

The Frontier Woman

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Hi there, all you nice people! Don't look now but there's only 11 days left in May. Don't ask me where it's gone, because confidentially I don't know. It was only yesterday I was arranging the first purple doll iris in a bowl along with the first yellow daffodils and some sweet potatoes vines that had broken and were rooting. It made a beautiful combination and some how the first flowers are particularly lovely. Next

day I picked some long sprays of wild currant and put them in a tall blue fiesta vase that the neighbors' kids gave me for my birthday several years ago. After that the wild plums were in bloom and they made the whole house fragrant. I like to bring Spring into the house.

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I do love color in the kitchen, and have some here and there in the bright mixing bowls. Bob got me one for Christmas, in the yellow plate of fiesta that the neighbors gave me once with a fruit cake on it and in the tomato juice set the pitcher is a lovely bright yellow and each of the glasses is a different bright color. When children come I let them drink at the table from these glasses in their blue, yellow, cream purple, and red jackets and they call them "special" glasses and feel very much privileged. (Incidentally, they're less apt to break than the tumblers Bob got me for Mothers day. The tumblers are fragile cut glass beauties.)

Sub Winners This week — We have 2 subscription winners today and I know you're going to enjoy their letters. The first 3 months' subscription goes to Mrs. James Dobias, of Atkinson.

Dear Mrs. Pease: As I got the O'Neill paper from my sister the other day and you were calling for more letters to The Frontier Woman, I thought I would jot down a few lines this morning as I have to wait until my little honoree wakes up so I could go out doors and get some of my garden in today. I'm making nests to set some of my duck eggs tonight. My, today is such

a nice spring day to be out of doors. I just wonder if any of the ladies raised chickens like I do.

As we don't have a brooder house, we got several old car bodies that have good windows in them and used them as brooder houses. I have used them for several years already and think they are just swell.

When it is nice and sunny it is so nice and warm in them, and yet they are small enough that a lantern will keep it warm enough when it is cooler. I put cardboard all around the bottom and it keeps the draft off too. I thought I might help some one who wants to raise just a few chicks to eat as they sure taste good fried anyway.

Well, the young'un is waking up so I guess I better quit and get him ready to take him outdoors with me in the garden. He just loves to be outside these days. He is 11 months old today and every thing is new for him, too. He is starting to walk now, too, so he needs a lot of watching.

Well, I guess this is all for now, might write more later on how my garden is coming along.

MRS. JAMES DOBIAS, Atkinson, Nebraska.

Mrs. Dobias, I'm ever so glad you wrote us, and I hope you'll like The Frontier so much that your family will decide they can't be without it and will subscribe to it. I know of another person who has raised chickens in the manner you described.

I really enjoy The Frontier Woman. I have been intending to write for quite some time but you know how one puts off doing such things.

I get the Frontier a little late, but I am always anxious to see your column. I'm not an old hand at keeping house like some of your readers, so I find many useful hints in your column.

I've had some wonderful luck with some of your recipes. Because of the difference in altitudes, I have to make a few changes. I have to cut down the sugar and shortening in almost all the cakes and cookies. I have a little problem. I thought perhaps some of your readers could help me. My husband is one of those who has to carry lunches 5 days a week. My problem is having a large variety of sandwiches. I know sandwiches are easy to make but after awhile one runs out of ideas of what to use for filling. I would appreciate it very much if you could give some suggestions.

I have a couple of recipes I'd like to send.

CHOCOLATE COOKIES
One-third cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg beaten, 2½ cups flour, ½ teaspoon soda, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ cup sour milk, 2 ounces chocolate, melted. Cream butter, add sugar slowly, then beaten egg. Sift together flour, soda, salt and add alter-

nately with sour milk, to the first mixture. After beating thoroughly, stir in melted chocolate. Drop on a buttered cookie sheet, a level tablespoon for each cookie. Bake in a moderate oven 375 F. for fifteen minutes.

MEAT LOAF
Two pounds ground beef, ½ lb. ground pork, 1 onion, chopped fine, 1 cup bread crumbs, 1 egg, ½ cup milk, ¼ teaspoon baking powder, salt and pepper. Mold into loaf and put in oven for ten minutes. Pour 1 cup tomato juice over loaf. Bake 2 hours. Here is one we like when we go camping. It is called Hush Puppies.

HUSH PUPPIES
One large cup water, 1 ½ cups ground corn meal, ¼ cup flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 finely chopped onion, 1 egg. Mix corn meal, flour, baking powder, salt and egg. Add water or milk until a thick paste is formed. Add onion. Beat some more. Drop off spoon into hot grease in which fish have been fried: Cook until golden brown.

I see my time is running short. It is almost time to fix lunch so I must close. I'll be waiting for your column.

MRS. GEORGE PIERSON, 819½ West Maple St. Rawlins, Wyoming

I know all enjoyed and appreciated your letter Mrs. Pierson and I'm glad to know that our department has been of service to you. Do come and visit our dept. again some time.

Send Us a Letter —

Send us a letter, ladies. Be a pal, gal, write it today. We need good letters for The Frontier Woman to make it better all the time. We'd appreciate hearing from you and if your letter is used you will receive a 3 months' subscription to The Frontier. Send your letter to Mrs. Blanche Pease, The Frontier Woman, Atkinson, Nebraska.

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Celia School Closes — CELIA — Jeanne Scott closed a successful term of school last week and celebrated with a picnic on Wednesday, May 12. Conrad Frickel, Jr., took the pupils to the Overton ranch for a fishing trip. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hoffman. The boys caught some bullheads which made their picnic a complete success.

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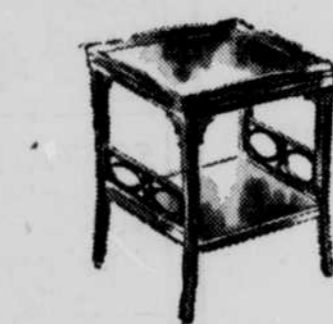
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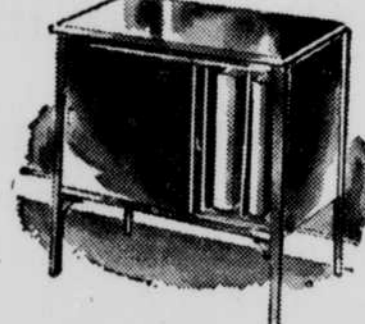


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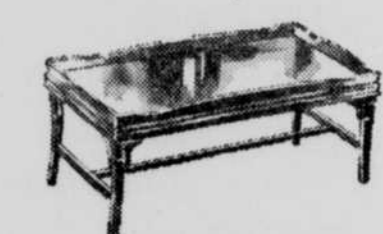


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