

of the sugar. This should be quite smooth, and if a little sour taste is liked, a half teacupful of vinegar may be added instead of so much syrup.

For pineapples, peel the pine and dig out the eyes; with a strong silver fork claw out the fruit in small bits, beginning at the stem end, leaving only the tough fibrous core. Then sprinkle with sugar and set in the ice box until wanted.—Mrs. Emily R., Missouri.

Fried Ham and Apples.—Core and slice round without peeling some tart apples; cut ham into thin slices and fry in its own fat until well done; take out the ham and put on a platter and keep hot, and fry the apples in the fat left in the pan; drain and lay the apples on the slices of ham when done.—Alice Kimberly, Mo.

Washing Organdies and Sheer Goods

Fine, sheer goods would be ruined if washed in the usual way with rubbing and soap suds. It is best to use no soap on even the most soiled places. Make a starch as for the laundry, with four quarts of water and one-half pound of corn starch, by wetting up the starch and pouring boiling water over it, stirring. Cook it until it thickens. Put three quarts of this starch into two gallons of tepid water; wash the muslin in the thick starch exactly as you would soap suds, being careful about rubbing, and when the muslin appears to be clean, squeeze and wring gently as dry as possible, and then wash it in the thin starch water. Then rinse it well in clear water, dry in the shade, sprinkle and let dampen, then iron on the wrong side. The fabric will be clean, unfaded, and will be about the stiffness of new muslin.

Preserving Elderberries for Pies

One of our readers tells us that elderberries are plentiful with them, and asks how to keep them for winter use, as the family is fond of them for pies. Do not let the berries get too ripe, and use them as freshly as possible. Take one peck of berries, clean and pull them from the stems, and allow to each peck, if more is used, four pounds of sugar—granulated is best; one quart of cider vinegar, and one-third as many green grapes as elderberries. Boil all these together until thick, stirring frequently to keep from scorching; then, after a week, or two, boil them up again, then pack in small jars and cover. They will keep without sealing. If the elderberries are used alone, they will be insipid, as they lack flavor. Mixed with grapes, they have a nice flavor.

Pickled Beets

Slice nice, red beets, not too old; boil until tender; drain the boiling water off and at once pour cold water over them, and with the hands twist the skin off, cut as you would for the table; pack in glass jars, and settle by shaking the jar, then pour over them to overflowing, the following: Two quarts of vinegar, four pounds of brown sugar and one-half teaspoonful of powdered alum; let boil; skim, add one teaspoonful each of cloves, allspice, mustard, a few peppercorns, all unground and tied in a bag; boil again, adding a pinch of cayenne and salt to taste; pour over beets; drain and reheat, for two mornings and return to beets; then seal.

"Mixed Pickles"

The mixed pickles, chow-chow, higgum, and pickles which go under these names, are generally liked as relishes, and because one can utilize scraps, or scant quantities of many vegetables where there is hardly enough of any one kind to put up alone. Green tomatoes, nearly ripe

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No. 6769—Ladies' Waist.—This waist, although quite simple, has the stylish sleeve with the extension of the upper end to the neck edge. The armhole is also very large, and front and back are plain. The closing is in the center of the front, and the open neck has a frill collar and small revers as trimming. The pattern, No. 6769, is cut in sizes 34 to 44 inches bust measure. Medium size requires, as on figure, 2 3/4 yards of 36 inch material with 1/2 yard of 36 inch goods to trim.

No. 6763—Ladies' Dressing Sacque.—Although quite simple, this sacque is very chic. It hangs plain from shoulders to hem, with center front closing and sleeves set in with a seam and made either long or short. The neck is cut out square and the material is held in at the waist line by a ribbon belt. The pattern, No. 6763, is cut in sizes 34 to 44 inches bust measure. Medium size requires, with long sleeve, 2 1/2 yards of 36 inch material, and 6 1/2 yards of insertion.

No. 6765—Ladies' Shirt Waist.—This is one of the plainer models, with a

short tuck at each shoulder in front and with plain back. The closing is at the left of the center in front, and the neck is cut out in a shallow V trimmed with a small, turnover collar. The pattern, No. 6765, is cut in sizes 34 to 44 inches bust measure. Medium size requires 2 3/4 yards of 36 inch material.

No. 6783—Boy's Suit.—This suit shows the Russian type in an attractive form. The blouse is plain with front closing and a handsome collar at the neck. Sleeves may be long or short. With the suit trousers are provided and these may be left straight open at the knee, or drawn in and gathered. The pattern, No. 6783, is cut in sizes 2, 4 and 6 years. Medium size requires 2 3/4 yards of 36 inch material with 1/2 yard of 27 inch contrasting goods to trim and 3/4 yard of 36 inch lining.

