



FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Something About Starch.
It sounds contradictory to advise making cold starch with hot water; but those who have once tried it find its results most satisfactory. This does not necessarily mean that the water must be boiling hot, but comfortably warm.

Starch made in this way works much better than that made with cold water. A little salt added to cold starch is an improvement, preventing it from sticking to the iron.

It is always better to let clothes remain rolled some time after starching them, as they will then iron much better. If after these precautions you find the starch inclined to stick to the iron, it is because it is too stiff.—The Ladies' World.

Salvage Soap.
In a month's time quite a sizable heap of rubbish accumulates. We sort the bathing soap from the household brown article. Melting the latter in some boiling water, we bottle the solution and keep it to use in an emergency wash, particularly of flannel and woolen goods. With the better soap we do noble things. We pick out the unsoiled pieces, and to a cupful add three cupfuls of boiling water, dissolving thoroughly and adding lastly 5 cents' worth of salts of tartar. The jelly-like resultant is absolutely unrivaled for cleansing rugs and carpets. Scrub it into the article to be cleaned and then scrape perfectly dry with a smooth stick. To the scented bits of soap add boiling water in the same proportion and a small lump of washing soda. This mixture will also jelly and makes an invaluable convenient shampoo. One member of the family, a fad-dist, saves her bits of soap to dry to chips when she pounds them to a powder and mixes it with bran to make a bran bath. Another member, philanthropic, keeps on hand a decoration of soapuds and glycerine, treating the children to an occasional bubble party.—Alice Judson, in Good Housekeeping.

A Stitch in Time.
All housekeepers who look well to the ways of their households appreciate the value of a stitch in time. The principle indicated by the proverb may be carried to all departments of the house. The household belongings which are kept continually in order by being mended as soon as they need mending cannot suddenly give out and need to be replaced. Prudent housekeepers keep a pot of glue ready to be melted when needed, a cement bottle for china and once a month or once a week, as it may be convenient, they repair breakages in china or in furniture. It is more trouble to learn to use a soldering iron, but this can be done, and when necessary a hole in tinware or in almost any common metal can be mended. Usually all that is necessary is to stop a leak in time, so it will grow no larger.

It is an excellent practice to keep a list of everything about the house that has gone awry, and every six months at least, if not oftener, see that it is made right. The best time is just after the spring and fall housecleaning. If this is done the house can be easily kept in order, and at much less cost than when every repair needed is left until it has become necessary to the comfort of the home that it should be attended to.—New York Tribune.

HOUSEHOLD RECIPES

Orange Sauce—Cream one-half cupful of butter. Mix one saltspoon of salt, half a saltspoonful of paprika, four table-spoonfuls of orange juice, one table-spoonful of lemon juice and one-half cupful of water; stir into the well-beaten yolks of two eggs and cook over hot water, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth. Add the creamed butter and serve at once.

Lemon Rice—Boil sufficient rice in milk till soft, sweeten to taste, then pour into a mould to cool. Peel a lemon very thick, cut the peel into half-inch lengths, cover with water, boil for a few minutes, pour off water, cover with a cupful of fresh water, add juice, and sugar to sweeten, then stew gently for two hours, after which allow to cool, when it will be a thick syrup. Turn the rice into a glass dish and pour the syrup over it.

Sweet Potato Fritter—Boil three medium sized sweet potatoes with their skins on until done, then remove the skin and cut each in half; place them in a shallow baking dish with a teaspoonful melted butter over each one, sprinkle with sugar and set in the oven to bake until they have obtained a fine golden brown color. Salt is omitted, as some do not wish it with the sugar; a half teaspoonful, however, sprinkled evenly over the hot potatoes as soon as they are peeled will remove all fat taste.

Preserved Peas—Peel, halve and score six pounds of peas, dropping at once into cold water to keep from discoloring. Put in a preserving kettle four pounds of sugar, two cupfuls of water, the juice of two lemons and rind of one cut in strips and an ounce of ginger root. Boil together 30 minutes, drain the peas, put in the syrup and boil about 15 minutes, or until tender. Take them out, lay on platters and boil the syrup until thick. Put in the peas once more, let them just come to a boil, and can.

THE MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH.
Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—No. 2 red	61	69
Do—No. 2 yellow	62	68
CORN—No. 2 yellow, ear	55	63 1/2
Do—No. 2 yellow, shelled	63	63 1/2
Mix'd ear	62	63 1/2
OATS—No. 2 white	41	44
Do—No. 3 white	41	42
Flour—Winter	3 70	3 80
Fancy Straight Winter	3 25	3 70
Hay—No. 1 Timothy	14 25	15 00
Do—No. 2 Timothy	13 50	14 50
Feed—No. 1 white mid. ton	21 50	23 00
Brown middlings	18 50	19 00
Iron, bulk	17 50	17 75
Straw—Wheat	8 00	8 25
Do—Oats	7 25	8 00

Dairy Products.

