About the House

TESTED RECIPES.

Almond Salad.—Chop and stone six olives, add half a cup blanched almonds chopped, also half a cup of tender celery cut fine. Mix with salad dressing and serve on lettuce leaves.

Noodles for Two.—One egg and water enough to fill half the shell, one-half teaspoon of salt and enough flour to make a stiff dough. Roll out thin, sprinkle with flour, roll and cut in fine strips and boil about ten minutes. Serve immediately.

Apple Butter.—Cook two parts apple and one part rhubarb until tender. Run all through colander. If set in the oven it will cook without spattering the stove. Sweeten with sugar and flavor with cinnamon. For grape butter take two parts seeded grapes and one part apple, run through colander. Apple gives a much better flavor to the grapes.

Fresh Cucumbers in Winter—Fill glass jars with cucumbers that have been slightly seasoned with salt. Remove all bubbles by passing a fork through them. Put the tops on the jars, turn them upside down, and let them stand for awhile as a test that there is no leakage. When put up in this manner cucumbers taste as fresh as if gathered right from the vines in summer time. Corn, string beans, and green peas are put up with the same success, and especially corn on the cob. It requires no cooking, and should be put up in cold water. It will last all winter, and be a surprise at the Christmas dinner.

Corn Cake.—A Southern corn cake recipe is a valuable addition to one's scrap book. Mix and sift three-fourths of a cupful of corn meal, one and one-fourth cupfuls of pastry flour, one-fourth of a cupful of sugar, one-half teaspoonful salt and five (level) teaspoonfuls of baking powder; add one cupful of milk, one egg well beaten and one and one-half tablespoonfuls of melted butter. Beat thoroughly, turn into a shallow buttered pan, and bake twenty-five minutes in a hot oven. Cut in squares and arrange on a bread plate. If a richer corn cake is liked, two tablespoonfuls of butter may be used.

Ice Cream Cones.—One-fourth of a cupful of butter, one-half of a cupful of powdered sugar, one fourth of a cupful of milk, seven-eighths of a cupful of flour, one-half teaspoonful of vanilla. Cream the butter, add the sugar, and cream them well together; then add the milk slowly and last add the flour and flavoring. Spread thin with a broad bladed knife on the bottom of a square or oblong tin. Bake until light brown, then cut in large squares and roll up, beginning at one corner, like a cornucopia. If the squares become too brittle to roll up, place them in the oven again to soften. The lower end must be pinched together.

Soup Cake Without Eggs.—Strain soup, let it stand five or ten minutes. With a tablespoon remove all grease, put it in a syrup or molasses can, next day remove the soup that settles at the bottom, put the can of grease back on the stove, pour cold water over it, and let it boil, next day pour off the water, and you have a clear shortening that you can use for cookies and spice cakes. Even if celery and tomatoes have been cooked in the soup you never detect it as the spices take that taste away. Eggless cake to use soup fat.—One cup brown sugar, one-half cup soup fat, one cup sour milk, one cup raisins, two cups flour, one teaspoon soda, dissolved in the milk, one teaspoon cinnamon, one-half teaspoon cloves, alspice and nutmeg.

Season's End Pickles.—One gallon cabbage, one gallon green tomatoes, one quart green beans, one head cauliflower, one quart hulled beans (lima,, kidney, or corn beans), 100 small pickles or one quart canned pickles, twelve large onions, one quart small onions, six carrots, 10 cents celery, 5 cents white mustard seed, three pounds brown sugar, two tablespoons black pepper, one gallon cider vinegar, salt to taste. Chop fine tomatoes, cabbage, large onions. Let remain in salt water over night. Cook cauliflower, carrots, beans, little onions until nearly done. Chop everything fine except the little pickles, little onions, and hulled beans. Cook twenty minutes and can. This makes twelve quarts and the best mixed pickle you ever ate.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

Extra Space for Clothes.—Pull the bedstead out from the wall or set it cornerwise and put hooks across the back of the headboard. Easily reached and does not show in the room.

