

HOW TO CLEAN CARPETS, a method of cleaning carpets which s been pronounced in every way satplory is to make a suds of good, a soap and hot water, adding di fuller's earth to secure the con-7-of cream, says the Philadelpaquirer. Then, after providing amber of clean cloths, a scrubbing hsh, a large sponge and a bucket fresh water, pour some of the clean-3 mixture into a bowl, dip the brush ito it, and brush a small piece of the arpet at a time, washing it with the bonge and cold water, and drying with we cloth When it has all been gone ver in it way, let it dry.

WALL PAPER DESIGNS.

There has been an interesting revival f old designs in wall paper, the origunl blocks being used, in some cases, or reprinting. The old-fashioned landcane papers once used in halls are evi and are considered very ef-1st nahogany furniture. Pictures annot be hung against such paper, and for this reason it might better be ised as a deep frieze. Other old-fashoned designs are of botanically imposible, but cheerful in color baskets of ruits and flowers. These are especialy good for country house decorations. Before buying wall paper it is an exsellent plan to carry home large sampleor of several designs in order to test warring qualities. Some papers fade whily in the sunlight, and others are moved by the gentlest dusting.-New York Post.

HOW TO MAKE CHERRY TARTS. For these I made a number of what the bakers call pate-cases, cutting the first round of light pastry about the size of a large biscuit, making three or four layers of the same size, and with a smaller cutter taking a round out of the middle of each of these, Then I piled them carefully on top of each other, baked them and set them aside to cool. I picked out firm, wellshaped cherries, washed them and put them over the fire in a syrup made of one cupful of sugar to one plut of water. I stewed them very slowly they were tender, but not crushed, put them aside to cool. At the noment I filled the pastry-shapes the sto pal cherries. The syrup all ased, but I put it aside for hse. The tarts were arranged tees, and branches of cherry-blosforget to say that we had to send to town for the cherries, as we have not yet come to the point when the ripe fruit and the blossoms can be picked from the same tree.-Woman's Home Companie



Pudding for Invalids-A small teasphoful of flour, trifle of salt and a desse poonful of cold water; then pour in a tencupful of boiling milk, istirring all the time. When cold, add a well beaten fresh egg, see that the mixture is quite free from lumps, sweeten with a little sugar, pour into n buttered meld and bake for about twenty no mies.

Potato A T-To one cupful of mashed potatoes stir in one tablespoonful of meited butter, beating until creamy (the more they are beaten the more creamy they will be); beat the whites of two eggs until stiff, add to the potatoes half a cupful of cream; salt and pepper to season, then add the whites of the eggs; turn into a buttered bakdish and bake in a moderate oven ginutes; the potatoes will puff ery light.

and Gold Salad-Pare, core at nicely flavored apples into dice ad sprinkle lightly with powdered sugar to keep them white. Prepare the same quantity of orange dice, leave unswe ped, also same quantity of banavoel's brinkle a little lemon juice over the and sprinkle with sugar. Arrange these in sections in a salad bowl, marking off each separate kind of fruit with lines formed with tiny sprays of cress. Serve a sweet salad dressin 1881 th this.

Bana Custard-Rub four table, spooner of corn starch in a little cold water, have one quart of water boiling in an agate pan; add the corn starch and water and stir until thickened; add two level tablespoonfuls of butter, one cupful of sugar; let cook while beating the yolks of three eggs; near a little of the hot mixture n; return all to the fire and micute; remove, and when cool add three bananas cut in very small pieces; beat the whites of three eggs; add three tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar and the juice of half a lemon; pour the custard in a glass dish; heat the beaten whites on top; brown slightly in the oven.

The Apple Orchard.

