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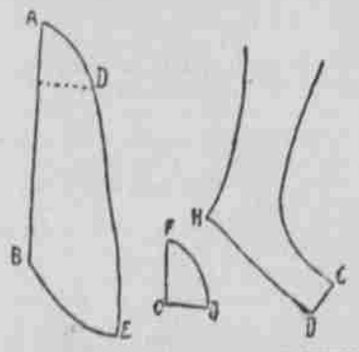

DIAGRAM FOR CUTTING OVER STOCKINGS.

placing the edges A B and C F against a fold in the stocking. Sew together the edges B E for heel. Unfold the parts denoted for the toe, place F on A, and sew the edge F D to A D. Sew C F and C D, D E and D H together, and the other half of the foot the same way. The seams should all be backstitched very firmly, and then opened and cross-stitched down to lie perfectly flat so that they will not hurt the feet. Children's stockings can be cut in the same way by using patterns of the same shape and regulating the size to suit the foot of the wearer.—American Agriculturist.

THE FAMILY MENDING.

Set Apart One Day in the Week for This Important Work.

Mending should be done just as regularly as washing. Set apart a day and do your work on that day; then it will not accumulate until it makes your heart sink to look at it—the housewife's common experience. Have a basket, box or bag well stocked with the materials for the work. When a garment is cut, collect all the pieces, roll them together and put them where you can find them when wanted; thus you save the fatigue and annoyance of rummaging the whole house for them. The precaution of putting pieces under the thin places defers the final breaking through of the worn sections for some time. When they do at last come to rags, cut out evenly all the worn parts, following a thread if you can when cutting; at the corners cut diagonally into the garment about one-eighth of an inch, turn in the edges and baste down on the patch. Then fell down with even stitches, using quite fine thread of a color that matches the goods. In mending two corresponding parts of a garment, like two sleeves, two knees, etc., have your patches of corresponding sizes. Don't have a patch on one elbow or knee no bigger than a dollar and on the other one as large as your hand. I have always found it a very satisfactory plan in making garments to make three where most people make two, or to make two where others make one. That is, instead of making a pair of shirts I make three, and instead of two pairs of drawers make three pairs, and instead of one waist to my work dresses I make two. Then when they come to mending, take the extra one for patches.—Dorothy Lincoln, in Farm and Home.

THE BAG OF SAND.

It Is Better Than Hot Water Bottles Bricks or Soap Stones.

It is very often necessary to convey artificial warmth to the bed, in case of sickness, or with persons of imperfect circulation in cold weather. Hot water bottles, of glass, rubber or clay, with bricks, soap stones, billets of wood and other articles, are employed in the mission; but the handiest, and the best because the most satisfactory, method, is said to be a bag of sand. This may be prepared in almost any way to suit the occasion, but a good plan is to make a flannel bag some eight or ten inches square, which should be filled with fine, perfectly dried sand, the whole being covered with a layer of linen, cotton or stout canvas. This can be easily and quickly heated by placing it anywhere about the stove or oven where it is not too hot; it can be easily adjusted to the feet, back, chest or any other portion of the body, will retain the heat for a long time, and will in use displace any other agency for the same purpose.—Good Housekeeping.

Be Careful of Fire.

Commonplace but important is the suggestion: "Be careful of fire." Never take risk by lighting fire in stove or furnace not known to be ready and safe. In building or repairing see that the pipe holes in the chimney are tight and well protected from lath and siding by use of clay pots made for the purpose.

Narrow Wagon Tires and Bad Roads.

While the subject of new roads is being agitated by the legislatures and the agricultural journals, the farmers are busy working up the subject in a practical—though possibly not in the most proper—way by industriously, and at much expense of time and team, cutting up and destroying the roads by driving heavily loaded, narrow tired wagons over them. When we see a man on a heavily loaded, narrow tired wagon urging along his jaded team, engaged to his utmost power in making mud, and then grumbling because of the "horrid" muddy roads, he seems to be an object for pity.

The only thing he seems disposed to do to make matters different is to throw some hard words into the muddiest places, and then continue his custom of turning out on to the highway with his rut digger every time the ground is too wet for plowing. Now, if the legislature is to do anything for the roads, let them begin by legislating the narrow tires off the heavy lumber and truck wagons. I have seen a single heavy, narrow tired wagon in the distance of a half mile cause more damage than could be repaired in six days of ordinary road work.