Butter—Eight creamery	21	21 1/2
Ohio creamery	22	22 1/2
Fancy country roll	14 1/2	15 1/2
CHEESE—Ohio, new	13 1/2	13 1/2
New York, new	13 1/2	13 1/2

Meats, etc.

HAMS—per lb.	9	10
CHICKENS—dressed	12	13
Eggs—Pa. and Ohio, fresh	21	21

Fruits and Vegetables.

GREEN BEANS—per bushel	1 15	1 50
POTATOES—Fancy white, 9 bbl.	2 10	2 25
CABBAGE—per barrel	1 25	1 75
ONIONS—per barrel	3 45	3 50

BALTIMORE.

Flour—Winter Patent	3 65	3 90
WHEAT—No. 2 red	70 1/2	72 1/2
CORN—mixed	61 1/2	61 1/2
OATS—No. 2 white	45 1/2	44
Eggs	20	21
Butter—Ohio creamery	23	23 1/2

PHILADELPHIA.

Flour—Winter patent	3 40	3 75
WHEAT—No. 2 red	71	74 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed	63	61 1/2
OATS—No. 2 white	42 1/2	42 1/2
Butter—Creamery, extra	22 1/2	23
Eggs—Pennsylvania first	23	24

NEW YORK.

Flour—Patent	3 70	3 85
WHEAT—No. 2 red	77 1/2	80
CORN—No. 2 mixed	63	61 1/2
OATS—No. 2 white	44	44 1/2
Butter—Creamery	17	23
Eggs—State and Penna.	22	21

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.

Prime heavy, 1500 to 1600 lbs.	5 00	6 05
Prime, 1300 to 1400 lbs.	5 40	5 60
Medium, 1,000 to 1300 lbs.	5 05	5 35
Fat heifers	4 50	5 10
Butcher, 800 to 1000 lbs.	4 50	4 40
Common to fair	2 50	3 25
Oxen, common to fair	2 50	3 25
Common to good fat bulls & cows	2 00	4 00
Milk cows, each	18 00	20 00
Extra milk cows, each	37 50	50 00

SWINE.

Prime medium weight	6 15	6 25
Best heavy Yorkers and medium	6 00	6 10
Good to choice packers	5 50	6 00
Good pig and light Yorkers	5 15	6 00
Pigs, common to good	5 40	5 50
Prime heavy hogs	6 35	6 43
Common to fair	4 00	6 00
Rough	5 00	6 00
Stags	4 00	5 00

SHEEP.

Extra, medium weight wethers	3 25	3 45
Good to choice	3 00	3 25
Medium	2 50	3 00
Common to fair	1 90	2 05

LAMBS.

Lambs, clipped	3 50	3 40
Lambs, good to choice, clipped	2 50	3 75
Lambs, common to fair, clipped	1 00	2 00
Spring lambs	3 90	4 50

CALVES.

Veal, extra	5 00	6 50
Veal, good to choice	3 00	4 00
Veal, common heavy	3 00	4 00
Veal, common to fair	1 90	4 00

TRADE HELD BACK.

Railroad Facilities inadequate to Carry Shipments—Shortage Felt in Coal Trade.

R. G. Dan & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Although the latest railway returns indicate that transporting facilities have greatly improved, the nation's business has expanded more rapidly. Car shortage has, in fact, become the chief retarding influence. From all sections of the country and many lines of industry complaints are heard regarding the inability to move goods. Probably the delay has been most aggravating in the case of coal, unseasonably high temperatures alone preventing serious inconveniences. Not only are domestic requirements enormous, but coal is becoming an important article of export, partly owing to labor controversies in France and Great Britain and also in the British export tax. Mild weather affects retail distribution to a very marked degree, orders for heavy weight goods being canceled in some cases where manufacturers were behind with deliveries. That the volume of legitimate business is not being curtailed, however, is evidenced by the gain in bank exchanges at New York of 27.4 per cent over last year, and 7.9 per cent over the same week in 1899. At other leading cities the increase is equally striking, 20.1 per cent over 1900, and 9.5 over 1899. Sheet mills are many months behind orders, and prompt deliveries commanding premiums, even where goods are ready for customers it is often impossible to ship because of inadequate railway facilities. Structural material is urgently sought. Steel rail orders increase and the fancy prices asked for billets have brought imports from Germany. Domestic quotations do not alter, though list figures are not considered on deliveries before the year's end. Copper is artificially sustained by closing mines. Footwear manufacturers have made a general advance in prices restoring the figures of early spring. Textile markets are well sustained. Woolen mills have ample orders and take large quantities of raw material, holding wool prices firm. Cotton goods are in brisk request with no evidence of excessive stocks. Speculators secured a distinct decline from the unusually high position recently attained by pork products, while at the same time corn made a further advance. Shipments from Atlantic ports for the week were only 498,485 bushels, against 1,194,609 last week and 3,328,631 a year ago. Interior receipts were also light, 2,217,126 bushels, against 3,538,020 last year. Wheat came to market more freely, arrivals of western cities amounting to 7,060,590 bushels, against 6,182,353 in the previous week and 5,537,602 a year ago.

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