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The bath apron for mother to wear while bathing baby is a necessity. The following pattern has been used and is a success. Buy one yard and a quarter of one yard wide oil cloth. Cut off the one-quarter yard and bind one of the long edges with white tape. Lay this at one end of the larger piece and bind them together, also binding on both sides. This leaves a pocket at the bottom. As oil cloth is too slippery to sew with the machine, lay the tape on the oil cloth and sew down with the machine, making three divisions in the pocket, to hold the toilet articles. Gather the upper edge and use wide tape to make a belt and strings. Sew four buttons on the belt in front. Make also a flannel apron with four button holes in the belt and button it on the oil cloth apron.—E. P. C., New York, N. Y.

Children as a rule detest castor oil and though many suggestions have been offered for disguising the taste of the oil, none of them have been remarkably successful. Taking the oil in coffee will succeed with some children; taking it in orange juice will "fool" others. I stepped into my druggist recently, explained that my boy would not take the oil and asked if he knew of a good way to prepare it. The druggist said he did and gave the oil in a glass of soda water. Not the slightest trace of the oil could be detected and my boy seemed perfectly delighted with it. Now when I think my children require castor oil, I step around the corner to my druggist and purchase a glass of soda water—with castor oil added.—Y. C. M., Springfield, Mass.

Guava marmalade—not the jelly—is not very well known. It is a stiff paste which comes put up in flat wooden boxes covered with gaily flowered paper. It may be used in a variety of delicious ways, and is just the novel dainty for the afternoon tea, the luncheon, etc. The marmalade may be cut into blocks and dipped into a white fondant flavored with lime, or lemon juice; or it may be cut, as in the West Indies, into slices just as thin as you can make with a knife, and put between wafers for sweet sandwiches. You may cut small balls and use instead of candied cherries to decorate cakes.—E. M., Washington, D. C.

When using Chinese lanterns for decorative purposes, put a few handfuls of sand in the bowl-shaped bottom, around the candle. This will prevent the lanterns from swaying and also tend to prevent their catching fire.—S. C. C., Providence, R. I.

If one has a rug that is too small for the room and a floor that is not sufficiently well finished to leave uncovered, take a strip of plain Ingrain or oatmeal wall-paper, paste it on the floor next to the wall and then varnish. It will make a very pretty border for the room, the cost is very trifling, and it will wear well.—S. C. C., Providence, R. I.

A wide-silled bay window in our apartment house has been transformed into a miniature green house at very small expense. I bought at an auction, a glass show case with a strong oak frame, for the bottom of which I had a zinc tray made. Into it we put six inches of soil from the

woods and although I had to resort to the greenhouse for some of the vines and ferns that make a mat of greenery, many lovely bits of bloom, the delicate mosses, grasses and creeping things came in the earth straight from the forest.—J. E. C., Washington, D. C.

I made a very neat and attractive skin dolly for my jardiniere stand out of the sleeve part of an old worn out pair of elbow length gloves of a brown shade. Cutting the glove open at the seam, I trimmed it to resemble the shape of a skin. I was careful not to have the cuttings too even, and the result is very satisfactory. It prevents any water from staining the stand, and it is very pleasing to the eye.—M. L. C., Berkeley, Cal.

When your hot water bag begins to leak, don't throw it away. Cover the hole with adhesive plaster (or something equally good), fill the bag with sand or salt and slip the filled bag into one made of flannel. In a great many instances where a hot water bag is needed, this sand or salt bag will do just as well. Place it in a warm oven until it is thoroughly heated. It will hold the heat for a long time.—Mrs. E. W. T., New York.

One bungalow living room is used part of the year as a dining room, the rest of the time as a library. At the semi-annual change the book-cases are transformed into china closets. To make the same shelves equally suitable for books or dishes, rubber weather strips were tacked two inches from the back of the bookcase on each shelf. These strips are flat enough not to interfere with the books.—I. M. A., Scarsdale, N. Y.

In making corset-covers, or house-dresses, I always stitch a crescent shaped piece of the same material under the arm. This increases the wear and obviates the necessity of patching, which is unsightly at best. In relining a coat a large shield-like piece is first put under the arm and the regular lining covers it.—M. M. B., Chicago, Ill.

To insure the final wear of a table cloth, examine it and when it looks thin in the folds, cut an inch off one side and one end and re-hem. This necessarily changes all the folds when the cloth is laundered. By doing this I find they will wear nearly as long again. Be sure and do this before the linen is worn thin.—S. C. C., Providence, R. I.

If you have no kitchen cabinet, take three-quarters of a yard of table oil-cloth, twenty inches wide, and make a pocket of it. Tack this inside your pantry door and you have a splendid out-of-the-way place for sauce-pan lids. They stand upright and can not roll around; and they will be kept free from dust and always where you can find them.—D. H. B., Franklin, Ohio.

When punching eyelets, place the material over a cake of white soap. This makes a firm edge which is easily worked over. It also prevents the material from raveling.—S. C. C., Providence, R. I.

When darning silk stockings put a piece of lace under the hole and darn through nets. This is neater and stronger than the ordinary way.—V. T. C., Norwich, Conn.



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