

The Home

By Hattie Haines Churchill.

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.

Little Fellow at the Gate.

Little fellow at the gate,
 Couldn't hire him not to wait!
 Little lips of twilight singing,
 Little arms of dreamland clinging;
 Bring me home again, O night,
 To the lilies and the light!

Little fellow on the stair,
 Calling: "Papa is you there?"
 Little eyes that glow with joy
 Of the spiritual life of boy;
 Lead me, lanes of love, to him
 When the fading dusk grows dim!

Over valley brook and hill,
 Bugles of the frelight, trill!
 Feet that march to dreams of glory,
 Ears that wait the bedtime story,
 Help me, hurrying car, to leap
 To the arms that clasp in sleep!

Little fellow at the gate,
 Couldn't hire him not to wait
 In the winter with its snows,
 As in summer with its rose,
 Little lips of twilight singing,
 Little arms of dreamland clinging!
 —Baltimore Sun.

A Chat With Our Readers.

We feel that the readers of this department are not taking the interest in it that they should. We want to make this page not only interesting but so helpful in every way that not only the women will look forward with pleasure to reading it, but, well I must finish what I started to say, the men also. We can hardly expect that, for things we women like are

often considered not necessary or trifles by the masculine head of the family. I wish you would drop me a letter telling me just what you would find helpful. Do you like to have a poem appear frequently? Do you like the recipes? Would you like more or less of them? Would you like more fancy cooking? Do you need some good games for parties? Could you make use of directions for fancy work, or oil, water color and china painting? I've had practical experience in these things and might be able to help you. If in your busy farm homes you have no time for these things, ask for the help you need. If I do not know what to say in return, I will be glad to consult some one who has ideas along the line you wish. To sit down and prepare an interesting page for the thousands of strangers who will read it is like striking a blow in the dark—we don't know we shall hit any one. So please write to me, I know how sociable farm people are when they want to be. We want this page to be suited to our own needs. Send orders for patterns direct to The Ranch not to this department.

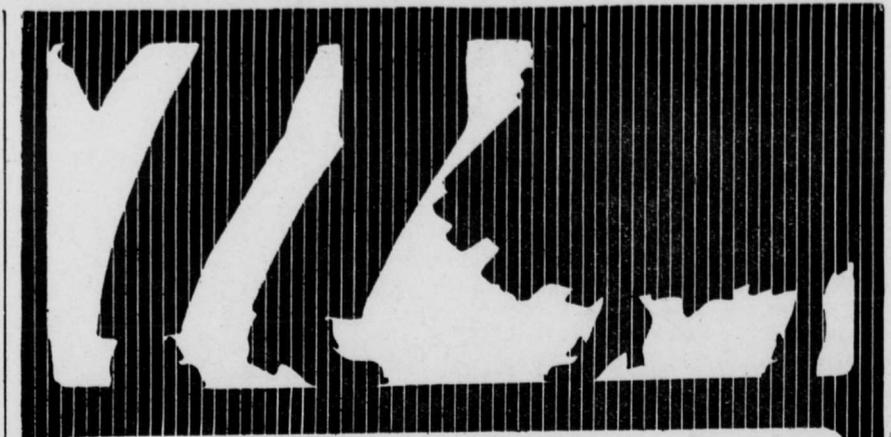
Dressing Table.

A pretty dressing table for the girls' room may be made easily and without much expense at home. When properly finished it will be a part of the furnishing of which they need not be ashamed, besides being useful, even if it is home made. The top can be made any size or shape. Procure a tea chest and nail on four legs. The opening should be facing the front and a shelf put in. The legs should be the height you wish the table, nail to the four corners. It is better to nail from the inside so as to make it stronger and not have the nails show. It is now ready for the top. Mine was made from the boards around which dress goods are wound. Any store will save them for you. They are light and strong. Nail on as many as you desire, but be sure to have top nice shape. The pieces that extend beyond the chest can be braced. Tack several thicknesses of cloth on the top by the edges being pulled clear over and tacked with small tacks on the under side. Then make your drapery which should be of soft figured goods—cotton challis or silkoline. Make a deep full flounce with a four inch hem; gather the top with strong cord and tack around the chest close under the top with the opening in front. The bottom should just touch the floor. For the cover have a plain piece that will hang over at least five inches after the hem is in, then sew on a five inch ruffle. The space in the chest and also under it can always be used to good advantage and the top for toilet articles. In selecting the goods bear in mind the color scheme, blue, cream or white for rooms facing south, pink or green for west, warm yellow or terracotta for north, pink or gray for east. Do not select large figures. Have them small and dainty. Some rooms look like a scrap book or a crazy quilt. If your goods is very thin an interlining can be used so the box will not show.

Hattie's Helpful Hints.

To prevent hair falling out—White vaseline 2 oz., castor oil (cold drawn) 1½ oz gallic acid, 1¾ drams, oil of lavender 30 drops.

When the hands become red and



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chapped scrub well with a pure soap and corn meal at night dry thoroughly and apply mutton tallow. After washing during the day use a little vinegar and water. Be sure to dry well each time.

Before driving in the cold or wind apply the following to the face and rub until dry with the hands. It will not only improve the complexion but will prevent the face from becoming sore. Two tablespoons Epsom salts dissolved in 1 cup boiling water, when cold add 1 teaspoon Rose water. If it makes the skin smart add a little more water but this is about right for ordinary use.

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VEGETABLE ROAST

Two cups bean pulp, 1 cup strained canned tomatoes, 3 eggs, 2 cups nuts chopped fine, ½ cup browned flour, salt to taste, celery salt gives better flavor, ¼ cream make into a loaf, put into a buttered pan and bake until brown. Serve with tomato sauce or slices of lemon.

MOLASSES PUDDING

Beat together 4 oz. of butter and 2 oz. of sugar until light and creamy.

Add 1 well beaten egg, ¼ teacup good molasses, ½ pound flour which must be gently folded in. Stir in enough slightly warmed sweet milk to make the mass soft then put in 1 teaspoon ground ginger and 1 heaping teaspoon baking powder. Beat well. Steam 2 hours in a well greased mold covered with greased paper. Serve at once.

RICE PUDDING

Soak ½ cup cold cooked rice in 1

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