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VEGETABLE RECIPES.

Potatoes and Onions.—One-half dozen medium sized potatoes. Wash them thoroughly. Don't peel. Take one-half dozen onions about the same size as potatoes. Place the potatoes in a fairly hot oven. Place the onions in the oven about five or ten minutes after the potatoes. Cook both until they have assumed the proper degree of softness. Remove them from the oven. Cut up the potatoes, allowing the peelings to remain. Take off the outside cover of the onions, cut them up, and mix them thoroughly with the potatoes. Now add a quantity of olive oil, sufficient to moisten the entire mixture. Salt to taste. The above is sufficient for two or three persons.

Stuffed Cabbage.—Take a nice, solid head of white cabbage and hollow out the center, leaving a shell about two inches thick. Now take one pound of lean beef (round steak will do), lay on meat board, and scrape fine every bit of it.

Mix with this two good sized onions sliced, two slices of dry bread grated fine, pepper and salt, and four eggs, and fill your cabbage shell. Close top with loose cabbage leaves, fold in cheesecloth, and tie carefully with string. Plunge into a kettle of boiling salted water and boil two hours. Take out, remove cheesecloth, place the cabbage on a baking tin, and baste the top with butter.

Set in oven to brown delicately. Make a sauce of cream, thickened with a little flour and seasoned with butter, pepper, and salt. Take cabbage from oven, place on platter, and garnish with parsley. Send to table with baked potatoes and the cream sauce.

Vegetable Soup.—Get a good soup bone, cover with cold water, and let boil for one hour. Take one small head of cabbage, one onion, three potatoes, two carrots, and a small stalk of celery. Put these vegetables through a food grinder and add to the meat, with two tablespoonfuls of rice. Season with pepper and salt and let boil for another hour, then add one-half can corn, one-half can peas, and one-half cup tomatoes. Let boil until thoroughly mixed and thicken with one cup of flour mixed with one egg.

MEATS.

To Warm Over Meat.—Place your kettle protector in a skillet or kettle, putting in enough hot water to almost cover it. On the protector place the meat and, having covered the kettle tightly, let it steam till thoroughly heated. Having removed the meat to a platter, make a gravy by adding thickening to the stock left in the kettle. You will find that this method makes the meat much more tender than when first cooked.

To Preserve Hams.—Scald a stone jar until sweet, trim ham as for cooking; put layer in jar, pressing firmly down with a potato masher; continue until within four inches of the top of jar; fill with hot, sweet lard.

Pot Roast.—Purchase beef suitable for pot roast, lay in an iron pot, with salt and pepper, and four tablespoons of vinegar, an onion and carrot diced fine. Cover with boiling water, cooking slowly for two or more hours, or until meat is well done. Then heat a skillet hot, adding a few tablespoons of choice butter. Lay meat in the same searing on all sides. Put roast back in pot, making a brown gravy by adding flour to the butter in the skillet and the gravy in which the meat was cooked, with a small measure of tomato catsup and some mushrooms, if liked. Serve with mashed potatoes and Yorkshire pudding.

VALUABLE HINTS.

A half-tablespoonful or so of vinegar put in the pan with stewing meat will make the toughest meat tender.

An alarm clock "set" to the minute when a joint, etc., placed in the oven will be cooked saves the cook a lot of worry.

A little vinegar put in the frying pan and then boiled up on the stove removes the odor of fish or onions from the utensil.

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Where the Winters are Cold and the Snows Deep.

Writing from the vicinity David Harum made famous, a man says that he was an habitual coffee drinker, and, although he knew it was doing him harm, (Tea is equally harmful, because it contains caffeine—the same drug found in coffee) was too obstinate to give it up, till all at once he went to pieces with nervousness and insomnia, loss of appetite, weakness, and a generally used-up feeling, which practically unfitted him for his arduous occupation, and kept him on a couch at home when his duty did not call him out.

"While in this condition Grape-Nuts food was suggested to me and I began to use it. Although it was in the middle of winter and the thermometer was often below zero, almost my entire living for about six weeks of severe exposure was on Grape-Nuts food with a little bread and butter and a cup of hot water, till I was wise enough to make Postum my table beverage.

"After the first two weeks I began to feel better and during the whole winter I never lost a trip on my mail route, frequently being on the road 7 or 8 hours at a time.

"The constant marvel to me was how a person could do the amount of work and endure the fatigue and hardship as I did, on so small an amount of food. But I found my new rations so perfectly satisfactory that I have continued them—using both Postum and Grape-Nuts at every meal, and often they comprise my entire meal.

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SOME VARIOUS FORMS OF PREFERRED SHARES.

How They Differ From Each Other—Important Points for the Investor Contemplating Stock Investments to Know—How Debenture Stock is Not Stock at all as We Understand the Term.