No. 6773—Child's Dress.—This little frock is quite a novelty. It has a plain blouse, open only a trifle at the neck where there is a round collar, and with regulation sleeve. The skirt may be pleated or gathered, and is joined to the blouse at the belt with visible buttons. The suspender straps are new and add to the effect. The pattern, No. 6773, is cut in sizes 2, 4, 6 and 8 years. Medium size requires, with suspenders, 1 1/4 yards of 36 inch light material and 1 1/4 yards of 36 inch dark material.

No. 6753—Ladies' House Dress.—This gown is cut on the simplest lines possible. It has a small tuck at each shoulder and a front closing with a tab at the fastening. Long or short sleeves may be used and the five gore skirt may have either raised or regulation waistline. Such materials as gingham, cotton voile and cashmere are used for these dresses. The pattern, No. 6753, is cut in sizes 34 to 44 inches bust measure. Medium size requires 4 1/4 yards of 36 inch material.

No. 5158—Infant's Set of Garments.—This set consists of a coat, cap, dress, petticoat, kimono, and a bib. All the garments are made in one piece. The pattern, No. 5158, is cut in one size and requires 2 1/4 yards of 36 inch for the coat, 1/2 yard of 36 inch for the cap, 2 1/4 yards of 36 inch for the dress, 1/2 yard of 27 inch for the petticoat, 1/2 yard of 27 inch for the kimono, and 1/2 yard of 36 inch for the bib.

No. 4830—Ladies' Apron.—This apron is just the thing for wearing around the kitchen as it covers the entire dress. The apron is cut in one piece and fastens with a single button in the back. Linen, gingham, or percale can be used to make this apron. The pattern, No. 4830, is cut in sizes 32, 36, 40 and 44 inches bust measure. Medium size requires 3 yards of 36 inch material.

No. 6717—Ladies' Waist.—This pretty bodice is cut with body and sleeves in one piece; if wide material is used, there need be no seam in the back, but otherwise a seam must be made. The closing is in the surplice effect and there is a handsome roll or standing collar at the neck. The pattern, No. 6717, is cut in sizes 34 to 44 inches bust measure. Medium size requires, without seam at back, 1 1/2 yards of 36 inch material; with seam, 2 1/4 yards the same width.

No. 6721—Men's Negligee Shirt.—This shirt can be made in two ways, either with the full length coat opening, or with the shorter opening, and also with a standing, turnover collar of regulation style, or with a wide roll collar of more ornamental effect. The pattern, No. 6721, is cut in sizes 34 to 42 inches chest measure. Medium size requires 3 3/4 yards of 36 inch material.

No. 6762—Child's Dress.—In this dainty frock there is the long seam down the shoulder and outer arm, dividing the sleeve and the body into two parts. In addition, the front is again divided by the line of closing which has an ornamental tab near the neck. This round and is trimmed with a small collar or left untrimmed, as referred. The pattern, No. 6762, is cut in sizes 2, 4, 6 and 8 years. Medium size requires 2 3/4 yards of 36 inch material with 1/2 yard of 27 inch contrasting goods.

No. 6789—Ladies' Apron.—This apron is just the thing for wearing around the kitchen, as it covers the entire dress. The apron closes at the back and has a pocket in each side of the front. The pattern, No. 6789, is cut in sizes 36, 40 and 44 inches bust measure. Medium size requires 4 1/4 yards of 27 inch material or 3 3/4 yards of 36 inch material.

No. 6779—Girl's Dress.—This pretty frock is closed at the back and has part of each sleeve in one with each portion of the body. The diagonal line in front is merely a stimulated closing. The little skirt is gathered and has a straight lower edge and thus is especially suitable for flouncing or other bordered goods. The pattern, No. 6779, is cut in sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Medium size requires, as on figure, 1 1/2 yards of 36 inch material, 2 yards of edging, and 2 1/4 yards of ribbon.

No. 6690—Misses' Dress.—For holiday wear a young girl can make this dress of pretty gingham, ratine or eponge. The blouse is quite regulation with bias closing, wide collar, and sleeves set in with a seam at the shoulder, while the skirt has three gores and is gathered around the top, closing at the side of the front. The pattern, No. 6690, is cut in sizes 14, 16, 18 and 20 (Continued on next page)