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to have something hardy, that will bear ill conditions and neglect, but care for them the best you can.

For the Little Ones.

Where the ready-made article cannot be obtained, nice leggings for children can be made from the best parts of discarded pants. A paper pattern may be obtained from a pattern publishing company, for five or ten cents; cut the outside from the pants goods and a lining from some stiff, dark material, sewing together so no raw edges are left on the inside, and closing on the outside of the leg with buttons and button holes. To prevent wrinkling at the ankle, sew in the inside two or three dress stays. Sew one end of a strap to the inside, pass under the foot and fasten on the outside by buckle or button.

These will not only protect the stockings, but will add to its warmth and comfort.

For stocking suspenders for a child, four small pant buckles and one yard of stout elastic is required. Cut the elastic into two equal parts. On each end of the elastic, sew a buckle. Fold the elastic in the middle, and to the closed end thus made sew a piece of narrow webbing, or several folds of cloth stitched lengthwise, will do, and attach the strap to a belt to be worn about the child's waist, by buttons and button holes, working a stout button hole in the upper end after making it the proper length. The ends of the V shaped elastic should be buckled to the stocking, one on each side of either knee. The stocking supporter depending from the shoulders are excellent, where they can be obtained. A tight elastic band about the leg above the knee is an abomination.

Bacon Rightly Brolled.

Broiled bacon is a dish which in few households deserves the adjective, because it is seldom broiled; the fat is fried out of it and again soaked into it by long spluttering in a spider full

pound glue and one cup molasses; mix well and spread on paper while warm. No. 2-Melt six ounces rosin in a tin cup and then put in rounding tablespoonful of lard, which should make it like thick molasses when cold; spread on rather stiff paper and place about the rooms. The fly paper will hold all that light upon it, and the more that light the more will come, thinking - something good has been found.-Ex.

Washing Lace Curtains.

Take two pieces of light wood ten feet long, and on one edge of each strip tack a doubled strip of strong muslin, also two pieces about four feet long, to which muslin is tacked in like manner. If your curtains are all of same length and width, lay a sheet on the floor and place the curtains on top of one another on the sheet, smoothing each one out as it is laid down. Now place long frame pieces along sides of curtains and pin every scallop to the muslin, of course penetrating all of the curtains with each pin used. I have three pairs of curtains all the same size, and can pin all down as quickly as one. The advantage is that all are stretched the same. Now pin ends of curtains to short

frame pieces and stretch as tight as possible without danger of tearing the curtains. Holes are bored through all the frame pieces and they are held in place by wooden pins. I dry three pairs at one time. They need no ironing and when dry look like new .--Globe-Democrat.

His New Brother.

Yes, I've got a little brother, Never asked to have him, nuther, But he's here.

They just went away and bought him, And, last week the doctor brought him,

Weren't that queer? When I heard the news from Molly, Why I thought at first 'twas jolly, 'Cause, you see,

I s'posed I could go and get him And then mama, course, would let him Play with me.

which is most desirable, for not only can these waterproof garments be worn in wet weather, but they can also be used as dusters, when traveling, and then, too, when it blows up cool and yet is not cold enough for a heavy sacque, they form a most acceptable addition to the toilet.

There is an idea prevalent among many women that such coats are very expensive and out of their reach. This is a mistake, and particularly at this time of year, when pongee and other like auto coats can be bought at greatly reduced figures. A very pretty and serviceable coat can be had for \$8 or \$10, and not only will it be good now and early in the fall, but it can then be put away to be used next season. It is not likely that the style will go out in a hurry; it is too necessary and convenient for that.-Ex.

-H. W. McV.

A Childlike Faith.

Professor Hall, the noted psychologist and president of Clark university, tells the following story illustrative of the child-like faith and credulity of the negro.

It appears that Professor Hall, by invitation, visited a negro church. The preacher was most earnest and impressive in his eulogies of the Baptist religion. He was bent on instilling in the minds of the members of his flock the idea that the Eaptist religion was the only religion.

With the recital of each virtue of that denomination he waxed more eloquent. Finally, leaning forward and with bated breath, he closed with this forcible argument:

"Brethren and sistern, I now tell you why de Baptist religion am de best. First, because it am; second, because dere ain't no odder religion, and, thirdly, and last (with emphasis), my brethren, it am de only religion because it am entered according to de act of congress!"

This last assertion aroused and impressed his congregation completely. But it somewhat astonished Professor Hall, who found later upon inquiry that the minister justified his declaration by the fact that on a Baptist tract that had found its way into his hands were the customary words,"Entered according to the act of congress."-New York Times.

A Duck Farm.

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C. W. B. Gernerd, proprietor of the Duck Farm, will this week begin to erect buildings on the Young farm. which he recently bought and to which he will eventually move his immense poultry establishment. The farm he bought covers about thirty-eight acres.

