

fore mixing with flour to a soft dough, then roll out, cut into squares and bake.

**Grandmother's Float**—Let one quart of rich new milk come to the boiling point; have ready the well-beaten yolks of two eggs, and one and a half tablespoonfuls of corn starch moistened with cold milk. When the milk is at the boiling point, stir into it the eggs and starch, stirring until well blended; sweeten and flavor to taste and remove from the heat. Beat the whites of the eggs, put into a deep dish and pour the custard over it. Or, the whites may be laid by spoonfuls on top of the custard as it is served.

#### Query Box

**B. T. G.**—Try the gasoline cleaning for the tucked waist.

**E. S.**—The gown made on Princess lines is one of the latest, and is generally becoming to one who can wear it.

**B. D.**—Stains from bluing may be taken out by wetting in ammonia water and rinsing out thoroughly afterward. If this does not remove it, try oxalic acid. Ask your druggist what strength to use. Your success will depend very much on what the bluing is made of.

**"Querist"**—The employment of women nurses for the control of the violently insane of both sexes has been tried with success in several asylums. I do not know what the necessary qualifications for such a position would be. Try the asylum authorities.

**A Reader**—For mending holes in granite ware, if the hole is small, use a copper rivet. Put the rivet through the hole from the inside, put on the washer and set the head on something solid; hammer the end down until the rivet is perfectly tight. It is very hard to mend a large hole so it will not leak.

**Bachelor Girl**—The greatest objection to "light house-keeping" is that it is apt to become too light, and one's health suffers thereby. It is particularly bad for the brain worker, yet it is oftentimes the brain worker that falls a victim to it. Living is undoubtedly cheaper that way, in a money sense; but it has its disadvantages.

**E. M.**—Voile, etamine, or mohair

#### THE DOCTOR'S GIFT Food Worth Its Weight in Gold

We usually expect the doctor to put us on some kind of penance and give us bitter medicines.

A Pennsylvania doctor brought a patient something entirely different and the results are truly interesting.

"Two years ago," writes this patient, "I was a frequent victim of acute indigestion and biliousness, being allowed to eat very few things. One day our family doctor brought me a small package, saying he had found something for me to eat, at last.

"He said it was a food called Grape-Nuts and even as its golden color might suggest, it was worth its weight in gold. I was sick and tired, trying one thing after another to no avail, but at last consented to try this new food.

"Well! it surpassed my doctor's fondest anticipation and every day since then I have blessed the good doctor and the inventor of Grape-Nuts.

"I noticed improvement at once and in a month's time my former spells of indigestion had disappeared. In two months I felt like a new man. My brain was much clearer and keener, my body took on the vitality of youth, and this condition has continued."

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garments may be cleaned by immersing the whole garment in gasoline, using a vessel large enough so as not to unnecessarily muss the gown. Cover closely and let stand for twenty-four hours; then souse the garment about until clean, shake out (do not wring) until it is almost dry, hang in the outer air until the smell has evaporated, and it should be all right without ironing.

**Fanny C.**—Batiste is a very satisfactory material for lingerie waists, as it launders perfectly and endures wear well, perhaps better than any other material of equally light weight, and combines well with either lace or embroidery. It comes in colors.

**J. D.**—Our painter man suggests that you furnish your own paint, and then you will know just what you are getting. Have it applied by an honest, experienced painter. A ready mixed paint made by a firm of national reputation would be the best and cheapest. He also suggests that no painting should be done when the wood is damp from dew, rain or snow, as it is very apt to spot up and blister, under such circumstances. A cheap paint or a cheap painter are both poor investments.

**Emma S.**—Javelle water can be made at home by following the directions for making it found on the can of lime of which it is made. It will usually remove stains even after the garment has been washed and scalded. It must not be used for colors, as it is a bleach. Oxalic acid solution and Javelle water are "last resorts." Oxalic acid must be thoroughly rinsed from the goods, as it eats the texture.

#### Raising Mushrooms

We get frequent letters from our women readers who wish to earn money at home, asking about the possibility of getting returns from mushroom growing. There are many sides to the question, and most of them must be answered by the inquirers, themselves; but a certain amount of practical knowledge is imperative for success, and this can only be attained by studying the subject carefully on all sides.

Mushroom growing should pay, if properly conducted, for the price of the vegetable is always high, and the demand always greater than the supply. But in order to make it financially successful, it must be treated as all successful businesses are—no slipshod, half-hearted, careless methods will do. Before taking it up, one should get all the information possible through reading literature treating of it, consulting with successful growers, and seeing the actual growth of some flourishing beds. There should be an understanding of the different manures, the treatment of these necessary for the work, the construction and location of the beds and the state at which they are ready for the planting of the spawn, as well as the after care to be given to them. One can not learn it all from literature, or from talking with others; there must be practical experience, and this can only be had by making a bed and watching the conditions which make for success or failure.

