



COOKING BY STEAM.

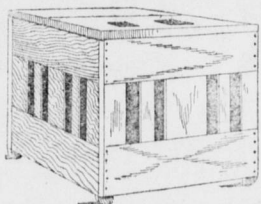
Food Rendered More Palatable and in Some Cases More Nutritious.

Some claim that food cooked by steam is more nutritious and wholesome than cooked in any other manner. While not agreeing exactly with this statement, I do think that many dishes are more palatable when cooked by steam.

The steamer is large enough for a turkey, if the bottom of the tin extension is removed, which can be done. For an average family potatoes and a pudding may be cooked in the kettle without the tin extension.

FOR SOILED CLOTHES.

A white wood hamper that anyone can make at home. A wicker hamper is desirable for this use, as it is so well ventilated, but where such is not at hand or readily purchasable, a light box can be made to answer the purpose of such a wicker hamper very nicely.



For making a box, which should have a hinged cover, and openings on top, bottom and all the sides, which may be rectangular as in the illustration or they may be made by boring holes in the sides with an inch bit in the form of a rectangle or diamond.

SOME HOME REMEDIES.

For a bee sting, make a paste of earth and water. Cover the stung place with it, bind it on and it will soon give relief.

When a felon first begins to appear cut off the end of a lemon, put the finger in it and keep it there as long as it can be borne.

For a sore throat, try a frequent gargle of salt and water. If a little swallowed it will allay the irritation, cleanse the throat and do no harm.

For stains on the hands nothing is better than salt moistened with lemon juice. Rub the spots well with the mixture, then wash off in clean water.

It is said that a good remedy for strengthening and clearing the voice is to beat the white of an egg with the juice of a lemon and sweeten it well with sugar and use as needed.

To cure round shoulders, sleep perfectly horizontal—that is, without any bolster or pillow. The habit can easily be acquired of sleeping thus, and the round shoulders will soon be straightened.

For a cough, boil an ounce of whole flaxseed in a pint of water, strain and add a little honey, the juice of two lemons and an ounce of rock candy. Stir together and boil a few minutes. Drink hot.



HANDKERCHIEF POCKET.

Pretty When Made in Colors to Match One's Various Gowns.

There are always those who, regardless of edicts of fashion, will have a pocket, at least in kind in which a handkerchief of some kind may be safely carried. A favorite design for such a pocket is shown in our engraving.



PRETTY POCKET FOR HANDKERCHIEFS.

though the back is sometimes made of thin canvas covered with the dress material. One-third of the ribbon makes a pretty bow for the bottom, and the rest is used for a suspension loop and a bow for each upper corner.

Look for the Bright Rays. A woman with a happy disposition is far more to a man as a wife than the woman with a great fortune, for riches take wings.

The Harmful Dotted Veil. The injurious effect on the eyes caused by wearing dotted veils is an old warning which has been sounded no purpose, and the fact that oculists are growing rich under this reign of fashion does not alarm the wearers of this attractive bit of feminine vanity.

APRONS FOR CHILDREN. Materials Usually Worn by Girls of Three to Twelve Years. White wash materials, plain, striped and checked, trimmed with white or colored embroidery, the patented frilling or cotton lace, as terebin or Valenciennes, are worn by children of three to twelve years.

A Pleasant Entertainment. A Dickens evening was given lately at an entertainment for charity. It consisted of tableaux, as Nell and her grandfather, the Dombey children on the seashore, Miss Havisham, etc., and dialogues taken literally from the novels.

A Pretty Picture Frame. It can be easily and inexpensively fashioned from cardboard; or, if you prefer, plain pine wood may take the place of cardboard. First cover the mat with fabric chosen from one of the daintily flowered challoes, silkolines or china silks.

Whole Wheat Flour Rolls. One quart of the flour, butter the size of an egg rubbed into the flour, 3 teaspoonfuls baking powder, 1 teaspoonful salt, and milk to make a dough soft as it can be rolled. Knead well and make into rolls. Moisten the tops with milk and bake in a quick oven.