The question seems to be about this: Which is the better economy, wide tires and good roads or narrow tires and bad roads? The narrow tires are as much out of place on the farm as on the highway. Men admit that facts and philosophy are in favor of wide tires, and say that when all the others use wide tires they will do so. They seem to be afraid that they will do more than their proportionate share of good in this world. It seems that the legislature may have to help them out of their ruts.—Coleman's Rural World.

Tommy Picked the Police Chief's Pocket.

In Madison, Wis., there is a chief of police, J. E. Adamson, who is clubbing himself. Saturday he visited Chicago to get Thomas Kingston, aged fourteen, who was wanted at Madison for larceny. He had been arrested by Chicago officers. Late in the evening he handcuffed himself to young Kingston and started for the train. Before it reached Desplaines the chief was snoring loud and long.

Kingston is a cunning little rascal. He saw his opportunity. He quietly went through the pockets of the sleeping chief and found the key which unlocked his handcuff. Stealthily he crept over the snoring officer, and when the train stopped at Desplaines the chief and his youthful prisoner parted company.

The train had gone a good many miles when Chief Adamson awoke. Of course he was mad, but when he looked for the key with which to remove the handcuff from his own wrist his wrath knew no bounds, for Tommy had taken it with him. All efforts to remove the bracelet were fruitless, and until he reached Madison his left hand and wrist were buried deep in his overcoat pocket. They were "out of sight."

Kingston was picked up by Chicago officers. He is at the Desplaines street station waiting for another bout with Chief Adamson.—Chicago Tribune.

A Short Lived Lake.

"A month hence," says a California engineer of reputation, "the Salton lake will have dried up." Salton lake, it will be remembered, is the shallow inland sea which was formed by a break in the Colorado river, whose waters in modern times, at least, flowed into the Gulf of California, as we know it. The basin of the short lived lake, however, was once a part of the gulf, and if the flow of water had continued some modern improvements might indeed have been effected. The river will not boom again till spring, when the lake may refill. Any device that could render it permanent would have a mitigating effect upon the dreaded Arizona climate, of which dire stories are told. Worse things could happen than the tapping of the Colorado river higher up, so that all its waters might flow into the old channels and make the wilderness blossom with the rose.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Soldered His Eye.

A Bangor (Me.) plumber couldn't open his eye the other day because the upper and lower lids were held together by a drop of solder. The accident happened while he was using some solder in a gutter in which there was a little water. The moment that he applied the melted metal it snapped and flew. One piece of it came directly for his eye. The lids closed involuntarily the moment of contact and the solder rested upon the lashes; it soldered the lids together so firmly that it was impossible to move them. The eye was not injured in the slightest, but was effectually closed. The victim was half amused at the ridiculous side of the affair. A companion took him to a doctor, who severed the lashes.—Boston Herald.

Wouldn't Take the Preacher's Wealth.

As the Rev. W. F. Poor, pastor of the Lutheran church of Tribes Hill, was driving near the residence of Joseph Clark, on the West Amsterdam road, he was held up by two highwaymen, who, at the point of the revolver, demanded his money or his life. On discovering that their intended victim was a minister of the Gospel he was allowed to drive on and retain his valuables, and the highwaymen took to the fields.—Cor. Utica Herald and Gazette.

Mining Dividends.

The dividends paid by mining companies of this country which report their earnings amounted to $1,421,875 during October. The total for the first ten months of the year is $14,095,990, an amount largely in excess of that paid in the same period of 1890.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

A Bright Idea.

A Kansas man gave his gates a liberal coat of white paint on All Halloween. Next morning he counted fifteen boys with a picket fence outlined on their backs.—Detroit Free Press.

Sudden Deaths.

Heart disease is by far the most frequent cause of sudden death, which in three out of four cases is unsuspected. The symptoms are not generally understood. These are: a habit of lying on the right side, short breath, pain or ditress in the side, back or shoulder, irregular pulse, asthma, weak and hungry spells, wind in stomach, swelling of ankles or dropsy, oppression, dry cough and smothering. Dr. Miles' illustrated book on Heart Disease, free at F. G. Fricke & Co's, who sell and guarantee Dr. Miles' unequaled New Heart Cure, and his regerative Nervine, which cures nervousness, headache, sleeplessness, dropsy, etc. It contains no opiates.

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