

stand in the hot sun for several days, then add half an ounce of powdered orris root and a few bits of orange peel, and your jar will be all right. As this is the season of roses, many will like to make one.

**Women and Legal Study.**

In "Success," the Dean of New York University of Law says:

"There is a general opinion, even among women, that the feminine mind is much less able than the masculine to grapple with the intricacies of law. I once had this idea myself, but my experience in teaching women in the New York University Law School has somewhat scattered it. We have both men and women in our classes, and in each one the women outrank the men. Their average standing is invariably higher. One young woman has led her fellow-students of both sexes since her first term in the school, and another won first honors last year. My explanation is that young women have fewer outside interests than young men, and devote themselves more faithfully to their studies. This is the truth, in spite of the fact that most of the men expect to look to the law for a livelihood, while, except in a few cases, women do not. A comparatively small number of our women students embark in practice. The great majority take up legal studies to increase their competency in managing their own estates, or for the purpose of adding to their equipment for a business career.

The real estate field is one which is now attracting a considerable number of women, and not a few of those who are conducting successful offices have taken law courses. It must not be imagined that the women who show ability in grasping legal principles have the masculinity of mind and manner so objectionable in their sex. Some of our best students have been those who have possessed the most feminine grace and charm."

**Query Box.**

(Our friends must remember this: Queries cannot be answered in this department under two weeks from time of being sent in. A query mailed May 9 asking for answer in issue of the 13th, reached the office probably on the 10th. At that date the Home Department—and, indeed, the whole paper, was already in print, ready for the mails, and the "copy" for the issue of May 20 already in the hands of the type-setters. In handling the very large mail which The Commoner office receives each day, there must necessarily be some delay in the assorted mail matter being delivered to the editors of the various departments, and, altogether it will be readily seen why the two-weeks' grace is asked for. Please remember.)

San Toy.—Query came too late for the issue asked for.

Frances M.—"Rock of Ages" was written by August Montague Toplady, a Calvinist vicar of Devonshire, England, about 1776. Of course, the author is dead.

J. C. H.—Cannot give you the poem. A good way to find it would be to go carefully through a volume of the poems until you find what you want.

Housewife.—To remove grease spots from the wall paper, apply a paste made of laundry starch wet up with gasoline, leave on until dry, then brush off; repeat if necessary.

Charlotte.—A study of synonyms is profitable, and it certainly pays to practice phrase and word combinations, even if you do not intend to "write for the papers." It will improve your conversational powers.

Iva C.—"White Coal" is the name

applied in France to the water-power used for the production of electricity. France has little coal, but many water-falls, and these latter she uses for industrial purposes.

Effie S.—The sleeve ruffle for your pretty gown may be made of batiste or fine lawn, four inches wide, edged with lace and finely plaited. Leather belts are now wide and soft, and crushed into becoming fullness when fastened around the waist.

"Gwen."—Paint the eyebrows, with a small brush, or rub in with the finger-tips, every night a little almond oil or vaseline; must be persevered in for a long time. Many persons who have good, well-knit forms do not wear corsets or girdles at all. It is well to conform to the usage considered "good form" by the community in which you live.

"Outraged Mother."—I do not think the law provides any punishment for the father who habitually uses profane or obscene language before his family of young children. It ought to be punishable, as such training can but be demoralizing to the young, as well as disgusting to yourself.

Florence G.—For baking powder, this is recommended: One pound tartaric acid, one pound pure bi-carbonate of soda, one pound of corn starch. Mix thoroughly by repeated siftings, and use two teaspoonfuls of the mixture to one quart of flour. Low-priced baking powders contain alum, which leaves in the bread or cake glauber salts, sulphuric acid and hydrate of alumina, all very injurious to the stomach.

Young Dressmaker.—By "bust measure," dress and pattern makers mean the measure of the chest obtained by passing a tape measure around the body over the fullest part of the bust, close up under the arms and a little higher in the back, drawn tightly. The average, or medium, is thirty-six inches.

Maude.—See recent issues of The Commoner for recipes for freckles and for whitening the skin. Do you keep your recipes? A lady should take the gentleman's arm. For a gentleman to grasp the arm of the lady reminds one too strongly of a policeman steering a criminal toward the hoodlum wagon. It certainly don't look pretty.