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Like many other good things—and bad—there is more than one kind of preferred stock. There is, of course, the ordinary preferred and cumulative preferred stock referred to last week, but there is also a preferred stock which has the advantages of common stock as well as those of preferred stock. Such a stock, for example, is "participating" preferred stock. In the case of the "Soo" railway stocks (Soo being an abreviation for Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie) the preferred shares are "participating." The preferred stock qualifies for its seven per cent. dividends before the common can receive any return; but after the common has received seven per cent. any further profits which might be divided among the shareholders must go to preferred and common shareholders alike. In other words, after the common shareholders receive the same return as the preference shareholders the preference shareholders "participate" in the surplus profits of the company. This is in many ways a very satisfactory form of investment, as it adds to the safety of the preference share the prospects of appreciation (that is the speculative element) that attaches to the common.

Still another form of preferred share which has many of the advantages of the participating share is the "convertible" preferred share. For illustration, let us take that of the F. N. Burt Company, which is listed and well-known on the Toronto Stock Exchange, and whose annual report has recently appeared in this paper. In this case the preferred stock bears 7 per cent. dividends, which must be paid before the common can receive any return. So soon, however, as the shareholder desires, he may turn into the company his preferred shares and receive from them an equal number of shares of common stock.

Not a very sensible exchange, you say: Certainly not, when the common bears a four or five per cent. dividend; but suppose, instead, it were eight or ten per cent. Then, of course, by the simple process of exchanging the shares the old 7 per cent. preferred may be converted into 8 or 10 per cent. common with a corresponding increase in income, though, of course, not of market price, as the fact that the preferred shares are convertible will prevent any great divergence in the market quotations for the two classes of stock.

There is also preference stock which carries voting power, and which has the right to elect certain members to the board, and there are other ingenious kinds of preferred shares calculated to attract the investor who wants a certain amount of safety coupled with a little speculation.

Of an entirely different class, however, is the security known as "debenture stock," which, as part of its name implies, is more in the nature of a bond, though as a general rule, and as sometimes may be inferred by the use of the term in the name, is perpetual. This fact and the fact that it may be subdivided and must be registered in the name of the owner, constitutes the chief similarity between this class of security and a share. If, however, through any cause the debenture stock's interest is in default, the mortgage under which it is secured—for it is in this manner nothing but a special form of bond—will be foreclosed and the holders of the debenture stock will be repaid, as if they were holders of the ordinary mortgage bonds. So debenture stock should not be confused with shares, for the difference between the two is quite as great, if not quite so apparent owing to confusion of names, as between bonds and shares.

These complete the common forms of shares and stocks, and, although one may find many other variations, if one looks hard enough they are by no means usual or important, being chiefly alterations in name rather than form.

INVESTOR.

(The next few articles will be devoted to the discussion of various classes of shares, such as bank, railroad, public service, industrial and navigation.)

BEFORE HOUSE CLEANING.

To make house-cleaning easy, I find a great deal depends on what you do before that time, writes a housekeeper. I plan in March, or as soon thereafter as possible to do my white sewing. All the belongings in this line are looked over to see what is needed. Then I buy what muslin, bleached or unbleached, is wanted, stockings, handkerchiefs, etc. I cut up all old white garments and make rolls of old white cloth, and the old towels and napkins that are past service are also made into rolls. When house-cleaning time comes, I know just where to find my cleaning cloths. If I need new covers on my sofa pillows I make them but do not put them on until my rooms are all cleaned. If any chairs need new covers, or windows new curtains, I also attend to them. Later on, as soon as a room is cleaned, you have your material right at hand to freshen the furnishings.

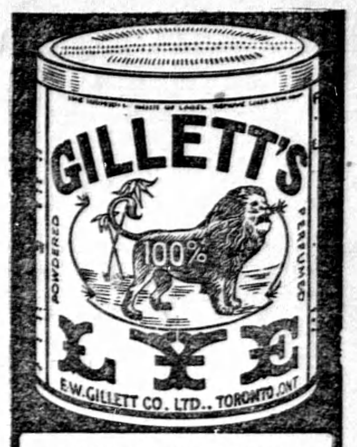
Don't forget the bedding. If anything needs washing, that should be done first; if any part is worn, repair; if the binding or lining is worn, put on new; if the ribbon on the flannel blanket is worn, rip it off and bind with light-colored chambray or gingham cut on the bias.

Pick up all odds and ends of cloth you don't want to piece, give to some old lady that enjoys that kind of work, or tear them into rags for hit and miss rugs or a carpet.

I look over all under-skirts and after putting them in good order, I examine all the home dresses. Perhaps some are hardly worth mending, but if they are good enough for house-cleaning, repair them, and they will save your good ones. After the home dresses are made good, don't fail to have a good supply of long wide-work aprons. Look over the best of your wardrobe, but don't attempt to work at those until after cleaning is done. You will now have plenty of time to think and plan what you will need to do, or, if you hire it done, engage some one now to do it. Then all closets, drawers and boxes should be thoroughly cleaned and straightened.

When shopping, I try to think of the things I will need at house-cleaning time—tacks, paper for pantry shelves, new brooms, cans of paint for chairs and floors, not forgetting porch floors, paint brushes, stains for floor or furniture, etc. By this time I feel as though I was ready and wanted to begin. I take one room at a time, setting apart one clear day to hang out clothing, and another day for cleaning and airing all bedding.

Towels should never be put away without being thoroughly aired, because without this precaution a mould called "odium" forms on them. This mould is injurious to the skin.



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