

# HOME LIFE

## Soft Gingerbread

Break a fresh egg in a bowl, stir with a fork, add a tablespoonful of melted butter and fill the bowl half-full of sour cream. Fill to the top with New Orleans molasses, turn into a larger bowl, beat and add a cupful of flour into which has been sifted a level teaspoonful of soda. Add a teaspoonful each of ginger, allspice and cinnamon, and a little salt. Bake in a sheet.

## Household Hints

Stains on mahogany may be removed by rubbing with a cork dipped into a little oxalic acid and water. When they have disappeared wash the wood thoroughly with pure water, then dry and polish as usual.

Never sweep dust from upstairs to the lower part of the house or from

one room to another. Take it up into a dust pan, where you have previously placed some tea leaves. This prevents the dust from scattering.

One of the best ways of cleaning Brussels carpet is to take a pail of water and add one-fourth pint of ammonia; then wring a string mop from this as dry as possible and mop the carpet. The change is wonderful.

A shoe that is uncomfortable from pinching may be eased by laying a cloth wet in hot water across the place where it pinches, changing it as it grows cooler a number of times. This will cause the leather to shape itself to the foot.

Put the dish cloths in cold water having a pinch of soda in it. Set on the stove and let come to a boil, then hang in the sunshine to dry. Do this often, for there is nothing so disgusting about the kitchen as a lot of soiled dish cloths hanging about.

Rinsing milky glasses in cold water before washing them in warm prevents them from looking smeared.

The upper parts of worn-out boots make excellent ironholders. The leather needs only a thin covering so that it does not soil the hand, which it will protect from heat far better than would an ironholder made in the ordinary way.

To clean alabaster remove ordinary dirt by washing with soap and water; but if any part is stained wash it with soap and water, cover it with whiting and leave it for some hours and rub the part where the stains were.

If the moths have got into the carpet it must be taken up, thoroughly shaken and pressed with a flatiron as hot as it will bear without scorching. Then liberally sprinkle the floor where it is to lie with spirits of turpentine, pouring it into any cracks there may be between the boards.

To clean a copper kettle first rub it with a cut lemon dipped in powdered bath-brick. When all stains are removed wash it in warm, soapy water; then dry, and polish it with powdered bath-brick and a soft cloth. Powdered bath-brick, mixed to a paste with oil may be used instead of the lemon.

Pour a few drops of ammonia into every greasy roasting pan or greasy cooking dish after half filling with warm water. A bottle of ammonia should always be kept near the sink for such uses. Never allow the pans to stand and dry, for it doubles the labor of washing, but pour in water and use ammonia and the work is half done.

A plumber says that stains on porcelain tubs, washstands and sinks are caused by allowing the surface to be injured. When new porcelain is as smooth as a piece of window glass, but if rubbed with sand soaps its surface becomes like a piece of ground glass from which no cleansing agent can take the stain. He recommended common household ammonia for cleaning.

When buying matting get three or four yards extra for summer rugs. Cut this extra piece into the desired lengths and finish at the edges by pulling out the straws to the depth of about four inches and tying the threads. These rugs protect the matting as well as heavier ones, are easily cleaned and best of all, there is no fuzz and nap to wear off and make frequent sweeping a necessity.

To renew a mirror keep for this purpose a piece of sponge, a cloth and silk handkerchief, all entirely free from dirt, as the least grit will scratch the fine surface of the glass. First sponge it with a little spirits of wine, or gin and water, to clean off all spots; then dust over it powdered blue tired in muslin, rub it lightly and quickly

off with the cloth, and finish by rubbing with the silk handkerchief. Be careful not to rub the edges of the frame.

## GIRL'S TUCKED DRESS NO. 5319

Such a pretty lishrdlueaoshrdshrdl The dress is made with the waist and the skirt, the two being joined beneath the belt and closed at the back. The skirt is finished with a hem and two wide tucks and is laid in tiny tucks at its upper edge, which



5319 Girl's Tucked Dress, 6 to 12 years.

match those of the waist. The waist consists simply of front and backs, the fitting being accomplished by means of shoulder and under arm seams. The guimpe is separate, made with front, backs and bishop sleeves and is faced to form the square chemisette.

The quantity of material required for a girl of ten years is 4 1/4 yards of material 27, 3 3/8 yards 36 or 3 yards 44 inches wide with 2 yards of trimming; 1 3/4 yards 36 inches wide with three-eighths yard of all-over lace for guimpe.

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## HIS MOOD

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