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the garden spot last fall, you may ex-. pect plenty of garden vegetables, if you remember to stir the soil frequently when the plants are growing: You cannot get something for nothing out of the soil.

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Wood ashes are a good thing to sprinkle over the plant beds, especially the radish, lettuce, cabbage and turnip beds, just as the plants are breaking through. It should be repeated several times at intervals of a few days, while the dew is on. This will prevent the radish maggot, and cabbage fleas. and in

When the lettuce or beet plants are starting nicely, they may be lifted and set in rows without injury: set just before a rain, if you can; if not, then set in the late afternoon or evening. Watering as you set them will do good.

All the hardy garden stuffs should now be in the soil, and as soon as the soil warms up, beans, corn, tomatoes, melons, and other tender things should be planted. Be sure to have a good garden, and give it good care.

Buy only the best seeds, and buy only of reliable seedsmen. The "store" seeds are not always true to name, and many times the seeds will not germinate; if they do, they generally fail of success for they are usually old seed, or poor varieties. Get of the seedsman.

Nothing is better for plants that are to be transplanted several times before putting into the ground, than the little paste board cones one can make at no expense. Any stiff paper will do. Even strong newspaper, if carefully handled. For melons, squashes, cucumbers, tomatoes, and the many other tender plants, there is no better.

## Requested Recipes

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Mrs. C. L. asks how to put up oliv 3. As we do not -live in an "olive" country, I send her the only information I can get on short notice, from a lady who has lived. where olives are grown.

Soak the olives in a lye solution made by dissolving three-quarters of a pound of lye in ten gallons of water; let the olives lie in this for twelve hours, then put them into clear water for twenty-four hours. Then put them again in the lye water, made as before, and let lie in it for another twelve hours, by which time the lye should be drained off, and the olives be let to lie in clear water again for eight to ten days, the water being changed twice every day until the lye is all drawn out. Have a solution of water and saltabout four per cent-for three days more, drain, and put again into clear water for one day; then into a 6 per cent solution of salt and water for three days more, and again into clear water for one day. Drain and put into a solution of 8 per cent salt and water and after a few days wash in clear water and put into a last solution of 8 per cent salt water and leave. If some one can give a better way, we shall be glad to have it to pass on.



We have made arrangements to supply our readers with high grade, perfect fitting, seam allowing and easy to use patterns, designed by a leading firm of New York fashion publishers. Full descriptions accompany each pattern as well as a chart showing how to cut your material with the least possible amount of waste. Any pattern will be sent postage prepaid upon receipt of ten cents. We will also issue a +ew fashion book quarterly, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter, illustrating bundreds of new styles—Autumn number now ready. We will send this book for two cents, postage prepaid if ordered at the same time that a pattern is ordered, or for five cents, postage prepaid. at the same time that a pattern is ordered, or for five cents, postage prepaid if ordered without a pattern. Besides illustrating hundreds of patterns, this fashion book will tell you how to be your own dressmaker. When ordering patterns please give pattern number and size desired. Address all orders-Fashion Department, The Commoner, Lincoln, Nebraska.



the head, as the neck opening is quite large. The sleeve is in one with the body. The skirt is cut in two pieces. The pattern 5636 is cut in sizes 6 to 14 years. Medium size requires for blouse 1% yards of 36 inch material; for skirt % yard of 44 inch with % yard 6f 36 inch for underwaist.

6621-Ladles' Dress-In this smart costume we have a full guimpe or underbody attached to a two piece skirt which is trimmed with two small ruffies. The pattern 6621 is cut in sizes 34 to 44 inches bust measure. Medium size requires 514 yards of 36 inch-material and 1% yards of 36 inch for the gulmpe.

6657-Child's Rompers-These are in the new and popular Dutch style, The blouse has quite a long opening in front, through which a shield is visible, the outside hooking to it. The bloom-ers are in one piece. The pattern 6657, is cut in sizes 2, 4 and 6 years. Meeffum size requires 1 yard of 36 inch material of light goods and 112 yards of 36 inch dark goods.

6642-Girls' Dress-Quite a novelty in every way, this little frock has no regular opening, but is slipped on over the head, the fastening being placed at one side of the deep yoke or vest. The drop shoulder is used. The pattern, 6642 is cut in sizes 6 to 14 years, Med-fum size requires 1% yards of 44 fach material.