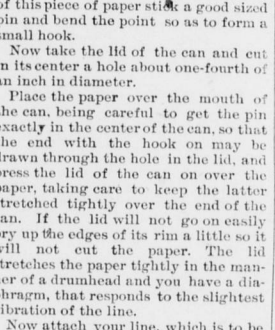
FOR DOMESTIC USE.

A Simple Way to Make a Telephone at Home.

It is Better Than Speaking Tubes and Can Also Be Connected with the Houses of Neighbors—Get Your Boy to Construct One.

Most of the readers of this paper are no doubt familiar with the method of constructing the mechanical, or as it is sometimes called, the "acoustic" telephone, and nearly every boy has seen or made a telephone of this sort.

To make the "transmitter," which is also the "receiver," take a tin baking-powder can, the half-pound size being preferable, and with a sharp knife, or can-opener, cut out the bottom.



Now take the lid of the can and cut in its center a hole about one-fourth of an inch in diameter. Place the paper over the mouth of the can, being careful to get the pin exactly in the center of the can, so that the end with the hook on may be drawn through the hole in the lid, and press the lid of the can on over the paper, taking care to keep the latter stretched tightly over the end of the can.

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DELICIOUS WASHINGTON PIE. One and a half teaspoonfuls sugar, 1/2 teaspoonful each of butter and sweet milk, 2 1/2 teaspoonfuls flour, 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder and 3 eggs. Stir together quickly and bake in three layers.

Attention has been called to a remarkable property of the Fontainebleau service tree (sorbus latifolia). The leaves of this tree (which are green above and white below) turn so as to present the white under surface to the sky just before a rain.

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THE OLDEST DOLL.

It is Encrusted with Jewels and is in a Church at Rome.

Francella A. Hitchcock, in the Doll's Dressmaker, tells an interesting story of the famous Bambino di Ara Coeli, which is far older than our grandmothers or our great-grandmothers for many generations back. It is the oldest doll in the world, and, if tradition is true, almost as old as the Christian religion, for it is claimed to have been carved out of a tree from the Mount of Olives in the time of the apostles, and to have been painted by St. Luke.



This church is built on the site of a very ancient pagan temple, and its nave is formed of twenty-two columns, the spoils of the ancient buildings, the inscription on the third on the left proving it to have been brought from the palace of the Caesars.

I shall never forget the first day we visited this vast and solemnly picturesque edifice. It was just at sunset, and golden shafts of light illuminated the mosaic floor, lighted up the richly gilded ceiling above and flashed in wondrous brilliancy over the Presepio or manger, where lay the miraculous Bambino in swaddling clothes.

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DAINTY AND BEAUTIFUL.

Lemon-Scented Sweet Alyssum and Its Possibilities.

Could I have but one plant either for the border or the window garden it should be that dainty, honey-scented little darling, sweet alyssum, says Dart Fairthorn in Vick's Magazine.

The seed of the sweet alyssum, not so fine as to be difficult to manage, is flat and round, of a light brown or tan color, and stored full of vitality. Plant twenty-five of them in a fine sandy loam, and with ordinary treatment you may be reasonably sure of as many plants, each one of which will be of interest from the first moment it sends up its initial four trim, pretty, light green leaves.

It is the laugh of the flowers. Some of them preach and some of them pray, but the sweet alyssum laughs "right out loud." The whole border may preach, the lilies droop their lovely heads, "like penitents in prayer," the callas lift their snowy chalices in mute protest against the whole world's wickedness and the impurity of earth generally, but the sweet little alyssum—nothing daunted by the scolding of stately flowers—will run riot over the ground, screening its iniquities from sight, filling in chinks with its beauty, caressing the feet of roses and rue alike, and seeming to my errant fancy to be keeping up a running accompaniment of cheerful comment or an undercurrent of perpetual merriment all the while.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

FOR CONGRESS—JOHN LEISENRING, of Upper Lehigh. Subject to the decision of the Republican congressional convention.

FOR SALE—A fresh milk cow. Apply to Patrick McFadden, Centre street.

FOR SALE—Two fresh milk cows and a calf. Apply to Patrick O'Donnell, Centre street, Eckley.

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