



About the House

PIGEONS FOR THE BOYS.

About two years ago I was surprised to overhear my oldest son, aged twelve, tell his younger brother that as soon as he was old enough he was going to the city. This set me thinking. I talked to him and tried to get his view on farm life. He soon made me realize that he was a very ambitious child and that he did not consider the farm a good place to make money. I do not wonder at his attitude for no pains had been taken to encourage him in individual effort. We are the owners of a hundred-acre farm, yet neither of the children owned a plot of land or an animal. They had their regular work, allowance and hours for recreation but they had no hope of profit from any enterprise, exclusively their own. "Why," I said to myself, "should our boys be excluded from share in enterprises which, when they are grown, will probably be their greatest impulse to success?"

I therefore made up my mind that we well could afford our sons some constructive opportunity that would soon convince them that they could make money at home. I talked the subject over with my husband and we decided on pigeons. We had none on the farm and we reasoned that something new would be more interesting to the boys and we were right. When we presented them with six pairs of pigeons and an acre of land as their very own, their joy was too great for words.

They went to work the next morning making a pigeon house in an unused shed and we were surprised to see how heartily they carried the work through. The simple fact was that their sympathies were enlisted in a cause exclusively their own and they kept at work as diligently as if they expected to get rich by it.

The boys' acre was sown to grain for the pigeons' rations and the boys required little assistance in harvesting it. At the age of six months, the pigeons began to pair and the flock kept increasing.

BASHFUL JACK'S SLING.

Jack was unfortunate enough to break his arm, and being at the bashful age, refused to stir out of the house with his unsightly white bandages that shouted his injury loudly at every one he met. Finally, Jack's mother thought of a remedy for his trouble. She made a dark-colored sling out of an old silk skirt.

The edges of the yard-square sling were neatly hemmed on the sewing machine. The sling was then folded into a triangle and was ready for use. The forearm was placed in the centre of the sling and the outer end of the sling was carried over the arm and at the back of the neck. The inner side of the triangle was carried up between the arm and the chest and to the back of the neck, where it met

the other end and was tied behind Jack's collar, first being adjusted as to length for it to be entirely comfortable.

The third point of the sling was then folded around the elbow in such a way that it gave support and kept the elbow from sagging and was pinned in place with safety pins. The pins were black to be as unobtrusive as possible.

With his dark sling partly concealed by his coat, Jack went forth into the world again without fear of being noticeable and strange, a thing a boy never wishes to be.

A PRETTY FROCK FOR MANY OCCASIONS.



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RELIABLE RECIPES.

Cheese-Cake is seasonable. To make, add one egg to one cupful of fresh cottage-cheese, beat until smooth, then add one-half cupful of sugar and a piece of butter the size of a walnut, or one-half cupful of rich cream. Flavor with vanilla, or nutmeg. Line a pie plate with nice pie-crust, fill with the cheese mixture and bake without a top crust.

Strawberry Delight is well named. Crush ripe strawberries through a

sieve, cut marshmallows into quarters and soak in the strawberry juice for one hour. When ready to serve mix lightly with very cold whipped cream, place in individual glasses, and garnish with a whole strawberry. Serve with sponge cake.

Strawberry Rice requires one-half cupful of rice, one and one-quarter cupfuls of butter, two cupfuls of milk, one box strawberries, one-half teaspoonful of salt. Wash rice and cook in the milk until soft, adding one-quarter cupful of sugar and the salt. Remove the cover and allow the mixture to thicken. Pick over, wash and mash the strawberries. Add one-third cupful of sugar, and set in warm place for a couple of hours in order to extract the juice. Make a hard sauce of the butter and remaining sugar and, when ready to serve, stir the strawberries into it. Have the rice steaming hot and serve with it a generous helping of the sauce.

Rhubarb Conserve is delicious. It requires three pounds of rhubarb cut into pieces, three oranges, three pounds of sugar, three-quarters of a cupful of water, one pound of raisins, one-half pound of shelled nuts (if desired). Wash and slice the oranges, including the rind, wash the raisins and seed, then chop the nuts. Mix the ingredients and boil slowly for about three-quarters of an hour. Pour hot into jars and seal at once.

ROACHES HAVE GYPSY NATURE.