There is nothing more cofficien than to hear farmers in all the castern section of the country say "we cannot grow apples any more as we once did." Now, the climate is not to blame for this, and if apples once grew well with you is it not worth while to study the

cause of their failure now? Men realize that for the growing of their annual crops they must cultivate well and keep up the fertility of the soll. They do not try to grow corn and wheat at the same time on the same field, for they know that it cannot be done successfully, but when it comes to the orchard they assume that a tree can not only take care of itself like the trees in the forest, but that they can crop the land for other things at the same time and still get crops of apples. Herein lies the greatest of all the troubles in apple growing. So long as the soll was a virgin soil and abounding in plant food the trees throve in spite of neglect, but as they gradually robbed the soil assisted by the crops planted among them there was soon a failure, for trees as well as other crops need plenty of available plant food in the soil.

Another thing that apple trees especially need is an abundance of soll moisture. It is useless to apply fertilizers to any plant if there is not moisture enough in the soil to dissolve them. Hence the importance for providing a soll abounding in vegetable decay to retain the moisture needed for the solution of the plant food applied. Few growers fully realize the amount of the various forms of plant food that an apple orchard takes from the soil. At the recent American Apple Growers' Congress in St. Louis Professor Clothier gave some very striking figures in this regard which were taken from the experiments made at the Agricultural Experiment Station of Cornell University. He showed that with an average yield (and this is a small one In a good orchard) of 200 bushels per acre, that this 200 bushels of fruit would remove from the soil thirteen pounds of nitrogen, only one pound of phosphoric acid and nineteen pounds of potash, and the apples alone would remove from each acre \$2.45 worth of plant food. Then the growth of the wood and the leaves of the tree must be taken into account, and it takes a very considerabl - amount of food to keep up the activity of a large tree. Altogether there was in the orchard a demand for plant food to a total value of \$9.01 per acre.

He compared this with a crop of corn making fifty bushels per acre, and showed that the corn removed little more than the fruit trees, and yet every farmer knows that he cannot expect fifty bushels of corn per acre unless he keeps up the fertility of the soil, and yet we see the same men trying to get apples from a soil that has been drained laid about them. I must not | by the trees in this way for a generation, and not only drained by the trees, but called upon to grow a hay erop or to pasture stock. Is it any wonder that we cannot grow apples as well as we once did?

The statement we have given shows that the demand for phosphoric acid is very small as compared with that for nitrogen and potash, and the trees will demand more potash than a crop of corn of fifty bushels per acre, and demand it every year, for there can be no rotation of crops here. In their young state, when growth is what we want, applications of stable manure will be of great help, not only in furnishing nitrogen but in giving some humus making matter to the soil. If Kainit has been used in the preservation of this manure it will not only make the manure better in preventing the loss of nitrogen, but it will add potash that is needed. When the trees have reached maturity we advise the seeding down to grass. But not in grass to Send for new catalogue just issued. be cut for hay, but grass to be cut only as a mulch for the trees and left on the ground, cutting it several times during the season. Then give the grass a top dressing annually of a fertilizer composed of 800 pounds of acid phosphate, 800 pounds of cottonseed meal and 400 pounds of muriate of potash to make a ton. Use this liberally and get a good growth of grass and every time you cut the grass spread it to decay under the trees as far as the limbs extend and a little further. Then if you attend to the spraying you can grow apples just like you did in your boyheed and probably better.-W. F. Mas-

Knew What He Needed.

The doctor's wife went to the door. The doctor's wife and the woman next door were not on friendly terms, but the tramp didn't know that.

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Man Born Unto Trouble. "Of course," said the optimist, "if a man gets into the habit of hunting

trouble, he's sure to find it. "Yes," replied the pessimist, "and if he's so lazy that he always tries to avoid it it will find him. So what's the difference

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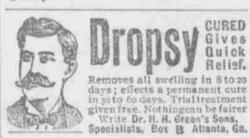
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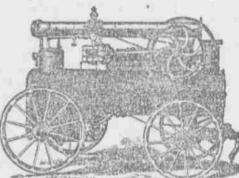
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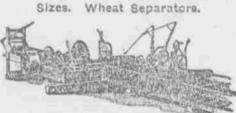
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