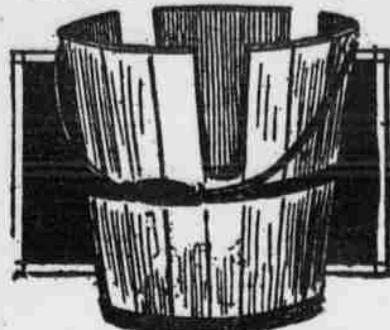


POULTRY

A HEN WATERING PAIL.

How it Can Be Made from Old Pail or Butter Tub.

I send you a sketch of a pail we are using for watering and giving milk to chickens, writes a correspondent of Rural New York. They will not soil the feed because they don't land on the top. Take a candy pail



Good Watering-Pail for Fowl.

and put a hoop six inches from bottom of pail; take off the top hoop, then saw out three five-inch slots down near to the hop for the fowls to reach through. Better then give a coat of linseed oil, then two coats of paint, and keep in the shade. Ours has worked a year and yet looks new.

Fattening Turkeys.

The necessity for having turkeys in good, plump condition before marketing, is pretty generally understood among farmers. But there is considerable misunderstanding as to the way to go about the matter.

Turkeys, if taken aright, are easily fattened; in fact, easier than most other fowls. But one must go at it in the right way. If turkeys have had free range all summer, you cannot fatten them with any satisfaction in an enclosure. The change will cause them to fret and refuse to eat and thus you will lose instead of gain. Teach them to come up every evening at least, and then stuff them with all they will possible eat. You will soon find them ranging at short distances only and coming up even between feeding times.

Don't try to fatten the turkeys on corn alone. A close diet of new corn often results in bowel troubles.

Grading Up Fowls.

The grading up of our common stock of fowls is a matter that should receive more consideration than it usually gets. Even in instances where attempts have been made to accomplish this object failure has often resulted by reason of wrong ideas entertained by the breeder. If you are to grade up your flock you must use pure bred males of one breed only. Little or no progress can be made by using pure bred males of more than one breed in the same flock. Mixing of breeds means rapid degeneration. A scrub is a typical mixed bred animal whether it be bird or beast. Grade up your flock if you will, but choose the breed you prefer, and use males of that breed only.—Farmers' Home Journal.

Too Much Heating Food.

The causes for sickness among fowls can be traced to lice, filth, no grit, overfat, sour food, leaky roofs, lack of exercise, crowded quarters, cracks in the wall, exposure to hot suns, cold houses in winter, hot houses in summer, irregularity in feeding, not enough bulky food, impure drinking water, poorly ventilated houses, exposure to bad weather, and too much heating food.—Industrial Hen.

Young Turkeys.

Young turkeys, from the time they are six weeks old until winter begins, will glean their own living if they have good range. They are truly the farmer's friend, and keep busy converting grasshoppers and other insects that are injurious to the growing grain, as well as stray grains that would otherwise be a loss, into bone, muscle and fat.—Farmers' Home Journal.

Means Hard Work.

Many who embark in the poultry business think it is but a pastime. They soon learn, however, that the raising of poultry, like any other industry, requires skill and perseverance. To become a good poultry raiser will take years of experience and intelligent work. There is good profit in the business when it is carried on by one giving it time and attention.

Pure Bred Fowls.

Some think that by crossing pure bred fowls better results can be obtained, and they proceed to cross this, that the other varieties to suit their fancy, and thus the flock is degenerated. Careful breeding has been carried on for years to bring out varieties useful for every known requirement. No cross is so good as the pure breed in all its purity.—Farmer's Home Journal.

Abundant and Varied.

It is well that the roadmaking materials are abundant and varied. For there are roads enough in the United States to reach eighty-six times around the earth at the equator—and nearly all those roads are bad. The advocates of good highways will find ample room for their missionary enterprise for a generation to come.—Rocky Mountain News.

Notes and Comment

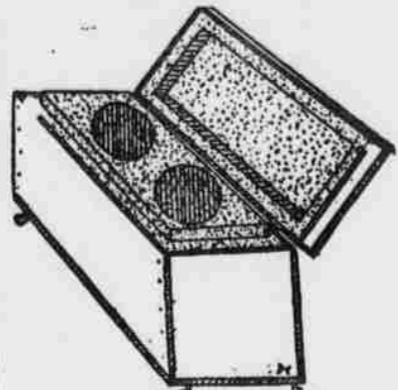
Of Interest to Women Readers

FIRELESS COOKING.

Do not Leave Things in the Box Too Long Nor Put Them in Too Soon.

In fireless cooking there are certain things to be remembered by the inexperienced cook. One is that if a dish is left indefinitely in the cooker it will sour. Soups, stews, vegetables and such things must be removed after twenty-four hours, and less in hot weather.