That roaches have a gypsy nature is declared by R. L. Webster, entomologist.

"In towns roaches may move from house to house," said Mr. Webster. "They have even been known to leave one house in large numbers and migrate to another. But whether they enter in bands or singly they are a pest that is especially repulsive."

They are probably the most annoying of common insects, according to Mr. Webster, and some time in the history of nearly every home they make their appearance and cause the housewife no end of trouble.

Damp localities, such as the neighborhood of the kitchen sink, is their favorite habitat. They are night prowlers and usually remain hidden during the daytime. Roaches may be recognized by their brown or black color and their size, which is usually a half inch or more in length. Their flat bodies are well fitted for hiding away in cracks under baseboards.

Roaches reproduce by means of eggs and the young roach is similar in appearance to the mature forms, excepting in size and in the absence of wings that indicate the full grown insect.

"Probably the most effective method of controlling roaches is by the use of sodium fluoride," Mr. Webster explained. "This is a white powder that may be purchased at almost any drug store. The powder should be dusted in liberal quantities into all locations in the house frequented by the insects, especially in pantries and under sinks. Sodium fluoride should never come in contact with any foodstuffs, however, since it is poisonous."

"On the market there are a number of preparations for the control of cockroaches. Many of these contain borax or boric acid, which may be purchased as such from the druggist and applied in the same manner as the sodium fluoride previously mentioned."

Any treatment for cockroaches must be continued for several weeks, if success is to be attained. Persistence is necessary, regardless of whatever measure is used against these troublesome insects. Special care should be taken never to allow bread crumbs or other food of any description to remain exposed about the house, since this encourages the insect.



Blinding to the Eyes.
"You scarcely notice him when he's with his wife."
"She's dazzlingly brilliant, that's true."

Her Fad.
"How come Claudine looks so cheery while the rest of you girls appear tired and strained?" asked a supper customer in the rapid-fire restaurant.
"She wears shoes that are big enough to be easy instead of fashionable," replied Heloise, the head waitress. "She always was a crank."

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EASY TRICKS Four Kings



The four kings are taken from a pack of cards and displayed. One king is placed in the pack, which is held face down, near the bottom. Another is placed near the centre. A third is placed near the top and the last is placed on the top. The cards are now cut, the lower portion being placed on the top. The trickster holds the cards behind his back for a moment. When he brings the cards in view again, the trick is done. He asks a spectator to examine the cards. The four kings are found together near the middle of the pack. A familiar stunt of the magician is used to accomplish the trick. The four kings are held in the form of a fan when they are displayed. Behind them, three queens are hidden. The fan is closed. The top card, apparently a king but really a queen, is placed in the lower portion of the pack. The last card (really the four kings) is placed on the top of the pack and the cards are cut. Putting the cards behind the back is a little misdirection as the trick would be a trifle too wonderful to be believed if the spectators were given nothing to lead them to believe that there was some manipulation of the cards to bring about the result.

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Wireless Electricity.

Effective transmission of electrical power without wires is said to be almost within reach. No small part of the promise of the new invention is its possible use in war to explode an enemy's magazines, blow up his warships and turn his ammunition dumps into death and destruction for those who are near them. Science may thus make it more dangerous for a country to have the usual means of carrying on war than to lack them.

Builds Nest in Bee Hive.

The ruddy kingfisher, a bird native of Borneo, makes its nest in the hive of a vicious kind of bee.

DONALD KIRKE GIVES TANLAC FULL CREDIT

Popular Actor Says Medicine Completely Overcame Stomach Trouble and Nervousness.

That Montreal play-goers are literally packing their Orpheum Theatre at every performance is at once a tribute to the high standard of the entertainment offered and to the finished artistry of the famous Duffy stock players, not the least popular of whom is Donald Kirke.

Mr. Kirke is not only a favorite on the legitimate stage but is a screen player of note, and it is a further tribute to his consummate acting that, even while tortured with stomach trouble, nervousness and other ills, he kept "on with the play" day in and day out until he found relief by taking TANLAC. As he says:

"My stomach had almost failed me and I wonder now how I ever kept up, I ate so little. Nights I would toss and turn for hours in nervousness; piercing sick headaches made me suffer agony, and at times on the stage I was so nervous, weak and trembly that I could hardly remember my lines.

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