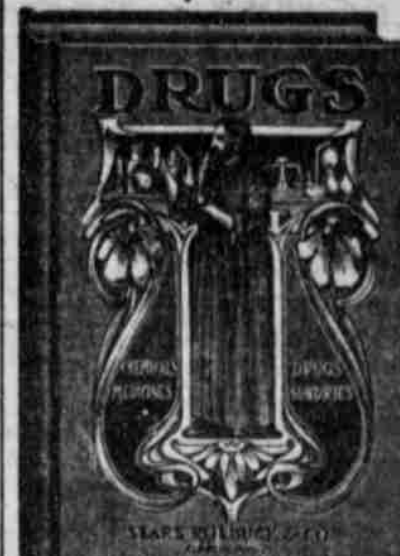
C. R.—There are two ways of getting your story before the public; one is to send the manuscript to the publisher you hope will buy it, paying full postage on it and enclosing a like amount with the manuscript to insure its return if found "not available." If rejected, send to others, always enclosing postage for return, until it is finally accepted, or you get tired of trying. The other way is to offer it to a syndicate. If the story is a good one, it will find a market. A type-written manuscript is a pass-port to favor, but a clear handwriting is next best.

**Spring Chickens.**

Dress a chicken too large to fry, joint, and season as you would to fry; roll in flour and lay the pieces in a dripping pan, into which a little lard or butter has been placed. Over this pour one or two cups of cream or rich milk, set it in a moderately hot oven, and when about half done, turn the pieces over, and cook until done. Make a gravy of the drippings left in the pan, and serve with nice mashed potatoes.

Chicken Salad.—One chicken well boiled and the meat picked fine, one pint of chopped celery, one teaspoonful ground mustard (rub mustard in yolks of three hard-boiled eggs); one cupful of melted butter, whites of eggs chopped fine and mixed with the celery. Moisten yolks and mustard with vinegar, salt and pepper to taste. Mix all well together. If it is not sour enough, add more vinegar. The vinegar should be strong. Cabbage and celery seeds will answer if no

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fresh celery is to be had (having the seeds ground).

Chicken Pates.—Take remnants of chicken cooked any way; mince fine; make a sauce of a cupful of milk thickened with a tablespoonful of corn-starch or flour, add one tablespoonful of butter, and season to taste. Make a rich puff-paste and line small pate pans with it; bake quickly, and fill the baked shells with the chicken compound, and return to the oven to brown.

Heavy carpets do not require taking up every spring, but the tacks should be drawn, and the edges folded back a half yard or so, and the floor washed with a strong suds in which borax has been dissolved—a tablespoonful to a gallon of water. When the floor is dry, dust strong ground black pepper along the edges and re-tack the carpet. This will prevent the ravages of the moth, and if any are suspected of being already in the carpet, they should be searched out and destroyed. Gasoline, sprinkled plentifully around the edges of the carpet, will destroy insects. It will not injure any fabric, and will soon evaporate, but should be used with open doors and windows. No fire near.

**Rat Catchers in Hong Kong.**

The extraordinary measures that have been taken to stamp out bubonic plague in San Francisco are more than duplicated in Hong Kong, where this scourge has been a problem almost from time immemorial. If the situation were less serious, the experience of the British governor of Hong Kong in this connection would be very amusing. He has made a report to his government, in which he tells of the bounty paid in that city for the capture of rats. These animals, as everybody knows, are responsible in

large measure for the persistence of bubonic plague, and strenuous efforts have been made to get rid of the rats, and at the same time to trace the infection to its source.

In Hong Kong the authorities pay a bounty of 5 cents for every rat brought to the health office. It is required that the location of the houses in which the rats are caught shall be given in each case, for it is through a bacteriological examination of the animals that the authorities try to locate the source of the plague infection. If an infected rat is caught, the health officers immediately proceed to the house where the animal came from and disinfect the premises. Now, Chinese residents do not like to have their houses disinfected, and the bounty system has led to collusion between the householders and the rat-catchers in some cases, and to the persecution of the householders by rat-catchers in other cases. Moreover, the governor of Hong Kong finds that rats are being imported into the city from other Chinese cities and towns, the bounty of five cents well repaying the rat-catchers for their trouble.

A tag is always attached to each of these imported rats, but it always gives some house in Hong Kong as the place where the rat was caught. Then some poor Chinaman receives a visit from the health officers and submits to having his dwelling disinfected.—New York Commercial.

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