Another thing is that some foods require a longer time on the fire be-



fore being put in the cooker than others do. According to Harper's Bazar, cereals may take only ten minutes, and tough meat half an hour; it is best to find out something about the length of time the different things require before beginning to use the cooker.

Generally speaking, all indigestible things take longer than the rest; oatmeal, beef stew, corned beef and beans need more time than steamed puddings, rice and chicken.

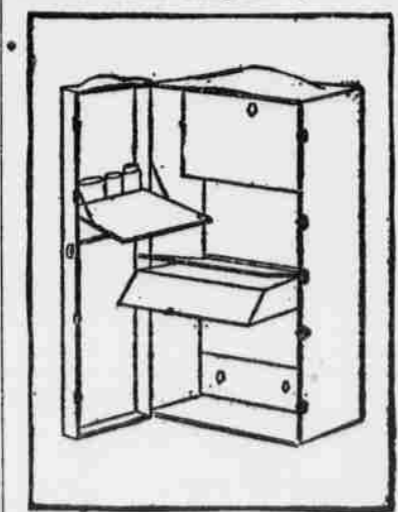
A third thing to remember is this: Everything that takes a very long time to cook is improved and the process hastened if, when the time is half up and the food cooled, the pail is removed and reheated without opening it, and put back again.

In all cooking also you must be careful not to uncover the pail with the food in it before putting it in the box. It must be kept tightly covered from the time it is put on the fire or the steam will escape and the meat or soup cool so that it cannot cook. Put everything in as quickly as possible, and cover at once.

NEW KIND OF TRUNK.

Drawers Can Be Adjusted to Vertical or Horizontal Positions.

In recent years there has been such a marked improvement in trunks that it is now possible to travel all over the country and keep one's clothes in as good shape as if hanging in the wardrobe at home. Not so long ago a traveller who could not locate any one article in his trunk without clawing the entire contents into chaos was a man of unusual dexterity, and, at the end of a long journey, everything was jammed in one corner. The combination trunk designed by a New



Trunk Always Upright.

York man is so constructed that it will always stand on one end, the top and sides having convex projections which insure this. The drawers of this trunk are so pivoted that they can be tilted to either a vertical or a horizontal position. There is a generous number of drawers and flaps, and the trunk is especially convenient for the safe carriage of women's hats. There are also hooks on which suits of clothing may be hung and kept always in an upright position.—Boston Post.

Frozen Fruit Custard.

Three pints of sweet milk, eight eggs, one teaspoonful of vanilla, one and one-half cupfuls of sugar, one cupful of raisins, one-half cupful of pecans chopped fine, one-third cupful of citron or candied orange peel.

Directions for Mixing.—Put three pints of sweet milk in a double boiler and slowly heat. Beat eight eggs together ten minutes, add one and one-half cupfuls of sugar to the eggs, then gradually stir eggs and sugar into hot milk, boil thoroughly, flavor with one spoonful of vanilla and set aside to cool. When cold put into a freezer, pack with crushed ice and salt; when almost frozen add the fruits and nuts and set aside to harden. This quantity will serve twelve people.—Alice Riggs Blanton, Frankfort, Ky.

Curried Eggs.

Four eggs, one ounce of butter, one ounce of chopped onion, half an ounce of flour, one gill of milk and water, one teaspoonful of curry powder, the juice of half a lemon, boiled rice.

WENT TO SMASH.

Why the Fortieth Anniversary of the Wedding was a Failure.

"Yest-day was de fo-tieth anniversary ub our weddin'," imparted the white-haired negro, "an' atah planin' a great celebration de whole 'ting went to smash!"

"What kind of a celebration?" "A re-weddin'. Yo' see, me an' Chioe had it all fixed to invite all our friends to de chu'ch, an' den accompanied by de same bridesmaid, bes' man and ushers, ma'ch up de aisle an' be re-wedded befo' de same pahson as fo'ty years ago."

"What prevented the celebration?" "De pahson. Yo' see, we wanted ev'ryting de same as befo', but de pahson he refused to gib back de five dollars so's Ah could pay him de same money!"—Brooklyn Life.

The Limit of Laziness.

Dr. Charles A. Eaton, of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, said in the course of a brilliant after-dinner speech in Cleveland:

"Laziness is responsible for too much of the misery we see about us. It is all very well to blame alcohol for this misery, to blame oppression and injustice, but to what heights might we not all have climbed but for our laziness?"

He paused and smiled. "We are too much like the supernumerary in the drama," he went on, "who had to enter from the right and say, 'My lord, the carriage waits.' 'Look here, super,' said the stage manager one night, 'I want you to come on from the left instead of the right after this, and I want you to transpose your speech. Make it run hereafter, 'The carriage waits, my lord.'"

"The super pressed his hand to his brow. "More study! More study!" he groaned."—Cleveland Leader.

An Oppressive Ointment.

