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HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

Pressing Flowers.

The little schoolma'am, a few days ago, was showing the children how to press flowers, and she passed around two specimens, in perfect condition, which were pressed last summer in her fashion. Perhaps your Jack may as well give you a hint of it. Her plan is to take a sheet of thin cotton-batting and lay the flowers carefully on it, covering them with another sheet, and then putting the whole under slight pressure.-Sometimes, when the flowers are thick and contain a good deal of moisture, she puts them in fresh cotton the next day, and after that she does not disturb them. But in pressing nearly all the small flowers the cotton need not be changed at all and not even opened until the flowers are preserved. I noticed that the little schoolma'am's pressed flowers had a soft, bright look. She groups the long-stemmed one prettily in vases, or lays them between sheets of thin glass, and hangs them in her windows, in the winter, she says. They haven't at all the look of flowers prepared in other ways. The little schoolma'am presses green leaves and ribbon glass in the same way, keeping their color perfectly and she told the children that when they wanted to pile a number of these double cotton layers together it was better to lay a sheet of blotting paper in between the sets. Sometimes she lays tissue paper between the flowers and the cotton, but it is of the thinnest kind .- St. Nicholas for August.

Bread Recipe.

A lady sent an exchange a recipe for bread making, which reads as follows: In the evening I boll five or six good sized potatoes, pour water and all over a saucerful of flour, stir with a spoon until I can bear my hand in; pour cold water enough in to make it milkwarm. I then put in a teacupful of liquid yeast, put my hand in and stir and work it for twenty or thirty minutes; cover up and set by the stove of some place to keep warm all night. In the morning it looks like soapsuds; take out a tumblerful for next baking. You understand that this is thin, and as much as I want to make I thicken as thick as batter and let it rise again. I work it down twice, the third time use no flour after mixing, but grease my fingers and work it and put it in the pans to rise for baking. When I want to make extra white bread I burn alum and mash up a tablespoonful and sprinkle on the board with a little flour and work the dough in before putting in the pans,

but don't think it good for the health. Cloves.

Cloves are unopened flowers of a small evergreen tree, that resembles in appearance the laurel or the bay. It is a native of the Molucca or Spice islands, but has been carried to all the warmer parts of the world, and is largely cultivated in the tropical regions of America. The flowers are small in size and grow in large numbers in clusters at the very end of the branches. The cloves we use are the flowers gathered before they are opened and whilst they are still green. After being gathered they are smoked by a wood fire and then dried in the sun. Each consists of two parts; a round head, which is the four petals or leaves of the flower rolled up, inclosing a number of stocks and filaments. The other part of the clove is terminated with four points, and is, in fact, the flower cup and the unripe seed vessel. All these parts may be distinctly shown if a few leaves are soaked a short time in hot water, when the leaves soften and readily unroll.

Snowflake Cake. "

Take a half cup of butter, two cups of white sugar, four cups of flour, one cup of sweet milk, three eggs, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, and one-half of that quantity of saleratus. Stir butter and sugar together, add the beaten yolks of eggs, and half the flour with the cream of tartar in it; turn in nearly all the milk, dissolve the saleratus in what is left and add it. Beat the whites of the eggs and mix in; stir in the remainder of the flour. Bake in jelly-cake tins. Grate the meat of two fresh cocoanuts after paring off the outer skin; add to them one cup of sugar and the beaten whites of two eggs. Spread between the cakes, which should have been baked in three pans. Heap the cocoanut very high on the top of the uppermost cake and scatter sugared almonds among

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