To succeed, one should not be easily discouraged, and the work must be taken up in earnest, giving strict attention to all details. The business is not without discouragements, and there is a good deal of work demanded; in common with all other things, the mushroom has its insect enemies, and rats, mice, worms, wood lice, and other pests are to be fought. The best time to do the planting is in the early fall, in which case the beds will bear all winter. As mushrooms are not good

food for summer, it would be well for those wishing to take up the business to devote the coming months to studying the subject and making preparations for the work. The department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., sends out some literature on the subject.

Look over the screen doors and windows that were stored last fall, and see what can be done with them. Many that are a little damaged can be mended and used on the back windows, while those that are hopeless should have the frames tightened up and new wire stretched over them. The better pieces of the wire should be put away for the many uses that will be found for such things later on.

#### Salads

Salads are always in season, and a great many varieties of fish, flesh

and fowl can be used for making them. Nearly all kinds of vegetables are suitable for making salads, but they should be crisp and fresh, and kept in a cool place until used. All flesh must be cut very fine, and lettuce makes a very dainty garnishing for any kind. The dressing must not be mixed with the salad until it is ready to serve, nor should salt or other seasoning be added until it is taken to the table.

#### Throwing the Shoe

The throwing of shoes after a bride means wishes of good luck, in this day; but the origin of the custom dates back to the Anglo-Saxon times, when the father gave the bride's shoe to the groom, who touched the bride on the head with it as a sign of his authority. The shoe thrown after the bride signified the relinquishment on the part of the father of all claims to his daughter.

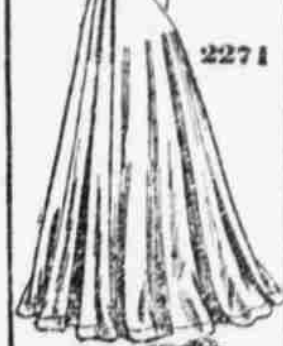
## Latest Fashions for Readers of The Commoner



2051—Ladies' Tucked Shirt-Waist. A plain waist easy to make and becoming when worn. Eight sizes, 32 to 46.



2106—Girls' Dress. Any of the wool or wash materials are pretty if made up on this pattern. Four sizes, 6 to 12 years.



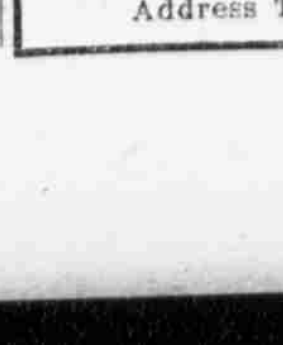
2271—Ladies' Three-Piece Skirt. In Sweep or Round Length. Thin flannel, serge or panama cloth are the best mediums for this style. Six sizes, 22 to 32.



1995—Ladies' Box-Plaited Dressing Sack, with Three Quarter Length Sleeves. Any of the thin cotton goods, as well as cashmere or voile are used for these garments. Four sizes, 32, 36, 40 and 44.



2286—Ladies' Eton Jacket. Venetian cloth, covert cloth, broadcloth, or serge are all good materials for the separate coat. Seven sizes, 32 to 44.



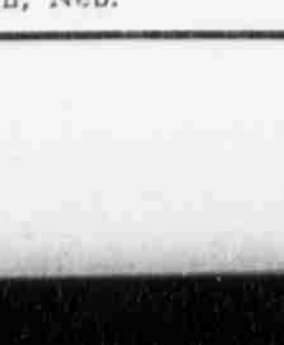
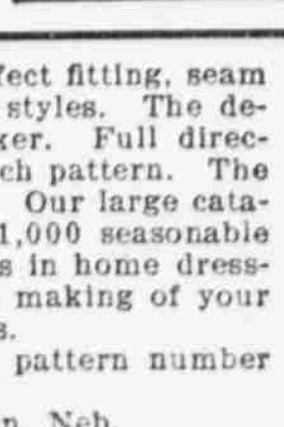
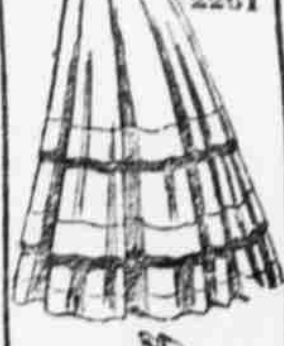
2282—Misses' Shirt-Waist or Slip, with Long or Three-Quarter Length Sleeves. A good model for lawn, dimity, silk or cashmere. Three sizes, 13 to 17 years.



2261—Ladies' Nine-Gored Skirt, with an Inverted Box-Plait at Centre-back Seam and Side Plaits below hip at the other seams. Excellent model for linen, serge, mohair or cheviot. Eight sizes, 22 to 36.



2252—Girls' One-Piece Dress, with Glimpe. A pretty style for any of the spring novelty goods, as well as for chambray or cotton voile. Four sizes, 6 to 12 years.



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