A Baptist minister of Kansas City tells this incident of services which he conducted in the court house of Stanley County, North Carolina, on the occasion of a visit several years ago: "Uncle Wash" Russell, whose piety and faithfulness no one ever questioned, was a deacon in the church and a leader in the movement to complete the partly finished church building and stop holding services in the county court room. The minister called on Uncle Wash to lead in prayer. What his prayer lacked in elegance it made up with fervency. In it, with the North Carolina pronunciation, were these words:

"O, thou, exhaustible God! A'int this here visitin' brother with the Isle of Patmos?"—Kansas City Times.

SOME SOUVENIRS.



"Did your wife bring many souvenirs back from Europe?"

"I should say she did. Sixteen spoons, a silver sugar and creamer, a dessert fork and eight wine glasses, all from different hotels, too."—Detroit Free Press.

A Question of Baldness.

"William F. Babbitt, traveling salesman, is not quite as bald as a billiard ball, but very nearly. One day while on a train a gentleman sitting opposite had his hat off. Babbitt went over to him and said: 'Say, my friend, would you believe I had no more hair than you have two years ago?' The gentleman was at just that stage where he still had hope and was willing to try anything. So, looking up, he said: 'Is that so? What did you do for it?' "Babbitt took his hat off and showed him."

His Party.

A matron of the most determined character was encountered by a young woman reporter on a country paper, who was sent out to interview leading citizens as to their politics. "May I see Mr. —?" she asked of a stern-looking woman who opened the door at one house. "No, you can't," answered the matron decisively. "But I want to know what party he belongs to," pleaded the girl. The woman drew up her tall figure. "Well, take a good look at me," she said, "I'm the party he belongs to!"—Argonaut.

Fame.

The fickleness and mystery of fame Our scorn provokes; Some give their names to rivers, States and towns, And some to smokes.

The Goods.

"We live in exacting times." "As to how?" "One must deliver the goods, and yet not be caught with them."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

HOME DRESSMAKING

By Charlotte Martin.

LITTLE GIRL'S NIGHTDRESS.



444

Pattern No. 444.—For the summer time this plain little gown, made of the thinner white materials is very good. The neck and sleeves are finished with a lace edging and the neck also has a beading run with pink ribbon.

This pattern is cut in five sizes, 2 to 10 years. Size 6 requires 2 3/4 yards of 36-inch material.

SIMPLE MORNING JACKET.



448

Pattern No. 448.—A morning jacket of almost military plainness with its nearly tied collar and closely fitting belt and peplum is a pleasing change from the more elaborate kimonos and negligees. The design here is made of plain blue challis and the edges of the collar, cuffs, belt and peplum are trimmed with a single band of blue soutache set on about a quarter of an inch from the edge. The closing is made in a new and simple manner by sewing soutache on as shown in the picture, leaving one end of the rectangular design free at the edge to serve as a loop. The buttons are covered with silk like the ribbon ties.

This pattern is cut in 5 sizes, 32 to 40 bust measure. Size 36 requires 2 2/3 yards of 27-inch material.

LADIES' BIB APRON.



421

Pattern No. 421.—This apron affords protection to the dress where most needed without being too large, and the absence of gathers makes it easy to launder. The skirt is circular and has a round waist line and the bib is sewed down over this in front in a becoming point, or may be sewed to the round waist line of the skirt. This pattern is cut in three sizes, 32, 36 and 40 bust measure. Size 36 requires 3 1/3 yards of 27-inch material.

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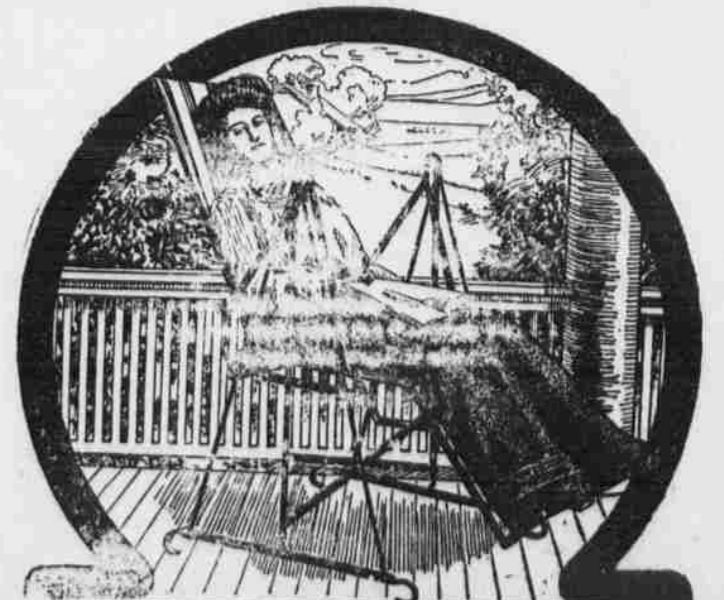
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