

The Frontier Woman —

Discussion of Town Lady with Time on Her Hands Pleases 'Constant Reader'

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Hi there, all you nice people. Goodness, here's March almost gone. What have you been accomplishing at your place lately?

Even if you don't paper, paint or do any remodeling, you can freshen up the house this time of year by laundering the curtains or sending them to the cleaners; seeing that all the bedspreads are spick and span; the woodwork washed and all the drawers set to rights. Astonishing what a difference it makes to the house—just gives it a face-lifting—and when it's done, that's what it does to your spirits, too, doesn't it?

If only we could keep it spick and span once we get it that way. But alas, such is not life and apparently it can't be done.

Plastic is a good bet in homes where there are small children. Upholstered chairs and davenport may now be purchased in plastic. A wipe of a damp cloth will usually clean them, so they're ideal where children and dogs are part of your everyday living.

The other day I saw a bassinet with a ruffling of plastic lace around the edge. It looked so dainty and it could be whisked clean, whereas if that had been real lace it would need to be laundered.

So, of course, that was just another example of how well children and plastic go together.

A friend of mine who is a dressmaker was in O'Neill recently and looked at plastic material for drapes. She says the colors are of a deeper hue in the plastics and really beautiful things can be made from them.

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Bonus Letter This Week—

This week we have a bonus letter for you once again. So get set for some good reading. One of our 3-months' subscription prizes goes to "A Constant Reader," O'Neill, and to Minnie Gathje, of Atkinson, route 2 goes a 3-months' subscription. Mrs. Albert Klingler, of O'Neill, has been sent a small surprise gift.

Dear Blanche:

Well, as I do my work during the day I can think of so many things I could write about, but by the time supper dishes are done and the children in bed,

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my mind is a blank. But will try to see if I can miss your wastebasket.

First, I want to say how very much I enjoyed the letter from the lady who compared herself with the town lady who had no children and that time was heavy on her hands. It was really good and she took the words right out of my mouth. More power to her and I hope she writes again.

It is sewing time around here, but with the children having flu and colds my time for sewing seems to be limited. I sure like to use elastic thread in my sewing of little girls' dresses, for around the sleeves and around the waist. They fit so snug and expand as the children grow.

I want to make myself a good dress. I usually make one out of feed sacks so I can tell how the pattern will fit and then use the same pattern for the good dress. That way I know where to sew the deeper seams and where to cut it a little larger. You don't have to rip your good material so often. I could write on and on about sewing as I do enjoy it. I only wish I had more time for it.

I just discovered that fingernail polish remover will remove that paint you get on the hinges and door pulls of your cupboards. If you are like me you smear them up as well as the cupboard when you paint.

Use your curtain stretchers or borrow the neighbor's the next time you do up your lace tablecloth. It will come out looking like new.

I found some plastic containers that will hold one piece of pie and fit in the children's dinner pails. I got them at the dime store. They also have containers for sandwiches.

As it is near my bedtime, I better ring off while you still have a chance to read this. We enjoy your column so very much. As ever,

"A CONSTANT READER."

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This Writer Shares
Mid-Winter Dish Recipes—

Dear Blanche:
On these cold wintry days a woman likes to plan her meals so as not to have so much work in preparing them, for she likes to get a little sewing done for herself and kiddies. Maybe piece a quilt top she has seen and likes real well or do embroidery also.

Here are a few of our mid-winter dishes. When a man comes in from out-of-doors he welcomes light and warmth and the aroma of a savory and delicious meat stew. I have in mind 1-inch cubes of beef, according to the size of your family. We usually have 2 pounds of beef cut in 2-in. cubes. Then brown and simmer for a long time, maybe 3 hours, to bring out the rich flavor of the meat. Make the stew colorful with vegetables, potatoes, onions and carrots and if desired, broth may be thickened with a little flour after vegetables are done. Don't forget to season this with to-

mato ketchup or Worcestershire sauce. You know cooking is lots more fun if you know the origin of the food you are working with.

Recently I read an article about sauerkraut. History has never recorded the first person who introduced sauerkraut, but research revealed that sauerkraut was served to Chinese laborers working on the great walls of China, and the only way to keep cabbage in those days (before the days of canning vegetables) was to fix it with salt or wine in order to keep it during the long cold winters. In those days people thought that if they ate lots of cabbage it was good for their health. I, myself, love sauerkraut and one dish my father dearly loved was cut up cabbage fixed as though you were going to have boiled cabbage. Cut up cabbage and boil in a separate kettle, cook 8 medium sized potatoes. When both are done, drain, dump the cabbage on the potatoes and mash, season with salt, pepper and butter.

