé Creams.

Take one-half as much water as maple sugar, cook without stirring, and when almost done put in a small piece of butter. When it begins to harden, take it off the fire and stir rapidly until it becomes a waxen substance; then divide it into balls and inclose each ball between two halves of English walnuts or other nuts and put on a greased plate to cool.

Mutton Chops With Lemon.

Wipe the chops; then dry them and place them in the oven about four minutes. Rub the bars of the gridiron with butter and broil them over hot coals. When they are done, place on a dish and season highly with salt and pepper and baste them with melted butter. Peel and slice a lemon very thin, laying a slice on each chop, and send to the table.

Household Hints.

Denim continues to be a favorite material in house decorations.

Chloride of lime in the proportion of six ounces to the gallon of water is a good disinfectant for wooden vessels.

Sheets folded across, bringing the wide and narrow hems together, then folded again, then ironed across both sides, are finished quickly and look as well as if more time was spent on them.

Clothes when brought in should be separated and folded at once. If allowed to lie together, many wrinkles accumulate.

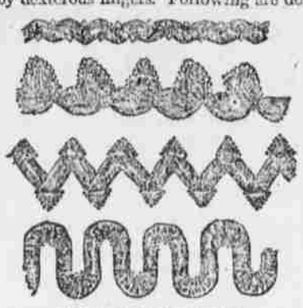
An iron weighing seven pounds does better work by passing it over the clothes once with a firm, steady pressure than a lighter iron hurriedly passed over the clothes two or three times.

In the matter of cooking, we can have lightweight kettles of granite or other ware, instead of the old back breaking ironware.

DRESS TRIMMINGS.

Stylish Garnitures That May Be Developed In Moire and Satin.

The home dressmaker is dependent often upon her own ingenuity for the trimming of her gowns. Many dainty effects may be obtained by the application of handmade garnitures developed by dexterous fingers. Following are de-



MOIRE SATIN TRIMMINGS.

scriptions of trimmings made in moire and satin, from The Delineator, which will doubtless furnish welcome suggestions to prospective dressmakers:

No. 1 is a simple yet effective decoration in black satin. The trimming is arranged in waved outline by tiny plaits laid alternately at the top and bottom, the plaits being tacked under groups of three jet beads.

No. 2 is a unique trimming made of black moire silk that is caught together to form tabs at intervals, and each tab is outlined with jet. A small cabochon is set over the joining of the tabs and adds greatly to the beauty of the decoration.

A very attractive trimming is No. 3, the material being black satin. The folds are arranged in sharp points, as illustrated, and the points are decorated for some distance with jet beads.

No. 4 furnishes a deeply waved trimming of satin. The fold is plaited for some distance at the inner edge at intervals to form curves and is held in place by small jet beads.

The Use of the Pedal.

An important point in piano playing is the knowledge of the pedals, which seldom forms part of the initial training. The sustaining power of the loud pedal is unknown or uncalculated and is often roughly used by many who know the use of it. The study of the pedals ought to begin as early as the age of the pupil will allow. It must become as a third hand, to be carefully practiced together with the other two. It is told in The Etude that the pedal is an essential part of the piece and must grow with it. It is an art which becomes habit, and which must be felt and divined more than taught after the general rule is known of holding the pedal down as long as notes belonging to the same chord are struck.

Chopin has been the greatest of all in the use of the pedals. He knew with the utmost perfection all the resources of them. The manner he has marked them in his works shows how much he wanted to impress us with the necessity of a constant practice of them, changing the pedal almost at every note.

In the best editions of Schumann's works the pedal is left out almost entirely. That is because one ought to know how to use it, being more a matter of feeling than of technical knowledge.

The soft pedal may be used occasionally and with great discrimination; otherwise the effect becomes vulgar and pretentious as an artificial lightness of touch. Bad tastes in this case may go very far. The fingers must be educated to the utmost delicacy of touch, so as to make use of the second pedal only in order to obtain some peculiar effects of shade on a background of semidarkness. In fact, the clumsy handling of this pedal makes such an alteration in the quality of sound that only a finished artist knows its real value and may venture to employ it at all.

The Care of Sponges.

Among the thousand and one things over which the housewife must keep a watchful eye is the bath sponge. It is an expensive article, to begin with, if one buys the best, and only the best are worth buying. When once a sponge has become malodorous from want of care, repeated scalding will often fail to make it sweet, but try the ounce of prevention in the first place. Free it from soapsuds each time after using and hang it where it will dry, and you will never have a sour sponge. In summer dry in the bright sunshine; in winter hang near a stove or register. A wire basket placed near the bathtub and at the same time near an open window is the best receptacle.

How to Make a Welsh Rabbit.

One-half pint of grated soft cream cheese and one-half cupful of cream melted together in a saucepan. Add a little salt, mustard, cayenne pepper, a teaspoonful of butter, an egg or yolks of two. Stir until smooth and pour over the toast. Ale can be used if liked instead of cream.

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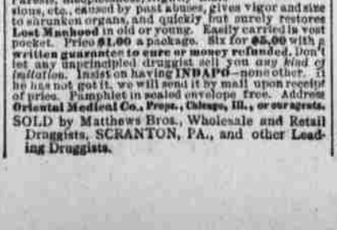

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