

if hard water must be used, try this: Put into a pint bottle full of water as much borax, either lump or powdered, as the water will dissolve, adding borax until there is left a settling of the borax at the bottom. This is called a saturated solution of borax. The water will hold only so much. When about to wash the hands or face, pour into the basin of water enough of the solution to make the water feel slippery. Use a mild soap, and when the hands are well lathered, rub corn meal over them, scouring, and when clean, wash off, then rinse in clear water, pour a little vinegar into the palm of the hand and rub this over the hands and face to kill the alkali. A very little mutton tallow, cold cream, or coconut oil rubbed over the hands will restore the natural oil that has been removed. A good scouring with cornmeal or bran, without any soap will cleanse if the hands are not very dirty. As the water is poured off the borax, add more water until all the borax is held in suspension by the water.

Baby's Toys

Very satisfactory toy animals may be made for the young child by using canton flannel, which comes in various colors and costs ten to fifteen cents a yard. The patterns for these animals may be had of any pattern agency. Bran, sawdust, cotton, wool, or rag-clippings may be used for stuffing; beads or shoe buttons may be used for the eyes, and the mouth and nose may be outlined with thread.

A Butterfly Bow

For stiff white linen or embroidery collars, the butterfly bow is the favorite. It is very easy to make, either of lawn or of ribbon, and should be washable. If made of lawn, the material should be rather

HER MOTHER-IN-LAW

Proved a Wise, Good Friend

A young woman out in Iowa found a wise, good friend in her mother-in-law, jokes notwithstanding. She writes:

"It is two years since we began using Postum in our house. I was greatly troubled with my stomach, complexion was blotchy and yellow. After meals I often suffered sharp pains and would have to lie down. My mother often told me it was the coffee I drank at meals. But when I'd quit coffee, I'd have a severe headache.

"While visiting my mother-in-law I remarked that she always made such good coffee, and asked her to tell me how. She laughed and told me it was easy to make good 'coffee' when you use Postum.

"I began to use Postum as soon as I got home, and now we have the same good 'coffee' (Postum) every day, and I have no more trouble. Indigestion is a thing of the past, and my complexion has cleared up beautifully.

"My grandmother suffered a great deal with her stomach. Her doctor told her to leave off coffee. She then took tea but that was just as bad.

"She finally was induced to try Postum which she has used for over a year. She travelled during the winter over the greater part of Iowa visiting, something she had not been able to do for years. She says she owes her present good health to Postum."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

fine, and something that will keep its shape. The edges should be button-holed with fast colored cotton or silkateen, with or without dots or small designs in the body of it. Or, the edges may be button-holed and the rest left plain. Sew a small nickle plated safety-pin on the back of the bow, with a narrow strip of lawn; draw up the middle of the piece of lawn and bring the fold about it firmly, and over the back of the pin; fasten the end with a very small button and loop. This will admit of its being loosened for laundering, and the pin will be to fasten it to the collar. If the pin is not removed when it is laundered, the bow should be dried quickly.

Odds and Ends

A safe receptacle for holding the young baby who is just beginning to roll and toss about, is a clothes basket, such as is used in the laundry. This can be carried from room to room, and in this basket, the baby can be always under the eye of the mother, comfortable and safe.

Instead of the bag of candy for the last day of school, try giving your young charges some little trifle that can be kept by those forming the souvenir habit, or that will give more than a passing pleasure to the careless one. Even a cheap little booklet is better than candy, and there are so many pretty and instructive cards to be had at little cost, which would usually be prized, while cloth-bound books, many of them reprints of standard authors, will cost about ten cents each.

Powdered alum is milder in its effects than lump alum that is pulverized. To make powdered alum, lay the lump alum, broken in bits, on a clean china plate and heat it in the oven, stirring, until the "waters of crystallization" are evaporated, and it becomes a fine, dry powder. Apply this powder to cold or canker sores on lips and inside the mouth; one application is usually enough. This is sometimes called "burnt alum."

A solution of borax—one rounding teaspoonful of borax to one pint of water—is one of the simplest and most effective home remedies for nasal catarrh. Pour a little into the hollow of the palm and snuff it up into each nostril several times a day, but especially before retiring at night and on getting up in the morning. If the throat is gargled with the borax water it is very cleansing and healing. For the eyes, a teaspoonful of boracic acid to half a pint of water is excellent in case of strain or feverishness from over-work.