Keep Shoelaces Tied.—To keep shoe laces from untying, lace up the shoe or oxford to the top, then take a damp cloth and rub over the ends of the laces or ribbon and tie in the usual bow, and they will stay tied all day.

Wax to Keep Stove Clean.—Save all pieces of beeswax. After day's work is done rub a little wax on top of stove with cloth. The heat will melt wax and will remove stains, and leave the stove bright and clean. Most excellent and simple.

How to Clean Knives.—A cork is good for cleaning knives, but better is to take a piece of raw potato and use this dipped into the scouring material. The juice of the potato has splendid qualities for this purpose besides keeping the scouring material always moist.

Trim Heels of New Shoes.—The sharp corners on the heels of new shoes are constantly catching in the skirt binding and tripping one. This may be prevented by taking a sharp knife and slightly rounding off both corners. It is easily done and does not affect the appearance of the heel. This not only saves the skirt binding but may prevent a serious fall.

For Husband's Clothes.—To save men's trousers cut a broomstick so it will fit under the lowest shelf in the clothes closet, cover with cotton batting about three or four thicknesses, then with black cambric and sew this down tight; make a loop on either end, tack two tacks on shelf in closet, so stick will hang about three or four inches down; fold men's and boys' trousers by creases and they will look like new every time by hanging them across the covered stick.

Keep Tablecloth Unmarked.—The most practical way to prevent hot dishes from marking your dining room table is to get a piece of table oil cloth, cut the size of your table, either round or square, put under your pad, and then your cloth on. And where a hot dish is placed on the table, you are sure there will be no mark. If at times you have to enlarge your table have the oil cloth split through the centre and that way it can be slipped to the ends and afford protection where most needed.

Shopping Bag.—Take a paper hat bag; get enough paper muslin (glazed) or unfinished cambric, a dark color or a light tan; make a bag a half inch narrower than the paper bag; put it inside the paper bag; let it come within one-half inch of the bottom and one and one-half inches from the top paste the cloth bag to the paper bag at the top. Then carry it in the hand the same as one would a new hat. A bag like this is not so conspicuous as a bag of this size would be if made of any other material.

How to Wash House Plants.—A neat housekeeper always dreads to wash her plants in the bath tub on account of the washing of the earth from the pots. This all can be averted by taking a piece of oilcloth, square or round, about twice the size of top of pot, cut a small hole in centre, and from one edge cut the oilcloth to the hole. Then wrap the cloth around stem of plant and lop over the edges that were cut and rest cloth on top of pot. Then turn on your spray and the leaves will be beautifully washed and no dirt removed or even wet. Try it.

Hang up Shoes.—A simple and convenient article for footwear, especially for those who like to have a place for everything. Take carpet binding, belting, or old suspenders, tack on inside of clothes closet, two feet from floor, six and one-half inches apart, with nine and one-half inches of belting between each space. This forms loops of the belting in which to place the shoes, rubbers, and slippers with toe down. Any convenient place can be used. This is convenient where there are children and saves time and worry for the tired mother.

Rapid changes of temperature are hard on the toughest constitution.

The conductor passing from the heated inside of a trolley car to the icy temperature of the platform—the canvasser spending an hour or so in a heated building and then walking against a biting wind—know the difficulty of avoiding cold.

Scott's Emulsion **strengthens the body so that it can better withstand the danger of cold from changes of temperature.**

It will help you to avoid taking cold.

ALL DRUGGISTS; 50c. AND $1.00.

A FARMER'S TRIALS.

Weak and Worn Out Through Overwork and Long Hours.