Some people think of sauerkraut just with weiners or spare ribs. Really though, kraut blends well with most all foods. Have you ever tired to put sauerkraut with beans when you bake them. That's very good. If you are ready to bake, add a good big cup of sauerkraut. Just mix in with the beans.

We like the following recipe very much:

HAMBURGER BALLS WITH SAUERKRAUT

Two tablespoons bacon fat, ¼ cup chopped onion, 1 tablespoon bread crumbs, 1 pound hamburger, 1 egg, salt and pepper, 1 No. 2½ can sauerkraut, 1 cup hot water.

Melt fat and brown onions in it, combine the onions, crumbs, hamburger and egg. Season with salt and pepper to suit taste and form into small balls. Place the sauerkraut in a baking dish, add hamburger balls and hot water. Bake 1½ hours in a 350-degree oven. Potatoes may be added the last 45 minutes. And there you have your meal.

Baked apple for dessert would go real well with a dish like that. Warm desserts taste very good on cold stormy days.

Before I forget again here is a food frosting for spice cake:

SEA FOAM FROSTING
One cup brown sugar, 1/3 cup water, boil until it spins a thread. Beat the white of an egg until it stands up in moist peaks. Then pour the hot syrup on the egg white. Add 1 teaspoon baking powder and when it foams up, spread on the cake.

Well, I guess I will bring this sauerkraut letter to a close and maybe think of something different next time.

MINNIE GATHJE.
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Gift Winner—
Dear Blanche:

Here I am with a thank-you letter to The Frontier. I am enclosing my well-liked cake recipes, which can be baked in any cooking stove with a moderate oven.

Fifty years ago in September I can remember my old-fashioned cast iron cook stove without a reservoir, no warming oven, the ash box jutting out in front of the stove, under the hearth and the oven door opened to the side. After we had breakfast, the frosty window would be decorated with 'O' circles, made round by a thimble dipped in warm water. We had to be careful not

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Just because you're always harping on something doesn't mean that you are a musician.

Mary had a little lamb, she kept him on the jump; for Mary always wanted things that had him up a stump.

If you really want the telephone to ring, just take a bath. Be it ever so humble, there's nothing beats keeping up with the Joneses.

To place anything really hot on the frozen window pane as fresh air would enter too rapidly for comfort.

This stove tried its best to make my first pancakes a success. Big batches of fragrant loaves of bread came twice a week from my oven and also innumerable pies and cookies. I'll be many a homemaker can recall days and weeks of the same kind of home work.

They were happy days—putting up school lunches, getting coats and caps for hurrying school children. Nobody came home with a tardy mark or absent day at our house. The kids rode horseback 3 miles down a hill, across the creek and up a hill to the schoolhouse.

EGGLESS AND MILKLESS CAKE
Use a 9x9 loaf pan and bake one-half hour at 350 to 375 degrees.

In a mixing bowl put 1 cup salad dressing, 1 cup sugar, one-half cup warm water, stir this well together, add a teaspoon vanilla. Sift 2 cups flour, 4 tablespoons cocoa, 2 teaspoons soda, pinch salt. Sift this 3 times. Add to the ingredients in mixing bowl and add one-half cup warm water then mix.

MRS. ALBERT KLINGLER.

PAGE LOCALS

A group of ladies attended a shower Wednesday afternoon, March 15, at the George Rost home honoring Mrs. Dick Woods. She was presented with a lace dinner cloth and a blanket. A luncheon of ice cream, cake and coffee was served by a committee.

Mrs. Alton Braddock entertained the Bid or Bye bridge club Wednesday afternoon, March 15. Mrs. Marion Mitchell was a visitor. Mrs. Mitchell won

high score and Mrs. LaVerne Finley all-out.

The Contract bridge club met with Mrs. A. L. Dorr Thursday evening, March 16. Mrs. Robert Gray was a guest. Mrs. Herbert Steinberg won high score and Mrs. Melvin Smith, low.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Nissen spent from Wednesday, March 15, until Friday evening at the Laurence Haynes home at O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Larbee Kelly, and son, Jesse, drove to Ewing Wednesday afternoon, March 15, to meet Mr. and Mrs. John Burtwhistle, of Pilger, who are spending several days at

the Kelly home. Mrs. Burtwhistle is a sister of Mrs. Kelly. On Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly visited at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kelly.

Lloyd Fusselman and family moved last week to the property across the street west of Braddock's garage, which they recently bought. Donald Cunningham and Mrs. Cunningham moved to the place Fusselman vacated and which they bought of Mr. Fusselman.

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80 CALVES AT AUCTION

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Mr. and Mrs. Neil F. Clarke entertained the latter's sister, Miss Verna Trussell and her roommate, Miss Inez McNair, both of Lincoln, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14 and 15.

Pa, I need \$8.00 for books



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