

waists of the season are decorated with drawn-work. Some designs are remarkably beautiful.

A Cheap Convenience.

A cheap, but very effective ice-chest may be made of two packing boxes, one of which is set inside the other, with a space of six inches all around between the inner and the outer box, which space is to be filled with sawdust. Have a lining of zinc fitted in the inside box, which will cost about one dollar; in one corner of the box have a hole, with a zinc tube, to convey the water from the ice to a bucket beneath; set the "chest" on four legs about twenty inches from the floor, and on each box have a tight-fitting lid, which is to be kept well shut down to exclude the air.

Fashion Notes.

The much-talked of small hat is with us, but the large hat is also still a favorite; and shares Queen Fashion's approval. Lace is largely used, both wide and narrow, for trimming; while many pattern hats are trimmed with beautiful lace scarfs. Flowers of every variety are extensively used, and the little flower hat is extremely popular in some places. The French sailor, with broad, low crown made up in all colors and trimmed in white pompom, is very stylish for young misses and children, while the Tuscan straw is very popular.

Lace appears on everything. The effect is most charming and dainty. The dresses are fuller about the hips and waist, and large and small ruffles are seen on both skirt and bodice. Horizontal tucks cover the shirt-waist suits, both silk and wash goods. Many skirts are made with the straight widths (no gores), stitched together and tucked straight up and down the material, allowing the tucks to reach below the knees; a dart is taken up between each tuck at the waist, the tucks being about an inch apart. The waist is tucked in front to match the skirt, and the same effect is carried out in the sleeves, the tucks reaching to the elbows, where they disappear in a large puff. As the tucks lie perfect-

IN AN OLD TRUNK

Baby Finds Bottle of Carbohic Acid and Drinks it.

While the mother was unpacking an old trunk a little 18 months old baby got hold of a bottle of carbohic acid while playing on the floor and his stomach was so badly burned it was feared he would not live for he could not eat ordinary foods. The mother says in telling of the case:

"It was all two doctors could do to save him as it burnt his throat and stomach so bad that for two months after he took the poison nothing would lay on his stomach. Finally I took him into the country and tried new milk and that was no better for him. His Grandma finally suggested Grape-Nuts and I am thankful I adopted the food for he commenced to get better right away and would not eat anything else. He commenced to get fleshy and his cheeks like red roses and now he is entirely well.

"I took him to Matamoras on a visit and every place we went to stay to eat he called for Grape-Nuts and I would have to explain how he came to call for it as it was his main food.

"The names of the physicians who attended the baby are Dr. Eddy of this town and Dr. Geo. Gale of Newport, O., and anyone can write to me or to them and learn what Grape-Nuts food will do for children and grown ups too." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

ly straight, the laundering is not difficult. This style of suit is not difficult to make, the widths being straight, and only the back seam cut on the bias.

Linen and crash shirt waist suiting comes in all shades, and for general wear they are unequalled. The skirts of these gowns will be worn about ankle length, and hose and shoes of the same shade will be one of the "summer resort" fads.

Elbow sleeves are much in evidence and will be worn with lace mitts and silk gloves to cover the arms. Bolero and blouse effect and very deep girdles are important features. Accordion-plaiting, knife-plaiting and sunburst effects are very popular. A revival of the leg-o-mutton sleeve is predicted.

Fabrics for summer gowns and waists come in very pretty designs and desirable quality as low in price as 15 to 25 cents per yard, and with care in washing, are fast colors. Madras gingham are often classed as the most useful of summer cottons, are universally used, and come in a multitude of designs, thirty inches wide and sell at 18 to 25 cents a yard.

For middle-aged women, the new length skirt, which is almost uniform all around, may be made with plain tops, or, for those who are not very stout a very few flatly-stitched plaits at each gore are nice, the plaits being stitched three or four inches in length, and the fullness of the skirt beneath allowed to flare out, requiring no trimming. If trimming is desired, a band or two of the material of the dress is pretty when put on above a wide hem, the bands being loosely slip-stitched at the top only; or the extreme edge of the skirt may be finished with two narrow bands, a broad strip of insertion and two other bands at its head.

Moth Patches.

The discoloration commonly known as moth-patch is not situated in the outer layer of the skin, but is in the mucous layer. The skin is but one-eighth of an inch thick, and is provided with thousands of sebaceous glands, as well as millions of sweat glands. If the surface is kept clean there is far more chance of forcing the proper ointments and lotions directly to the place affected by proper manipulation than by any other treatment, while the mere fact that there is this opportunity of feeding the portions would indicate to the average observer that this is the proper treatment. It is quite true that moth patch and discolorations often appear as forerunners of illness, or as accompaniment to certain disturbances, but it is equally certain that after these conditions have been removed these discolorations still remain, and in some cases, where health is as good as desired, the discolorations constantly appear without any known cause and remain permanently upon the face. In every instance, no matter what the cause may be, the condition may be greatly remedied by external work, in the way of massage, and similar treatment, with proper regard for improvement of the health.—Exchange.