The farmer's life is always a hard one, but if he is weak or suffering it is almost unbearable. The hours are long and the work so hard that none but the strongest can stand it. An illustration of the fact of hard work on the system is given by Mr. Geo. Huntsberg, a farmer of Spry, Ont. He says:—"I have lived nearly all my life in the Bruce peninsula. I am a farmer and have always had my share of hard work and like a good many other men I thought there was no wear-out to my system. In this I was mistaken, for about a year and a half ago I began to go gradually down hill. I would tire at the least exertion, my appetite failed me; I had a severe pain in my side and around my heart. The doctor told me I was suffering from pernicious anaemia; that I was almost bloodless. I doctored for six months, but instead of improving I grew so weak that I could hardly move without assistance. I lost flesh till I was almost a skeleton. A friend from Stokes Bay told me of the great benefit she had derived from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and advised me to try them. My sister-in-law had also received great benefit from their use, so I decided to give them a trial. After using the pills about a month I began to gain strength and from that on I improved rapidly. New blood seemed to course through my veins; my appetite improved, the pain left my side and heart and I gained in weight. After using about a dozen boxes of the pills I was again enjoying the best of health. I have nothing but praise for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as they cured me after medical treatment had failed — I really believe they saved my life."

Good blood is the secret of health. Keep the blood pure and such diseases as anaemia, rheumatism, sciatica, indigestion, heart palpitation, eczema and the secret ills of women will not exist. The most perfect blood tonic and nerve restorer in the world is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Doings of Some of the Prominent People On the World's Stage.

Queen Alexandra is taller than King Edward. The Czar of Russia is much smaller than his beautiful consort, and the German Empress has a greater height than the Emperor. The King of Italy is known as one of the smallest rulers of his time, and scarcely reaches to the shoulders of the truly regal Montenegrin Princess whom he married about eleven years ago. The Queen of Portugal also is taller than King Carlos, and likewise the Queen of Denmark. Queen Louise is a Swede, and belongs to a nation of big people. The Queen of Roumania and the Queen of Spain also equal, if they do not exceed, their consorts in height.

Sir George Clerk is now in residence at Penicuik House, Edinburgh. As is the wont of Scotch baronets, he married the daughter of another baronet—the late Sir Robert Napier—and he holds his lands on a curious tenure. This obliges him to stand at the bend of a road near his house and blow three blasts on a horn if the Sovereign visits Edinburgh. And there are other landowners with similar rights or obligations. Major Houison-Craufurd holds the lands of Braehead on the understanding that if the King should happen to cross Cramond Brig, at the gates of his residence, he presents him with a silver basin filled with water in which to wash his hands. Then, should the Sovereign chance to visit Hopetoun House, Lord Linlithgow orders that the chains which stretch across the principal avenue should be lowered so that His Majesty may drive up the central approach.

The new Lord Dunmore is a keen soldier, and, with the exception of Lord Roberts, the only peer who holds the Victoria Cross. He has seen fire in Egypt, Afghanistan, and South Africa, and won his badge of valor in 1897. At the time of the Boer War he raised a troop, known as Fincastle's Horse, and found a novel method to teach his men horsemanship. He conceived the plan of making them ride up and down Arthur's Seat at Edinburgh, and after a few weeks at this his troopers became qualified to scale the stiffest kopjes in South Africa. Lord Dunmore is now the owner of South Harris, in the Hebrides, and he is intensely Scotch, and can both speak and write the Gaelic language. His marriage in 1904 made a happy end to a romantic attachment. He had been engaged for eight years to the beautiful Miss Kemble, whose home was in the Isle of Skye. The island folk watched this engagement with deep interest, and at the time of the marriage their gift took the form of a silver tripod, bearing the words, "We wish good luck to you, and no bad luck to you." This inscription was in Gaelic. Lord Dunmore is a handsome man, and has been tersely described as possessing "good looks, good manners, and a good heart."

A striking romance of trade is recalled by the announcement that a marriage is to take place between Miss Ethel Lewis and Mr. Jeffery Duveen, son of Mr. H. J. Duveen, principal of the famous firm of art dealers. By the wildest stretch of imagination one can scarcely picture a blacksmith becoming one of the world's greatest art connoisseurs. And yet Mr. H. J. Duveen, who not long ago paid over $20,000,000 for the famous Rudolphe Kann collection, began life as a blacksmith. Mr. Duveen was one of a number of young Dutch Jews who left their native land for England. Emigrating to Hull, he followed his trade, that of a blacksmith, for some time; but soon his faculty for getting on asserted itself. He went to London, and became associated with a Holborn firm of jewellers, educated himself, and mastered every detail of his work. Eventually he and his brother established the business in Bond Street, which has become famous all over the world.

