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THE SUREST WAY To cure HEADACHE, BILIOUSNESS, CONSTIPATION, etc., is to take ONE BOND'S LIVER PILL at bedtime. You will wake up well, without feeling the medicine.

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There's nothing a manly man admires more than a girlish girl or a womanly woman. A check of brass may enable a man to acquire gold.

OH! MY BACK A stubborn backache is cause to suspect kidney trouble. When the kidneys are inflamed and swollen, stooping brings a sharp twinge in the small of the back, that almost takes the breath away. Soon there may be other symptoms; such as pain, or too frequent urination, headaches, dizziness, or rheumatic pains. Don't wait for these troubles to become serious—use Doan's Kidney Pills at once. You'll find no better recommended remedy.

A Texas Case Mrs. J. M. Ward, 757½ Greenwood St., El Paso, Texas, writes: "My health was run down on account of kidney trouble. The kidney secretions were retained and I had severe, rheumatic pains in my back. I also suffered from blinding dizzy spells and splitting headaches. Doan's Kidney Pills gave me the first relief and continued use fixed me up in good shape."

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RECOGNIZE VALUE OF FIGS

Mothers of Young Children Make Them Part of the Daily Menu—Some Methods of Preparation.

Figs are becoming a national delicacy. Little need be said of their medicinal value, save that as a laxative they are particularly good for children and are advisable to use as part of the daily diet. Preserved skinless figs are delicious and may be bought in jars or cans. Many like them for breakfast with hot buttered rolls or with the natural sirup drained off and cream substituted. Have you ever tried fig pudding?

One-half pound figs, two pints milk, three heaping tablespoonsfuls cornstarch, two heaping tablespoonsfuls sugar, three eggs, one-half teaspoonful lemon extract.

Wash the figs, cut them in small pieces, then put them into a buttered casserole dish. Put the cornstarch into a saucepan and moisten it with half a cupful of the milk. Bring the rest of the milk to the boiling point, pour it over the cornstarch and stir till it boils ten minutes. Add the sugar, lemon extract and the eggs, well beaten.

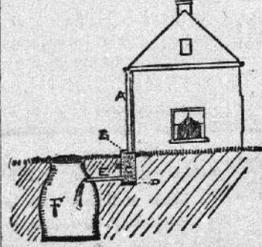
Pour over the figs and bake in a moderate oven for half an hour. Serve with cream or milk.

KEEP CISTERN WATER PURE

Filter That May Be Easily and Cheaply Constructed Will Answer for the Purpose.

The water in the cistern may be rendered clean and free from impurities at a very small cost by putting in a filter made as follows:

Stink a joint of common tiling into the ground near the wall of the house.



A Filter for \$1.00. A, Spouting; B, Tiling; C, Charcoal; D, Cement Foundation; E, Pipe, Leading From Filter to Cistern; F, Cistern.

Fill the tiling within a couple of inches of the top with charcoal, place a lid on it to prevent the mice, rats, bugs and dirt, and all other foreign substances from entering the cistern by that route.

If a piece of heavy wire screen is placed over the charcoal, so much the better.

Have the filter rest on a foundation of clean stones or cement from three to four inches deep, into which a two-inch pipe should be arranged for carrying the water to the cistern.

A piece of heavy screening should be placed over the end of the pipe protruding into the filter, and another piece of fine screen wire should be fastened across the opening into the cistern; both of which are for the purpose of allowing nothing of any size to get into the water supply.

Chocolate Cake.

Put one cupful sugar, one-quarter cupful butter and three tablespoonsful cocoa in mixing bowl. Set on back of range until slightly warm, then mix well and add one whole egg and yolk of another well beaten, one-half cupful milk and sift in with one cupful of flour (no more), three-quarter teaspoonful cream tartar, one-half teaspoonful soda, one teaspoonful vanilla. Bake in shallow pan. Batter may seem too thin but will be all right.

Frosting—One cupful granulated sugar, three tablespoonsful boiling water. Boil until it spins a thread, then turn into stiffly beaten white of egg and beat until thick enough to spread.

Mock Chicken Loaf.

Two pounds uncooked veal, put through meat grinder, one-quarter pound salt pork in like manner, one beaten egg, three-quarters cupful powdered crackers, one-half teaspoonful salt, pepper and sage to taste. Put in pan such as you use for loaf cake. Bake one hour. It's nice, just before placing in oven, to beat one egg until light. Pour over, then sprinkle cracker crumbs.

Orange Snow.

Slice the oranges and remove the seeds and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Then for six oranges stir in a pint of whipped cream, or as much as the cream will hold without becoming soft. Keep the cream on ice before using, that it may be nice and stiff. Make a meringue of the whites of four eggs and half a cupful of powdered sugar, and top the mixture with this, return to the ice and serve very cold.

