

HOME HINTS AND HELPS.

Nice Cookies.—Three eggs, two cups of sugar, one cup of butter, one-half cup of sour milk, one teaspoonful of soda, flavor with lemon. Flour to make a soft dough. Roll thin and bake quickly.

Ginger Bread: Mix together one cup of molasses, one tablespoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of ginger and two cups of flour. Add one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one cup of boiling water. Mix well and bake in rather a quick oven.—Boston Budget.

Sauces.—Braid together half a cupful of butter, two-thirds cupful of white sugar, two spoonfuls of flour, pour over it half a pint of boiling water, set over the fire and stir until it boils; add juice of canned berries to flavor and color.—N. Y. Observer.

Waffles: One pint flour, one teaspoon baking powder, one-half teaspoon salt, four eggs, one and one-fourth cups milk, one tablespoon butter, melted. Mix in the order given, add the beaten yolks with the milk, then the melted butter and the whites last. Bake on hot, well-greased waffle-irons.—Household Monthly.

Corn Crusts: Seal a pint of granulated cornmeal, into which a teaspoonful each of sugar and salt have been mixed, with a pint of boiling water. When sufficiently cool stir in a well-beaten egg, spread thin in a greased pan and bake till a nice brown in a quick oven. A tablespoonful of melted butter may be added for shortening if desired.—Boston Globe.

Hollandaise Sauce: A cup of butter, yolks of three eggs, a dust of cayenne pepper, juice of half a lemon, half a cup of boiling water and half a teaspoonful of salt. Beat the butter to a cream, add the eggs one by one, beating well; add the lemon juice with salt and pepper. Cook it in a double kettle and beat with an egg-beater until it thickens; add the boiling water and beat until smooth.—Housekeeper.

The old-fashioned custom of removing the cloth before the dessert, leaving the bare mahogany, is being revived by those who are fortunate enough to possess a valuable heirloom in the way of an old table which has been kept polished with much rubbing through several generations. There is something mysteriously beautiful in the dark depths of such a piece of wood which is impossible to imitate in laquers and modern veneer.—N. Y. Tribune.

Boiled Ham: Wash a ten-pound ham well in cold water. Put in a boiler, fill with cold water, add a dozen whole cloves, a blade of mace, six peppercorns and a bay leaf. Set over a slow fire and bring very gradually to a boil. Skim, and let simmer gently to every pound. When done, allow the ham to cool in the liquor, then remove the skin, and brush over with a beaten egg; sprinkle with grated bread-crumbs and brown sugar. Set in the oven to brown. Garnish with parsley; serve with horseradish sauce.—Harper's Bazar.

NEW GOWNS ARE COSTLY.

But it is a favorable season for making over old ones.

If this is an expensive year for buying new gowns, it is a most encouraging time for fixing over old ones. Cut off the train of a last year's dress so that not more than two inches rest on the ground. Cut off the waist and hook the skirt up over it. Put in full mutton-leg sleeves of velvet to the wrist if the dress is for day wear; make empire puffs of velvet if it is for evening use. Take a strip of bias velvet six or seven inches wide, wrinkle it to a fitted belt, leaving ends of the velvet four inches longer than the belt in the back. Fold back two inches and shirr these double ends at the edge of the belt, leaving the ruffle thus formed to stand out a little bit in a sort of a rosette. Make the collar in the same way, wrinkling it to a band and shirring the ends to have them too to stand out a little bit at the back where the collar should hook. In selecting the velvet choose some striking color contrast and you will not be so very passe after all. One of the prettiest dinner dresses seen this season is one which has already done duty as a calling gown during the summer. The gown is a changeable brown and gold affair with a fine line of bronze in the stripe. It was short work to replace the long sleeves with immense puffs of the new violet velvet, to cut away the neck and surround it with a violet velvet collar over one of dead gold satin, and to finish the edge of the train with a twist of velvet lined with and so arranged as to show both colors. Violet gloves and a black gauze fan with golden sticks finish the costume which a quick-witted woman devised in an emergency and fixed herself with the aid of a seamstress.—N. Y. Sun.

Velvet Wraps. For handsome wraps black velvet is no doubt the first choice. It may be trimmed with rich furs or with jet. It is always made up in some loose, flowing shape, like the Watteau coat, which has a full pleat, back and front, and thus avoids the use of seams. Pingat lends over loose coats of black satin black velvet in which the black satin forms a sort of under-garment, while the black velvet falls from the shoulders at the back in the shape of a mantle and appears again in front and in the huge puffed sleeves. The satin portion of such a garment is usually elaborately embroidered with gold or jet. There are also many garments of black bengaline silk with large velvet sleeves.—N. Y. Tribune.

A GREEK DANCE.

Quaint and Curious Amusements of the Modern Hellenes.

The first on the programme was what for the moment I will describe as the "circular dance." The performers, men and women, joined hands and stood in a circle broken by a gap at one spot; the leader of the figure, who was the tallest individual present, held in his hand a bright scarlet kerchief and led the circle in its gyrations, which were slow and always about the same center; this particular movement was brought about by each dancer in the ring taking a certain number of steps to the right, a half-turn, and then a certain number to the left, with the final result that each person at the end of a bar or two had moved on a little, although still retaining his original place as regarded his companions on either side.

This dance, which is the great amusement in the Egean villages, is generally executed to the usual monotonous nasal chorus, sung by all those joining in the dance—a duller or more insipid performance either to participate in or to witness as a spectator can not be imagined, yet it seems to be greatly appreciated by the peasants, who never tire of it, and who would think anything in the nature of a waltz highly indecorous and improper.

On this particular occasion fustanellas and petticoats footed it with the same conscientious energy and becoming gravity as usual, and being curious of trying my hand, or rather feet, with the others, I joined the circle, which, after my irruption into it, lost most of its pristine dignity and the whole of its regularity through my hops, skips and jumps being uncommonly high and out of time. This was taken in good part—allowance doubtless being made for barbaric customs—and a hearty laugh from the lookers-on betokened that my exertions were ludicrous if not artistic.

The next figure was a spirited performance, somewhat like a sword-dance, executed by two men. The steps were danced very neatly, and showed to advantage their fine stalwart figures and whirling fustanellas, the latter in the promiscuous movements looking like a ballet-dancer's skirts. At this stage as the hour waxed late, I withdrew, not forgetting to observe the custom of presenting the bride with a few drachmas when wishing her adieu.—Gentleman's Magazine.

Madge—Poor Mr. Bently was just taken home in a carriage, he had a dreadful shock. Arthur—What was it? Madge—His wife made an appointment to meet him at a certain hour and she was there right on the minute.—Inter Ocean.

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A ship goes down when it strikes the rocks; a business concern when it does't.

Moxey talks except when it is "shut up" in a bad investment.—Texas Siftings.

"Well, I'll be kicked!" the football said when he heard that the college had opened.

No man who tries to accumulate a great fortune has any money on himself.—Ham's Horn.

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It's hard to say what the politics of the man in the moon are. Sometimes the moon is wet and sometimes it's dry. Then, again, it is periodically full.—N. Y. World.

"I am hard pressed for money," as the romantic heroine said when the ardent hero of the play hugged her on the stage to earn his salary.—Baltimore American.

"I'm somewhat disfigured," said the torn negligee shawl, as the washerwoman squeezed the water out of it, "but I'm still in the wring."—Buffalo Express.

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