As a rule when Queen Alexandra is in Denmark she and her sister, the Dowager-Empress of Russia, with Princess Victoria, all go on great fishing expeditions to Lake Esrom. The Queen always uses a small light rod and the smallest fly, while Princess Victoria uses a heavier make. The more practical Princess Royal uses a hickory-wood rod, and she has designed an excellent fishing lure, which she has named the "Mar Lodge" fly. The Princess is the most expert angler in the Royal family, and beats even her father, the King, and the Prince of Wales in playing a salmon. Her favorite ground is just above the Linn of Dee, where she lands salmon which usually weigh from 10lb. to 12lb. apiece; but her finest record was two or three years ago, when she creeled two salmon weighing together over 80lb.

His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, who is now making a somewhat extended tour on the Continent, Europe, possesses a wonderful personality, and is in many ways one of the most remarkable of living rulers. He is a splendid linguist, speaking every European language with ease and fluency, German, perhaps, best of all, since he was educated at Vienna. At his receptions in Cairo it is nothing unusual for him to converse alternately in German, French, English, Arabic and Turkish. One of the most striking characteristics of the Khedive is his wonderfully retentive memory. He never forgets a face or a name, and is credited with having admitted, only a short time ago, that tabulated on his mind are the names, occupations, nationalities, and circumstances of the many hundreds who have shaken hands with him in the reception-room of the Abdin Palace, so that without hesitation he can greet each one by name and in his guests own language on meeting him again, no matter how long after the first introduction.

It is difficult to say how many thrones the Russian Emperor has. The three chief ones are those at the Imperial Palace and the Winter Palace at St. Petersburg, and in the Kremlin at Moscow. This last was a present to the Czar Alexis in 1660 from the Shah of Persia. It is entirely covered with thick plates of gold set with precious stones and alternating with plaques of ivory, chiselled in high relief. The fact and date of the presentation are recorded in an inscription on the back of the throne. Just above are glistening double-headed eagles of Russia, with angels on either side supporting the imperial crown. In the Imperial Palace at St. Petersburg the throne stands in an alcove of the marble throne room, with a wide stretching canopy with thick gold cords and deep fringes of gold embroidery. On the curtains behind are embroidered the arms of the Romanoffs surmounted by the crown, with a curious star-shaped border all around. Three wide steps lead up to the throne.

A WARNING TO MOTHERS.

There are unscrupulous dealers who for the sake of trifling gain are willing to sacrifice the health—perhaps the lives—of little ones. This is proved by the fact that there are a number of imitations of Baby's Own Tablets offered. The mother can protect her child by seeing that the full name Baby's Own Tablets and the four-leaf clover with child's head on each leaf, is found on the outside wrapper around every box. Do not take anything else, as you may endanger your child's life. If you cannot get the genuine Tablets from your dealer send 25 cents to The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and get a box by mail post paid.

VERY TRUE, BUT—

"Oh, dear!" exclaimed the society woman, "I feel so wretched, and this is my receiving day, too. I do hope no one will call, for I'll be in misery all the time."

"Well," remarked her husband, facetiously, "I always understood that 'misery loves company.'"

JUST A DIG.

Nell—I don't see why you call her spiteful. I thought she was paying you a compliment.

Belle—Oh! you don't know her!

Nell—Why, didn't she tell you you were looking quite yourself again?

Belle—She said quite my "old self," with the accent on the adjective.

IDEAL JUSTCE.

"Sammy," said a mother recently to her youngest born, "when you divided those seven pieces of candy with your brother, did you give him four?"

"No, ma'am," replied Sammy. "I knew they wouldn't come out even, so I ate one before I began to divide."

HARD FISTED.

"He's almost as wealthy as you are, isn't he?" asked Jigley. "Yes," replied Richley, "but he's awfully tight-chested." "Why, he said he'd give fifty dollars to that charity if you would." "Exactly; that just shows that he doesn't expect to contribute at all."

THE REAL THING.

Little Willie—"What is laughter, pa?"

