

# The Home

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Questions will be cheerfully answered by mail if postage is sent. Write to the manager of this department and tell what you would like best to appear in these columns. We want the housewives to look forward with pleasure to reading this part of The Ranch.

## A Whisper to the Girls.

Have you ever noticed that some girls—girls that really want or mean to be good and obliging, will time after time, break their word, fail to keep an appointment at the proper time, or perhaps altogether? Have you noticed that they often do not take the trouble to explain, much less to make an apology for so doing? Have you seen them pout and heard them say little, hateful things because some one resented their doing so? Do you know that some girls have an exaggerated sense of their own importance and act as if they were a sort of time piece by which all others must regulate their movements? Have you wondered why some are more popular than others? If you have experienced all these things then you have also noticed that the one most sought is faithful in all of the things that help to make a fine character. Learn to take pride in doing what you have said you will do, that is, if it is worthy. If not, be careful about saying it. If you say you will send a book, a pattern or a bunch of flowers to your friend don't fail to do so. If you have said you will meet your friend at three o'clock, be there on time if possible. If circumstances over which you have no control prevent it, apologize, but don't let that happen too many times, since even apologies get to be an old story. Here is an old quotation that I trust will of as much help to you as it has been to the one in charge of the Home. "The law of the harvest is to reap more than we sow; sow an act and we reap a habit; sow a habit and we reap a character; sow a character and we reap a destiny."

## New Collars.

A pretty collar and front piece to wear with your tub dresses may be made of thin lawn or even india linen. Perhaps you can cut a dutch collar to fit the neck without a pattern; for the front piece, cloth about seven inches square will be needed. After hemming trim collar and piece on three sides with lace an inch or more in width, only using fullness enough to prevent it drawing. Mitre all corners, that is turn under so that the fold will be flat and straight from corner of cloth to outer edge of lace. It will not be necessary to cut the lace. Work polka dots with mercerized floss an inch apart above hem of collar and across lower edge of piece, also working four or five up the center. Fold three pleats on each side of tab toward center. Put band on collar and turn over. Slip tab under

front closing fastening with an old fashioned brooch if you are lucky enough to have one. Little bits of bobinet and small pieces of insertion will make a nice variety of tabs.

## To Iron the Stiff Embroidered Collars.

Make a cold starch by adding one and one-half tablespoonfuls of starch to a pint of cold water, also a drop of bluing. After washing and rinsing collars put them into the starch rubbing well with the hands. Fold in a dry cloth about ten minutes then put on a well padded ironing board cover with a cloth and iron until nearly dry then take off cloth and iron perfectly dry before turning over. Of course the ironing is done on the wrong side to make the embroidery stand out.

## Telephone List.

A telephone list is a convenient article in every household where a phone is installed, and it makes a very pretty ornament. A great many people are so inconsiderate as to give names rather than the number, when they desire to talk, and then find fault with the operator because they do not get instant service. The rules require that the number be given. One should have consideration for the operator, for the occupation is a nerve wrecker at best. Take a piece of bristol board or stiff white paper 5x10 inches in size. Across the top paint a single flower, a bunch of yellow daisies or a little landscape in water colors. If you cannot do that cut out something from papers or catalogues and paste on. Make ruled lines below with names and numbers of those for whom you are most likely to call. Hang near the phone.

This suggestion is given that you may get some ready for Christmas gifts.

## The Ranch Cook Book

If you have not decided what to take to your picnic try some of the following from The Ranch Cook Book:

### GINGER COOKIES

One cup sugar, 1 cup molasses, 1 cup shortening, equal parts of lard and butter, 1½ teaspoonful ginger, 1 teaspoonful salt ½ cup boiling water 2 teaspoonfuls soda whipped into the molasses. flour enough to handle and roll thin.—Contributed.

### NOODLES

Beat one egg slightly with a pinch of salt and add flour enough to make a stiff dough. Knead and roll as thin as possible. Cover and let stand half hour. Then roll, cut in very thin shavings, and let dry. When needed cook 20 minutes in chicken or veal broth.

### TOMATO FRITTERS

Choose ripe and firm tomatoes of good size. Peel them and cut in slices half an inch thick. Make a batter with a half pound of flour, two eggs, half a pint of milk and a little salt. The flour must first be mixed smoothly with the milk, then add the

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beaten yolks of the eggs and salt. The batter is improved by standing for an hour before using. The whites of the eggs are beaten stiffly and added at the last to the other ingredients. Dry each slice of tomato, dip it in the batter until it is well coated and fry in boiling fat until brown. Drain on paper and serve very hot.

### STRING BEAN SALAD

Put one pint of cold string beans in a deep dish and pour over them a dressing made as follows: Stir together four tablespoonfuls of olive oil, one tablespoonful of vinegar, half a teaspoonful of salt, a very little pepper—black or red as you choose—one teaspoonful of chopped olives and half a teaspoonful of onion juice. Let them stand and mix for about half an hour. On the dish in which it is to be served make a nest of lettuce leaves, pile the beans lightly in the nest and on top put the tender leaves of the lettuce; lay around the edge slices of cucumber and radishes cut into strips.

### RASPBERRY CHARLOTTE

Stew one pint of raspberries, sweeten to taste and mash well. Take some soft white bread and cut in thin small squares, arrange a layer in a bowl or mold and pour on enough of the cooked mashed berries to wet the bread, then have another layer of bread and syrup, and so on until all is used. When cold, turn out and serve with cream. Garnish the dish with the whole ripe berries sprinkled with sugar.

### CREAM CAKE

Break one egg into a cup and fill it up with thin sour cream and beat together until light, then add a scant cup of sugar and beat again. Sift half a teaspoonful of soda with one and one-half cups of flour and a pinch of salt, add the flour to the other mixture and beat until smooth and bake in a loaf, or in layers with cream filling.

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