Tomato Savory.

Take one-half pound of tomatoes, skin them, cut them in slices, put one ounce of butter into a saucepan, add the tomatoes, pepper and salt, and cook them slowly about ten minutes, then add the yolks of two fresh eggs. Stir till the mixture is quite a thick paste and serve it on little croûtes of fried bread.

To Keep Suet.

Take out any skin there may be, and then put the suet in a saucepan and place on a warm but not hot fire and let it melt gradually. When quite melted pour it into a pan of cold water. When quite hard wipe it dry, wrap it in white paper, and when wanted for use it may be rubbed on a grater.

Oyster Cocktail.

For a first course at supper an oyster cocktail served in grapefruit is an innovation. The fruit is prepared as usual, though not sweetened, and several small oysters with tabasco and horse-radish dressing, are placed in the hollow left by the removal of the seeds and central pulp.

BERMUDA ONION SEED OF BEST QUALITY



BERMUDA ONION FIELD IN TEXAS.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Promise of a heavier crop of seed of the expensive wax or white Bermuda onion in the Canary Islands, where practically the entire supply of onion seed for use in this country is grown, has been reported by United States consular agents in the islands. At the time the report was made, a month in advance of harvest, the crop of seed of the yellow or Canary onion, had suffered greatly because of drought and showed a loss estimated at from 40 to 50 per cent. The red onion seed crop also had suffered, but to a less extent than the yellow.

The crop of Canary island onion seed of all varieties for 1915 practically was exhausted, it is declared, and farmers therefore will run less risk of receiving seed in which old stock has been mixed. It is suggested, however,

SELL COTTON IN SEED

Unprofitable Practice of Many Southern Farmers.

Low Prices Received Do More Than Offset Fancied Gains Saved in Ginning Costs, Trouble and Delay.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Many cotton growers are suffering considerable losses without being aware of it by selling their cotton in the seed. Those following this practice are of the opinion that they save in ginning costs, trouble and delay, but recent investigations by marketing specialists of the United States department of agriculture indicate that the low prices received much more than offset these fancied gains. The principal trouble in selling in the seed is that it is impossible to determine accurately before ginning the quality of the cotton and the percentages of that seed and trash in a given load. The average character of the cotton of the community is, therefore, usually taken by buyers as a basis for prices, and the producer of cotton better than the average often receives no reward. As a matter of fact, even the producers of average cotton suffer, for the buyer allows himself a wide margin of safety in making his quotations and purchases.

These facts are brought out in a number of tables just published in Department Bulletin No. 375, "Disadvantages of Selling Cotton in the Seed." This practice, while not as common as it once was, is still prevalent in certain sections, particularly in those regions in which cotton is a comparatively new crop or in which the production is comparatively scanty. For example, it is estimated that 90 per cent of Missouri's small crop was sold in the seed in 1915 and only 2 per cent of South Carolina's. The actual number of bales sold in this way, however, was greatest in Oklahoma, and for this reason the investigation, the results of which are to be found in the bulletin already mentioned, was conducted in that state.

In the course of this investigation a large number of samples of seed cotton were collected from loads sold by different farmers and the price of each load ascertained. These samples were ginned and the relative proportions of lint, seed and trash determined. It was then possible to compare the returns which the farmers received for their cotton with what they would have obtained had they sold their lint and seed separately at the prevailing prices.

The samples showed a wide variation in the outturn of lint, seed and trash. The variation, however, was rarely taken into account by the buyers, who, in the same market, on the same day, often offered the same price for all unginced cotton, irrespective of its quality. Such discrimination as was exercised was against the producer—that is, a lower price might be offered for cotton that was obviously below the average, but good cotton brought no more than the market rate. This rate was in the majority of cases much below what the seed and lint would have brought had they been sold separately. Comparisons published in detail in the new bulletin show that this loss ranged from an

average of \$1.75 per bale for low middling to an average of \$7.60 per bale for good middling. The total loss on 588 bales of the white grades sampled by the investigators was \$2,715.20, or an average of \$4.63. In these calculations, it should be said, proper allowance was made for the cost of ginning. In some instances, it is true, the farmer gained by selling his cotton in the seed, but these were far too few to alter the general result.

There is, moreover, another disadvantage inherent in the practice. Not only does the farmer usually lose in the marketing of any one crop, but he is seriously hindered in improving his cotton from year to year because there is no incentive to do so. As the buyer of seed cotton pays little or no attention to grade and staple, the producer is forced to think chiefly of the yield per acre. Moreover, it is difficult, if not impossible, for the grower to obtain his own seed from the gin, unable to maintain a pure variety. In the majority of markets about the only advantage in selling seed cotton, the investigators found, was the saving in the time of the men and teams that otherwise would have to await their turns at the gins. They recommend, therefore, that for the common good of all concerned the practice of selling cotton in the seed be discouraged and that each bale be custom ginned and sold upon its merits.

