

## 'Only Trouble with Mrs. Obermire's Letters She Doesn't Write Enough of Them'

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Hi there, all you nice people! January's almost gone and here I haven't accomplished half the things I wanted to get done this month. Life seems to consist largely of getting up, cooking three meals, washing the dishes, sweeping the floor and making beds and going back to bed.



Blanche Spann Pease says she will insist on eating three times a day!

Do you have a knife with a rusted blade? Well, I'm told that plunging the blade into an onion and leaving it there for an hour or so, will remove the rust. Polish the knife in the usual way. Only one way for you to find out if this is really true. Yep, try it!

If you do lots of sewing, and a good many women do these days, you might be interested in knowing that a shoe bag, pocket style, makes a good filing place for your patterns. Hung in the sewing room by the sewing machine you'll find it both handy and colorful. Another handy idea for those that sew, is to make a short apron, double the lower part, and divide it into four pockets. An apron like this is convenient to hold thread, scissors, and so forth, when sewing.

You mothers who send school lunches . . . ever try baking pies in muffin tins nutritious filling, they make for the children? Filled with a fine addition to the lunch, they are easy to pack and the children will like these novelties.

Going to do some dirty work? Keep a cake of soap handy and before you begin work, scrape your finger nails over the soap. The soap will catch under the nails and make them easier to clean when the dirty work is done. Before we know it, it will be time to stare Spring house-cleaning. In the meantime, hang the curtains on the line to blow and air. They'll look much better when you put them back up.

### Subscription Winning Letter —

Today we award a three-months' subscription to The Frontier to M. E. J., of O'Neill.

Dear Mrs. Pease: Yes, I have been planning on writing just like I suppose so many others have and just don't get the urge. I have

more time on many hands as some people do as they get older and the family is all grown and gone for themselves. I can not say I like that part of it. It is much nicer when they are small and all at home and you are so busy you don't know which way to turn.

Yes, I sent school lunches for many years before our children were old enough to go. I kept a sister and brother during school terms, there being no school in their district, or mother away from home caring for a sister, who was ill with cancer. Also kept a nephew for six years.

Cooking, washing and caring for a family is much better than having time on your hands. Sometime ago you asked for school lunch ideas, at that time I was intending to help a little, but kept putting it off, such things are so easy. In by gone days the lunch box was a different problem than now adays with all the fancy food and different dishes, they took what we had and ate it.

Now we must wrap and pack the food so it will look appetizing to get them to eat what they should. Well, anyway, the new ways are the best for all concerned. Use different colored napkins, put in a surprise once in a while, a candy for each day of their choice.

For a sandwich grind most any kind of meat with sweet pickle, moisten with salad dressing.

Try raw vegetables, carrot strips, cabbage, lettuce, and we kids used to like raw turnips.

I always put jelly and jams in a little jar, so they could spread to suit themselves and it didn't soak in bread which was mostly home made. We always canned a sandwich spread for the cold Winter days, the hot school lunch was super.

I am planning to do a little fancy work this Winter, such as crocheting and embroidering and I do love to piece quilts.

I have a lot of pieces that the girls have sent from their dresses. I am anxious to get at them, it has been quite a while since there has been such nice prints on the market.

JUST A READER, M. E. J., O'Neill.

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### Another Subscription Winner —

Mrs. Natchel Rzeszotarski, of Atkinson, wins a three months' subscription to The Frontier, also.

Dear Blanche: We just received a copy of The Frontier and as we don't take the paper I hurriedly sat down with it to see what was going on in The Frontier Woman. I usually don't have a chance to read it. This issue contained Mrs. G. L. Obermire's letter concerning the "Route of the Rural Mail Carrier."

May I say that I enjoyed every word of it. The only trouble with Mrs. Obermire's letters is the fact that she doesn't write enough of them! I can almost see the goose with his gay Christmas seal

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You'll pardon us if we say we can't help but wonder if Chambers and Hiss like pumpkin pie.

Emily Post says people shouldn't droop over soup.

The average human says the postoffice pen is no good. Not even worth stealing!

If we Republicans are good losers, it must be because we've had so much practice these past 16 years!

and also the surprise and the pleasure on the mail carrier's face as he opened the box.

This morning I hunted up our favorite stew recipe and fixed it for dinner. It not only tasted good but it used up those left over fried hamburger patties from Sunday dinner that are usually so unappetizing when rewarmed. You can use any kind of meat you like but we prefer it with the hamburgers. This is a good dish for a busy day dinner as it cooks by itself and needs little watching. The amount of potatoes and vegetables I use depends upon how much hamburger I have left.

### IRISH STEW

One and a half pints of cubed uncooked potatoes (three cups), two cups cooked cubed carrots or any other vegetable you prefer. Dice about three or four cooked hamburger patties. More or less (doesn't matter), one medium onion, chopped fine, two or three tablespoons hamburger drippings, ½ cup water, one quart whole tomatoes, 1½ teaspoons salt, one teaspoon pepper, one teaspoon cinnamon, ½ teaspoon nutmeg, ¼ teaspoon allspice, one teaspoon celery salt or like amount of dried celery leaves, two to three tablespoons sugar.

Mix all ingredients together and cook until potatoes and onion are done. It is best if simmered for about an hour, simmer not hard boil. If it gets too thick, add a little water, if you prefer more seasoning by all means add it.

I like to serve this stew for a Sunday night supper when a few friends stay. Serve with crackers, fresh rolls, dessert and coffee and you have a satisfying meal that will have them all coming back for seconds, I know 'cause I've tried it.

Mrs. Natchel Rzeszotarski, Atkinson, Nebr.

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### FOODEAS

Do you think longingly of Spring these days? Then bring it right into the kitchen by making up a box of lime flavored gelatin and adding grape fruit sections. It's lovely to look at and luscious to eat.

Spruce up that chocolate pudding that the family likes by quartering marshmallows with your kitchen scissors. Dip the scissors into hot water often so the marshmallows won't stick to them. Fold into the pudding while its still warm. Chill and serve. M-m-m!

Select a shiny red apple and don't peel it. Dice it and fold it into slightly thickened lemon flavored gelatin, and when set, serve with cream.

Bake a plain white cake, and serve it topped with warm, spiced apple sauce, for dessert. Different—delectable.

You make tapioca cream often—that I know, but do you fold chocolate sauce into half of it? Serve in sherbet glasses, half chocolate and half vanilla pudding. Good.

### O'Neill Locals

Mrs. V. R. Bell left Friday for Loup City where she will visit indefinitely with her sons, Robert and Franklin, and her new grandson, Victor Ray.

Allen Martin spent the weekend with his grandmother, Mrs. Addie Wrede. Allen attends Wayne State college at Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Karr, of Spencer, spent last Thursday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Walling spent the weekend visiting the former's brother, C. A. Walling, of Fremont.

Mr. and Mrs. James Coventry, Kay and Bill, of Inman, were Monday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson.

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