

WOMAN AND HOME.

SMALL GIRL'S APRON.

It Will Be Liked by the Little One Who Goes to School.

The small girl's apron is receiving attention, and the little maid can have several varieties from which to choose.

One of these is the little Fife apron, the pattern for which is taken from the apron worn by the oldest daughter of the duchess of Fife.

This little girl, Lady Alexandra Duff, wears this season a series of pretty house aprons all made of Scotch gingham in pretty stripes of various colors.



APRON FOR SCHOOLGIRL.

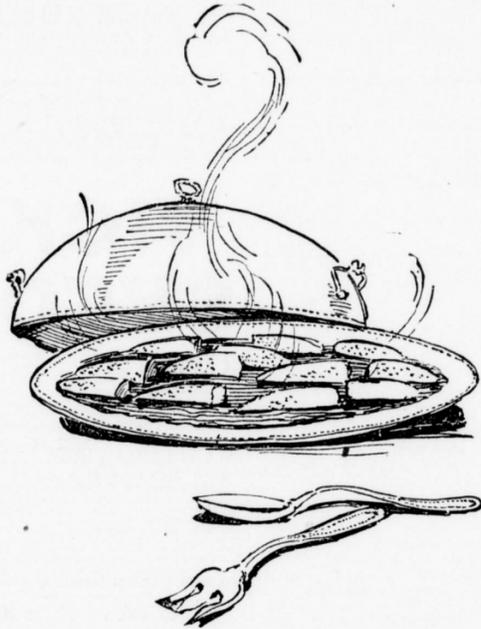
The pattern for the apron is a simple one and the diagram for it was sent over from England by an American lady who visits the Fife house.

The skirt is plain and is the same length front and back. Around the edge of the bib is a broad ruffle ending in a point at the waist. When the apron is laundered the waist is separated from the skirt and washed separately.

ENTREE OF FRIED BANANAS.

How to Prepare Them in a Way That Will Please the Most Fastidious Appetite.

The red bananas, or plantains, are best for frying, as they are firmer. They are seldom brought north, as they are not so delicate as the yellow ones.



about an inch and a half long. Drop them in boiling lard or other frying substance that is not too salty.

When a light brown, put them in a covered colander to drain. Make a sauce of half a cup of boiling water, half a cup of claret, thickened with cornstarch and sweetened to taste.

Fruit Fairs at Churches.

A fruit fair was the form of a recent church entertainment. Oranges, limes, apples, bananas, grape fruit and hot-house peaches and pears were attractively arranged in various styles.

There was a table of fancy work at which no piece was offered which did not in some way associate itself with fruit.

Until one attempts to make out the list it is difficult to realize how long it can be made. There are all sorts of menu cards, prettily decorated with fruits, and innumerable doilies and centers whose limitations to fruit designs did not prevent a wide variety.

There were fruit plates and fruit baskets, pin cushions in fruit shapes, and pretty water colors, with bunches of fruit, altogether a considerable array.

ABOUT ELOPEMENTS.

A Wise Mother Discusses the Subject in an Interesting Way.

A mother whose daughters are all happily married, referring to the subject of elopements and marriage unsanctioned by the bride's parents, recently said: "I think the trouble in such a matter is largely owing to the mistaken treatment which the daughters receive from the members of their family circle.

"I made up my mind when my girls were babes that they should never have to look for admiration away from home. It was the rule in our household to give them every pleasure within our power, to tell them when they looked well, and to be as complimentary and gracious as though they were the young ladies of a neighbor's household.

And so they were not upset by the first chance words of admiration from a stranger, and having been always given to understand that what could be afforded was theirs, they were not prompted to run off to better their condition.

NOVEL WINDOW DRAPERY.

Simple in Construction, But Handsome in Appearance.

A charming effect at a window with a curtain that is at once a graceful drape and mellows the tone of the room by filtering the light beautifully, is the

THE FARMING WORLD.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.

Advice to a Reader Who Wants to Start in Beekeeping.

To make a good beginning is always encouraging. I would advise, says a writer in American Gardening, not to start with too many colonies, say about three good strong ones.

"A Reader" does not state, but possibly the only bees to be found in his neighborhood are in box hives. If so, purchase, and move some colonies to your place early in the spring, as soon as the bees can fly every day. It is best to move them at night, or early in the morning, before they begin to fly. Don't close the hive too tight while moving.

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Very Much Run Down,

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