PLANTING OATS IN THE FALL

Crop May Be Sown as Late as Latter Part of November—Pasturage in Four Weeks.

(By W. R. DODSON, Louisiana Experiment Station.)

The genuine rustproof oats, from home-grown seed, may be sown as late as the latter part of November. From early sowing good pasturage will be furnished in four weeks from date of sowing. We prefer not to sow less than a bushel and a half and not more than two bushels per acre. The land should be well prepared and the seed covered to a depth of 1½ to two inches. Late sowing should not be covered so deep. If a grain drill is not available, a good disk harrow serves the purpose well to cover the seed. An ordinary iron-tooth harrow will serve as a last resort. Sowing seed in advance of the turn plow is sometimes practiced, but the results are uncertain, and this is not considered good practice. As to whether or not the land should be pastured during wet weather depends upon the quality of the land. If the soil is deficient in vegetable matter and has a large amount of clay it is liable to become very hard in dry weather. Little if any Louisiana land will be injured by pasturage when the soil is dry enough to permit of plowing. If land is to be selected especially for winter pasture crops that do not form a permanent sod, the sandy soil should be selected.

UTILIZE ALL GARDEN SPACE

Cucumber Plants May Be Grown Upon Trellis or Allowed to Climb Poultry Wire Netting.

If one desires to grow only a few cucumbers, the plants may be grown upon a trellis, or planted around the outside of the poultry yard and allowed to climb on the wire netting. A few stakes driven around each hill will protect the plants from the chickens.

GIVE BLACKBERRIES A TRIAL

No Healthier Fruit, and Yield Good Returns for Small Time Spent in Cultivation.

Grow black berries for home use; there is no healthier fruit. Grow blackberries for profit; there is no other berry that will yield greater returns for the time spent on it. Plant them, cultivate them and give them a chance, and they will do the rest.

To Save Oilcloth.

Before using oilcloth paste at each corner on the wrong side a square of cotton material. This will prevent the unsightly cracking of the corners which so often comes long before the body of the cloth shows any signs of wear.

To Freshen Rusty Black Lace.

Soak in vinegar and water, two tablespoonsful of vinegar to one pint of water. Rinse and iron while damp between flannels or bath towels.

TO DISGUISE MILK

MANY WAYS OF PREPARING IT FOR CHILDREN.

Not All Youngsters Like This Most Valuable of All Foods, and Here Are Some Methods of Introducing It Into Diet.

How to introduce the necessary quantity of milk into the diet of a child who dislikes it is a problem which confronts many mothers at this time of year. Milk is such a perfect food for children that it is always a pity when it is not taken readily and enjoyed, but with a little ingenuity, the trouble usually may be overcome. The best authorities on children's diet consider a quart of milk a day the proper allowance for a child past the third year, this quantity to include milk used in preparing food and that served with cereals, as well as milk taken as a beverage.

Where a child shows a disinclination to drink milk, fancy colored glasses with figures sketched on the outside will often change the aspect of things and distract the child's attention. Sucking the milk through a straw is another innocent trick by means of which the desired quantity is absorbed. Cocoa, either hot or cold, is another valuable means of introducing milk into a child's diet, as only enough cocoa need be added to change the appearance and flavor.

An excellent way of introducing milk into a child's diet is with vermicelli, which in many families is considered the nursery form of macaroni. Instead of the familiar white sauce served to adults the final cooking of the vermicelli should be in milk and slightly thickened. Milk should also be used on finely chopped potato and on any other vegetables where a cream sauce would ordinarily be served.

Cereals cooked in milk instead of in water are practically the same in appearance, though much more nutritious because of the milk absorbed in the slow cooking. Half milk and half water may also be used, or the preliminary cooking can be done in water and milk added to the cereal when partly done. Cereal puddings, either hot or cold, also offer a wide range for the attractive use of milk. The simplest of creamy rice puddings can be completely changed in appearance by the addition of cocoa stirred in while the ingredients are being mixed.

An egg poached in milk and served with a spoonful of thickened milk poured over it on a slice of toast will often be enjoyed by a child who refuses milk as a beverage. Another excellent way of combining egg and milk is to beat an egg until light and foamy, adding a scant half cupful of milk and a few grains of salt. Pour into a buttered ramekin and set in a pan of boiling water either on the stove or in the oven. Do not stir but let it cook until thick and creamy. Let the child eat it from the ramekin.

Scotch Broth.

