

make nice dishes for dessert, or for the children. In making apple sauce, if the apples are left unpeeled, all decayed or blemish spots removed, then quartered and cored, the flavor is better; stew in very little water until tender, then press through a colander and season with butter while hot; sweeten to taste, but the natural flavor is better than sugar; slices of lemon may be cooked with the apples if liked. Do not cook sugar and butter with the fruit.

**Baked Onions**—Peel the onions and boil until tender, keeping them whole; change the water once or twice to remove the strong taste. Drain and place in a pudding dish, side by side, sprinkle with pepper and salt and pour over them the usual white sauce made of butter, flour and milk. Sprinkle over the tops a half inch or more, if liked, of stale bread crumbs, put little dabs of butter here and there over the top, and set in a moderate oven, keeping the dish closely covered, for twenty minutes, then uncover and brown, and serve from the dish in which they were baked.

**"Reducing the High Cost of Living"**

An eastern magazine has devised a novel method of "cutting down the cost" of foodstuffs by offering a prize of \$5 for the biggest potato sent to them, and also stated that "no potatoes would be returned." It is told that six and one-half barrels of the "murphies" arrived, and the magazine got the whole of them for \$5. How is that for enterprise?

**"Counting the Cost"**

It is not the cost of the foodstuffs alone that runs the "living" bill to the top of the scale, but the high cost of fuel must also be counted in, and it will be found that this is not a small item, by any means, be the fuel what it may. The commonest soft coal has jumped from from three to five dollars a ton—in some localities even more; wood is not generally used except in timbered countries, as the cost is too high; gas usually sells from 25 cents for "natural gas," per thousand cubic feet, up to anywhere the company may ask for the manufactured gas, very seldom much under one dollar per thousand, and very often much more. Gasoline reached a high cost, and coal oil, or kerosene, is anywhere from ten cents for an inferior article up to twenty and more for the best, per gallon. Each or any of these fuels vitally touch the income of the family, whether great or small.

So long as cold weather, or the need of heat was evident, it did not matter so much, for if coal or wood was used, the heat given off served to warm up the room where no furnace was used; but when the warm days came, there was a great waste of heat, making, moreover, a vast discomfort in the rooms in constant use by the family. With the gas or coal, or gasoline, the waste of heat was to be counted, as in nearly all these stoves, only one burner could be used for each article of food, and much of the heat passed out into the room.

The new, improved coal oil stoves give out the least heat, and do the best service for the money, but unless taken proper care of, they do give out soot and odor that are anything but pleasant. With intelligent care, they are perfectly satisfactory, both for cooking and for heating. Cooks are turning to the

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**8356—Ladies' Waist**—Cut in sizes 36 to 44 inches bust measure. The collar alone would be enough to make this waist distinctive, but it also has the new square neck as another good feature. The waist is made in the most popular style for this type of semi-tailored shirtwaist, with the fronts gathered to the back which extends over in shallow yoke effect.

**8352—Children's Dress**—Cut in sizes 2, 4 and 6 years. The best argument in favor of this little frock is its simplicity. It is just the pattern you want for an easily made little gingham dress for play. It hangs straight from the shoulders to hem, but the line is broken by a belt which is fastened well up under the arms to stimulate an Empire waistline.

**8335—Misses' Dress**—Cut in one size, 16 years. There is more than one way of being well dressed, but the younger set will agree that No. 8335 is one of the best. It has a slight suggestion of the popular basque waist in the drapery of the waist. The front panel of the waist is joined to sash ends, which tie in a loose knot at the back. The skirt is a simple, two-piece model.

**8328—Children's Suspender Dress**—Cut in sizes 4 to 12 years. One of the best liked styles for the junior girl is the ever popular suspender dress. This dress is quite simple and girlish, but yet it is distinctive. The separate

fireless cookers for a solution of the cost-of-fuel problem, and are meeting with success. A good fireless cooker may be had in capacity for either large or small family, and with but a minimum of heat to start the process, the foods may be cooked thoroughly with but little attention from the housewife. A cooker of good manufacture should be chosen, and after a little experience, one can soon learn to operate it with satisfactory results.

**Odd Bits**

It is told of the New York city women that they are using the plush that hatters use for silk hats, to make steel-beaded bags, which are now the rage. They use their husband's laid-away silk hats, or even go to the second-hand, or old-clothes dealers, and buy the discarded hats to get that particular kind of silk plush.

It is told that a single consignment of electrical cooking-ranges was recently shipped to Texas, eighteen carloads, each car containing sixty-five to one hundred ranges; showing that the "effete east" should sit up and take notice that the wild and woolly range countries are coming into their own, and the trade winds are blowing steadily in that direction. The west and southwest are full of electrical energy and vast progress.

This is a good year to use up the out-of-date clothing. Everything seems to be in style, or can easily be made so with a little combination of materials. The handy woman can make her own neckwear of little scraps of lace and embroidery, or she can buy it ready-made. If she does not know just the "knack," and use the store article for a pattern. The high collars are coming in style, as are the long sleeves, and bits of pretty lace-edged muslins or embroideries add a daintiness to the "made-over" things that all women so love.

gumpe closes at the centre front. The skirt is cut in one piece and has a straight lower edge.

**8337—Ladies' Fichu & Cuffs**—Cut in one size. Many and varied are the uses of a fichu, and it is a wise woman who sees that she is well supplied with several of these dainty accessories. This set is practical and very becoming. The fichu is quite broad over the shoulders. The cuffs may be rounded or pointed.

**8336—Ladies' Dress**—Cut in sizes 36 to 46 inches bust measure. What every woman knows is that she can not get along this season without a smart but simple one-piece dress. The model shown is very simple of construction. The dress is in one piece from shoulders to hem. Long or short sleeves may be used.

**8349—Boys' Russian Suit**—Cut in sizes 2, 4 and 6 years. The Russian suit shown is one of the most popular styles that has ever been designed for boys. The blouse is single-breasted and may be made with long or short sleeves. The three good sized pockets will be a delight to the small boy. Straight knee pants are included in the pattern.

**8343—Ladies' Skirt**—Cut in sizes 24 to 32 inches waist measure. A suggestion of the barrel or peg-top effect which is so fashionable this season is produced in this model by the use of large pockets which stand away from the hips. It is a style which is very deceiving, because it looks quite intricate, but in reality there are just four gores and a trimming band, and so it is easy to make.

**8350—Ladies' House Dress**—Cut in sizes 36 to 46 inches bust measure. This dress has a perfectly plain waist, with long or short sleeves set in without fullness. The dress buttons at the left side of the front. Waist and three-gored skirt are both gathered at the slightly raised waistline, and a belt covers the joining.