Home Chats.

I wish I might tell you how helpful are your kind letters, and how much I should enjoy answering every one of them, and thanking you individually for your evident interest in the work I am trying to do. It is very encouraging to know that I have not only the puzzled housewife with me in the work, but the house-husbands and the young people, and the letters from each one show an interest in the betterment of the home-life that is quite commendable. When I began the work I said, "We must have some-

thing in the Home Department for the husbands, brothers and fathers," and a friend said, with an amused smile: "You don't suppose the men will read the Home pages, do you?" "I don't see why they should not," I replied, "for certainly the men have a large share in the home-making—or should have." So I have tried to keep them at home with us, and the many letters I have received from them show that they do read, and are interested in the Home page matters. They make some very valuable suggestions, and I hope every one of you will do the same. I may not be able to handle every subject thoroughly in the small space allotted to us, but I wish to discuss as many and as varied interests as will be helpful to you. We want The Commoner to be indispensable to every homelover among our readers; and that means all of them, I am sure.

Some time ago, I mentioned, in the Home Chats the need and desire for more literature in some homes where means were limited. Some kind friends at once asked for addresses of such persons, and as fast as they were sent in, I forwarded them. The result has been very pleasant, and there have passed some very kind letters—some of which have been forwarded to me to read. From those sending the literature, I have received letters telling me that they were enlisting others in the work, and were greatly pleased to find means of doing good at so little cost, and also asking me to send more names to them. Now, don't you know it is "blessed to do good?"

I suppose we are all busy with our gardens—fruit, vegetable or floral—for the planting season is with us, and the beautiful May sunshine makes us all enthusiastic lovers of Out-Doors. While working for summer bloom, do not forget that you must start many plants for the winter garden, as well. Among the floral queens the Chrysanthemum stands conspicuously for the glory of autumn, and you can have a brilliant display in the dark November days if you will plant and plan for it now. In May and June many cuttings may be rooted and plants started, carefully cultivated during the summer season, in order to have a successful window garden the coming winter. Remember, too, that the hours spent in your gardens, bathed in the sunlight and drinking in the fresh air, give you health and strength that no money could buy. Do not attempt the hard work; there are others who are stronger, and they will gladly serve you in the garden work.

Almond Meal.

Almond meal has been in use for the toilet for a long time. In order to make it at home, secure one pound of almond powder and mix it with five ounces of cuttle-fish bone powdered, two and one-half ounces of curd soap powdered, two and one-half ounces of powdered white castile soap and one and one-half ounces of orris root. Pass the whole through a fine sieve, and use by placing in small bags and immersing in hot water for the purpose of cleansing the skin of the face and neck.

Judges and the Law.

"But the complete exposition of his (Mr. Bryan's) views regarding the judges led the inharmonious gentleman to indulge in one of his familiar sputterings against the supreme court and its decisions. He would have judges appointed not so much for their knowledge of the law as for their susceptibility to sympathy for the masses."—The Pittsburg Dispatch. Mr. Bryan does not wholly entertain the sentiments attributed to him

Sharples Tubular SEPARATORS

The Separator News

Did you think all separators were alike—that any kind was good enough—that makers of bucket bowl separators would tell you their machines are poor? Some dairymen have thought so—have dropped a bunch of money that way. But you'll not if you investigate—read The Separator News—learn that

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by the Dispatch, and has not expressed such sentiments. He has not "sputtered" against the supreme court, and he does not think judges should be chosen more on account of any sympathy they may have for the people than for their knowledge of the law.

But he believes, and so do many others, that when men learned in the law are chosen for the bench no wrong is done if, in the estimate of their qualifications outside the law, some weight should be given by the appointing power to their sympathies, whether these sympathies be with the people or with the privileged classes. And this means a good deal.

Judges are human. There are just as many differences of opinion among them in the interpretation of laws as there is among doctors in the diagnosing of diseases. The decision in the merger case shows this. Judges will lean to one side or the other, and in this they are influenced to some extent by their natural sympathies as well as by their understanding of the law.—Uniontown (Pa.) Evening Argus.

Men and Platforms

Hon. William J. Bryan, in a speech at Chicago Saturday night, reduced the New York state democratic platform to kindling wood. Taking up the planks one by one he showed to the dulliest of comprehension the ambiguity, evasion and exception of each of its so-called declarations. He stated, and the vast assemblage of democrats who packed the hall where-in he spoke gave unreserved approval of the assertion, that "it would disgrace the democrats of the nation to adopt such a platform, and it ought to defeat as an aspirant for democratic nomination any man who would be willing to have it go forth as a declaration of his views on public questions."—Titusville (Pa.) Evening Courier.

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