Mr. Gernerd's business this year is the best of his career. He has been killing spring ducks ever since the middle of April and for the past seven weeks has been shipping them to New York at the rate of 1,000 a week. He sells some ducks locally, but does not cater especially to local trade, since the prices offered in New York are considered high hereabouts. When sold locally the ducks bring twenty cents a pound and in New York they bring as much or more. All except the few sold here go to one man in New York, the leader in his business, who supplies such places as the Imperial, Rector's and Waldorf-Astoria.

Up to the present time this year Mr. Gernerd has hatched 27,000 duck eggs and he will run up to a total of 40,000 by the end of this season. The average age of the spring ducks when killed is nine weeks and the average weight is 4½ pounds. Mr. Gernerd has 1,000 old ducks, running that number from season to season, and he also gets some eggs from farmers. The Duck Farm is kept clean and the ducks are well fed and kept at a proper temperature, so he has had but little trouble from disease ever since he started, and less than usual this year.

Not only is Mr. Gernerd's duck business unusually good, but his pigeon business also. The pigeons have been so prolific that he is now able to ship to New York from 300 to 350 squabs every week.

After moving to his new farm Mr. Gernerd intends to treble his business. The output of ducks will be considerably increased, to a possible total of 50,000 a year. The special drive at the new place will be made on pigeons, of which he will keep 10,000 pairs, principally Runts, whose squabs are the largest of the whole pigeon tribe. He will also keep a big stock of chickens, probably from 3,000 to 4,000, principally to get eggs for sale. Mr. Gernerd calculates that to get his new place into shape and increase his stock and output to the dimensions he intends to have them, will be the work of two years.-Allentown (Pa.) Call.

of grease. The only way to cook bacon-both for the matter of appearance and for digestive qualities-is broil it, not over a bed of coals (it is too fat for that), but in a very hot oven. Cut the bacon in the most delicately thin slices possible, rejecting the rind. Lay the pieces close together in a fine wire broiler. Place it over a dripping pan and set in a hot oven. It requires to be turned just once. The fat which falls into the pan makes excellent dripping for frying potatoes. Drain the bacon on brown paper. If you wish to serve calf's liver with this, sprinkle the liver with pepper and salt, roll it in flour and fry brown in the bacon drippings. Serve with a curled morsel of bacon on top of each piece of liver. Bacon as served by the average cook, well soaked with grease, is the most indigestible of food; when broiled crisp in the oven it is a dish that may be served even for a child of two years with impunity. Among all the fats, delicately crisped bacon ranks next to cream in ease of digestion .- Good Housekeeping.

Fly Paper.

To make tanglefoot fly paper use any of these recipes: No. 1-One-half

But when I had once looked at him, 'Why," I says, "Great snakes, is that him?

Just that mite!"

They said "Yes," and "Ain't he cunnin'?"

And I thought they must be funnin'-He's a sight!

He's so small, it's just amazin', And you'd think that he was blazin',

He's so red. And his nose is like a berry. And he's bald as Uncle Jerry

On his head.

Why, he isn't worth a brick, All he does is cry and kick,

He can't stop:

Won't sit up, you can't arrange him-I don't see why pa don't change him At the shop.

Now we've got to dress and feed him, And we really didn't need him

More'n a frog; Why'd they buy a baby brother When they know I'd good deal ruther

Have a dog? -Kansas Farmer.

Fall Costuming.

These two points form the keynote of costuming for the early fall-a heavy cloth walking suit and a light, long coat to be worn over it when the occasion demands.

long-coat order are seen, and they are most necessary at this time of year. | ever lived," said Lord Salisbury, grim-Many of them are made waterproof, ly.-Exchange.

A Grim Joke.

Lord Salisbury has been often accused of cynicism. This is due to his many cutting expressions. In regard to a bill in parliament to establish parish councils he said: "If your desire is to interest the people I should rather recommend a parish circus." "You cannot send your ironclads up Mount Ararat," was his objection to intervention at the time of the Armenian atrocities. One time he was talking with Sir Hiram Maxim, the inventor of the famous gun which bears his name, when the Prince of Wales, now King Edward, approached them and asked them what they were laughing at. "I was telling Sir Hiram that he Some really lovely garments on this had prevented more men from dying of old age than any other man that

DON'T TRY PRESSURE.

Trust to Intelligence.

You cannot by process of law prevent anyone from drugging themselves to death. We must meet the evil by appeal to the intelligence.

One of the drugs that does the most harm to Americans, because of its wide spread use and its apparent innocence, is Coffee. Ask any regular coffee drinker if he or she is perfectly well. At least one-half are not. Only those with extra vigor can keep well against the daily attack of caffeine (in the coffee). The heart and pulse gradually lose strength; dyspepsia, kidney troubles and nervous diseases of some sort set in and the clearly marked effects of coffee poisoning are shown. These are facts and worth anyone's thought. The reasonable and sensible thing, is to leave it off and shift to Postum Food Coffee. The poison that has been secretly killing is thus withdrawn and a powerful rebuilding agent put to work. The good effects will begin to show inside of 10 days. If health and comfort are worth anything to you, try it.