6635-Ladies' Four Gored Skirt-The novelty of this skirt is in the arrangement of the side gores over the straight front and back panels. The top is fitted by darts, but gathers may be used ins stead and there is an ornamental girdle. The pattern 6638 is cut in sizes 22 to 32 inches waist measure. Medium Size requires 2% yards of 36 Inch material.

6647-Ladies' Skirt-This skirt offers us a model of a very late style of the peg top. It closes in front and may have either the raised or the regula-tion waistline. Such materials as cheviot, serge, twilled goods and the heavier cottons can be used for this skirt. The pattern 6647 is cut in sizes 22 to 32 inches waist measure. Medium size requires 1% yards of 50 inch material.

6656-Girls' Dress-This pretty frock may be made of plaid cheviot or of other plaid materials, as well as plain gingham, serge, or crepe ratine, The closing is in front and the skirt, has three pieces. Collar, cuffs and belt, are of contrasting material. The pattern 6656 is cut in sizes 4 to 14 years. Med-tum size requires 214 yards of 36 inch plain material with % yard of 27 inch plain goods to trim.

6613-Ladies! Waist-This model is made with body and sleeves in one. both very loose and with very loose

## **Contributed** Recipes

Sunshine Strawberries-Take three pounds (by weight) of strawberries of good size and ripened; make a syrup of three pounds of granulated sugar and two cups of water, cooking until a lig"t thread "spins"; the syrup must not be stirred after the sugar melts, or it is apt to "granulate"-turn to sugar again. As soon as it begins to "spin" when dropped from a spoon, put in the berries and cook about ten minutes after they begin to boil; then pour the mixture on a large platter, or platters, and set in the hot sunshine for two days, to allow the syrup to thicken until very thick. Do not leave out at night, or after the sun gets too low

is so much worn that it is all but indissmall front yoke formed by extending the back of the waist over the shoulder. The sleeve is set on very low on the arm and the closing is in front. The pattern 6643 is cut in sizes 34 to 44 inches bust inches bust measure. Medium size re-measure for the formed by extending of 36 inch material. pensable. In this model we have a ranged in front and a handsome collar, quires 2 yards of 40 inch material.

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6643-Ladies' Waist-The plain waist shows one of the new type of shirt waists. It has a closing diagonally ar-

> 6636-Girls' Middy Dress-In this dress we have a novel form of an old Waist - This model avorite, The blonke is slipped on over

The edges of the neck are armhole. gathered and finished with a large or small collar. The pattern 6613 ig;cut in sizes 34 to 44 inches bust measure. Medium size requires 2 yards of 40 inch material.

6512-Ladies' Shirt-Waist - Lines, madras or China silk can be used to make this waist. It is perfectly plain with three tucks at each shoulder. The pattern provides for a removable collar. The pattern 6512 is cut in sizes 34 to 44 inches bust measure. Medium size requires 2½ yards of 36 inch material.

6604-Girls' Dress-Much can be done with this model. It is of sacque cut with a 'medium sized box plait down the center of front and back, the closing beneath this plait in front. The pattern 6604 is cut in sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Medium size requires 2% yards of 36 inch material.

6182-Ladies' House Dress-Many women prefer the house dress to a kimono or wrapper and here is an excellent pattern for making such a gar-The dress closes at the front ment. and is made with short sleeves and a sailor collar. The pattern 6182 is cut in sizes 34 to 42 inches bust measure. Medium size requires 5% yards of 36 inch material.

6559 - Child's Dress - This frock shows the beauty of absolute simplicity of line. It hangs straight from the shoulders to the hem in front and back, closing in front. The pattern 6559 is cut in sizes 2, 4, 6 and 8 years. Age 6 years requires 1% yards of 36 inch material.

6597-Child's Dress-This ideal dress for play or school use is of sacque cut. held in by a belt at the waistline. It is cut square at the neck, has a side front, closing and bishop sleeves, which may be long or short. The pattern 6597 is cut in sizes 2, 4, 6 and 8 years. Medium size requires 1% yards of 44 inch ma-(Continued on next page.)