Pa—"Laughter, my son, is the sound that man hears when his hat blows off and rolls in the mud."

Clouds come high, but we must have them.

THOUSANDS TRY THIS

HOME-MADE MIXTURE SAID TO BE CURING RHEUMATISM.

The Philadelphia and New York Newspapers Print Simple Prescription Which Cures Thousands.

Some remarkable stories are being told in the large Eastern dailies of this simple home-made mixture curing Rheumatism and Kidney trouble even after the noted health resorts failed. Here is the recipe and directions for taking. Mix by shaking well in a bottle one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon, three ounces Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Take as a dose one teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime.

No change need be made in your usual diet, but drink plenty of good water.

This mixture, writes one authority in a leading Philadelphia newspaper, has a peculiar tonic effect upon the kidneys; cleansing the clogged-up pores of the eliminative tissues, forcing the kidneys to sift and strain from the blood the uric acid and other poisonous waste matter, overcoming Rheumatism, Bladder and Urinary troubles in a short while.

A Toronto druggist who has had hundreds of calls for these ingredients since the first announcement in the newspapers last October stated that the people who once try it, "swear by it," especially those who have Urinary and Kidney trouble and suffer with Rheumatism.

Any druggist can supply the ingredients, which are easily mixed at home. There is said to be no better blood-cleansing agent or system tonic known, and certainly none more harmless or simple to use.

ZONES OF SILENCE.

Parts of the Ocean Where Ships Are Deaf and Dumb.

The news that the Deutschland, in the course of a recent voyage to New York, encountered off the Banks of Newfoundland an aerial zone of silence wherein other vessel's syren's were as inaudible to her as were hers to them, has served to direct attention anew to one of the most puzzling problems of maritime accoustics.

That such zones exist has long been known to scientists, and the danger they constitute to navigation may be inferred when it is understood that their effect is to at once render deaf and dumb any vessel entering them.

In this way many good ships have been sent to the bottom. The great French liner La Bourgoyne for instance, and the British ship Stella. The former collided with the British barque Cromartyshire, neither ship hearing the other's syren, although both were being sounded continuously, with the result that 545 lives were lost. In the latter case the unfortunate steamer ran full tilt on to the dreaded Casquet Rocks, off Alderney, although warning foghorns were loudly sounding close to her. Of this there was abundant evidence, as was there also that no one on board heard them. She had run into a zone of silence, and she paid the penalty.

Attempts have been made to show that these silent zones remain constant, but this is doubtful, although they undoubtedly affect some parts of the ocean more than others. Thus the fog-horn at the Lizard has been several times reported as being heard, and then again unheard, by vessels approaching the land, although inquiry has subsequently elicited that it has all the while been duly and uniformly sounded. And the phenomenon has even, upon occasion, been repeated over and over again, proving that not only one silent zone, but several, have been passed through by the incoming ship, each lying parallel to the other, and separated by belts of ordinary sound-carrying atmosphere.—Pearson's Weekly.

ON TRIAL.

Mr. Wiggles, who has a polite way of being rude to persons who deserve it, was paid a visit the other morning by an undesirable, who usually broke into Wiggles's privacy regardless of all etiquette.

This morning, however, owing to the mat being occupied by a large dog, he paused and knocked.

"Walk right in," called Wiggles. "Don't mind the dog."

"But will he bite?" was asked cautiously.

"That's what I want to find out," was the reply. "I only bought him yesterday."

"A SPLENDID PRESCRIPTION.

An eminent physician informs us that he has used the following prescription in his practice for a number of years, and found it very successful in the treatment of Kidney, Liver, Bladder, and all Urinary affections. He claims that a very few doses will relieve the most severe pains in the back, arising from disordered kidneys and impure blood: One ounce of sweet spirits of nitre, one ounce of Vimosa Compound, and four ounces of syrup of rhubarb. These ingredients can be obtained at any reliable drug store. It should be taken in dessertspoonful doses after meals and at bedtime in water. It is unsurpassed for the cure of rheumatism, driving the uric acid entirely from the system. The ingredients are inexpensive and harmless, and can be given to children with safety.