The following recipe was given me at a famous Dickens' hotel in England: Take the liquor any mutton has been boiled in and remove the fat when cold. Wash a cupful of pearl barley and put it on to boil. When done add to the liquor; also a turnip, carrot, onion, and a little celery. Boil until the vegetables are tender and serve. Grated raw carrot on the top of this soup improves the flavor and adds much to the appearance. There was enough of the stock, probably a large kettleful, so that the broth was thin. A single pound of mutton shoulder, the fat and skin removed before it is cooked in two quarts of water, will flavor a barley liquid sufficiently for a delicate soup, but three pounds are often used. To preserve some of the strength of the meat, which may be taken out and used with a gravy or a curry sauce, saute it in hot fat and add boiling water to cook it. Left over barley porridge may be used for thickening a broth.

"Hodge Podge Pickle" Recipe.

One dozen cucumbers, sliced thinly; one gallon shredded cabbage, four onions, three tablespoonsful salt, two cupfuls white sugar, four red peppers, one-half pound dry mustard, one ounce celery seed, one ounce white and black mustard seed. Add enough vinegar to mix thoroughly, and let come to boiling point. Stir in mustard, which has been mixed with cold vinegar. Boil 20 minutes; seal in jars while hot. Excellent to serve with meats.

Stuffed Egg Aurors.

These are made by removing the yolks from hard-boiled eggs, and mixing them with a tablespoonful of fresh cream, the same amount of fresh butter, English mustard, and a teaspoonful of minced tarragon leaves. The mixture should be put through a fine wire sieve, then into a pastry bag and forced through a rose tube into the halved whites of the eggs; each is decorated with a star-shaped piece of pimento and garnished with watercress. They may be served in nests of watercress.—Vogue.

"Bribery."

In his early days at the bar Sir Edward Carson was so hard up that he had to accept briefs marked as low as half a guinea.

On one occasion he was briefed to defend a certain Mick O'Dwyer in the Dublin courts at this meager figure. On the morning of the case, as Sir Edward was entering the court, a man stopped him.

"Look here, counsel, ye've a bit of a case for Mr. Mick O'Dwyer, haven't ye?" he said.

"I have—what about it?" demanded "counsel."

"Well," replied the man, with the air of a financier, "it's meself that's O'Dwyer, an' I'll tell ye what—if ye win the case I'll give ye five shillings for yourself!"

Cheap Cooking Range.

An electrical toy range has lately been invented which can be made of real utility in a small apartment. At a demonstration recently given a hearty meal for five persons was cooked at the expense of 12 cents worth of current. The little stove includes an oven and six small hot plates. The meal cooked included a five-pound roast, boiled potatoes, biscuit, macaroni, two small apples, pie and apple sauce. Of course such results are only obtained at that cost by a skilled demonstrator, but the tiny electric range has great possibilities, for the adult housekeeper as well as for the small girl it was designed to amuse.

The chap who courts more than one girl at a time is courting trouble.

Save the Babies.

INFANT MORTALITY is something frightful. We can hardly realize that of all the children born in civilized countries, twenty-two per cent, or nearly one-quarter, die before they reach one year; thirty-seven per cent., or more than one-third, before they are five, and one-half before they are fifteen!

We do not hesitate to say that a timely use of Castoria would save a majority of these precious lives. Neither do we hesitate to say that many of these infantile deaths are occasioned by the use of narcotic preparations, Drops, tinctures and soothing syrups sold for children's complaints contain more or less opium or morphine. They are, in considerable quantities, deadly poisons. In any quantity, they stupefy, retard circulation and lead to congestions, sickness, death. Castoria operates exactly the reverse, but you must see that it bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. Castoria causes the blood to circulate properly, opens the pores of the skin and always fever. Genuine Castoria always bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

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Opportunity. The train was passing through a prohibition state, and the hardware drummer had forgotten to provide himself with a flask. When the train stopped at a little station he got out and asked a native on the depot platform if there was any place in town where he could get a drink.

The native shook his head. "You're just a day too late, stranger," he replied sadly. "The sheriff raided every place in town last night and confiscated all the booze. They're tryin' the fillers that sold it up to the courthouse right now."

"Lead me to that courthouse," commanded the drummer, pressing a coin into the native's hand. "They might want an expert up there to sample that stuff and tell 'em what it really is."

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His Limit. "Did young Spender listen to you at all when you spoke to him about the bill he owes us?" "Oh, yes, he paid close attention."

"Humph! That's all he ever will pay."

His Meal Ticket. "I met Mr. Blinks at the Van Gelts' dinner last night. Isn't he a most fascinating man?" "He has to be. If Blinks didn't get invited out to dinner three or four times a week he'd starve to death."

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