Do not scratch your scalp with hairpins or hatpins, and do not use any that are rough or "scaly." Celluloid hairpins and ornaments are not to be recommended, as there is always danger of their exploding when brought near a flame.

Some Seasonable Recipes

For an emergency dessert, mix thoroughly together half a cupful each of butter and sugar; to do this add two well-beaten eggs, one cupful of sweet milk, and two and a half cupfuls of flour into which has been stirred two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Bake this in a thin loaf. While the pudding is baking, make the following sauce: Beat together well one egg, one cupful of sugar, half a cupful of butter (melted) and one teaspoonful of flour. When thoroughly blended, place on the stove in a sauce pan and stir into it slowly one cupful of boiling water; let it boil slowly ten minutes; in the meantime, add such flavoring as may be desired, and serve this sauce with the warm pudding.

The simplest way of preparing a dish of curry is as follows: Free one quart of cold meat of skin, fat

and bones and mince it. Put in a frying pan three tablespoonfuls of butter and one chopped onion, and cook for five minutes, stirring frequently. Add two tablespoonfuls of flour and one heaping tablespoonful of curry powder; stir one minute; then draw the pan back and gradually add one pint of cold stock or cold water, and boil for two minutes, stirring all the time; then add half a teaspoonful of salt and boil for three minutes longer. Sprinkle over the minced cold meat a generous teaspoonful of salt, and put the meat in a stew pan; strain the curry sauce over it and cook for five minutes; serve with boiled rice. One cupful of the raw rice will be enough for the quantity of curry mentioned, and the dish will be sufficient for serving six persons. It should not be accompanied by potatoes.

For ginger cookies, boil together one cupful of molasses and one cupful of brown sugar, stirring until the

sugar melts; take from the fire and add half a cupful each of butter and drippings and one cupful of hot water. Into this put two teaspoonfuls of soda dissolved in a little water, and sift a saltspoonful of salt and one teaspoonful of strong ginger with flour enough to stiffen the dough so it will roll out and keep its shape when cut. Cut into cookies and bake in a moderate oven. When the cookies will break apart, they are done.

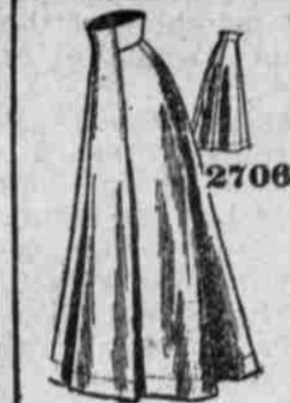
A good quality of velveteen makes a most serviceable gown, whether suit or one-piece garment, and can be worn very late in the spring and very early in the autumn. Cashmere, mohair, poplins, and wool suitings wear well, and have an excellent appearance.

Put two tablespoonfuls of cayenne pepper on the fire when smoking the meat, and the flies will let it alone.

Latest Fashions for Readers of The Commoner



2110—Misses' Yoke Waist, with Three-Quarter Length Sleeves and with or without Mikado Bolero. This is an excellent model for an evening waist, or if desired may be left plain and developed for an every-day model. Three sizes—13 to 17 years.



2706—Ladies' Six-Gored Corselet Skirt, Closing at Left Side of Front. A good model for broadcloth, serge or Venetian cloth. Six sizes—22 to 32.



2689—Ladies' Shirt-Waist, Closing at Back, with Round Yoke and Fancy Trimming Piece. This is an excellent model for taffetas, voile or surah silk. Seven sizes—32 to 44.



2698—Misses' Box-Coat, in Seven-Eighths Length. The model here illustrated was developed in taupe broadcloth, although it is adaptable to almost any material. Three sizes—13 to 17 years.



2668—Girls' Dress, with a Separate Guimpe. Navy blue serge was used in the development of this little model which may be worn for best wear, the guimpe being of white cashmere. Four sizes—8 to 14 years.



2470—Girls' and Child's Apron. Persian or Victoria lawn, white or natural colored linen are the best mediums for this useful little model. Five sizes—1 to 9 years.

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