ABOUT THE KITCHEN.

When planning the new home as much thought should be given to the errangement of the kitchen as to the more pretentious parts of the house. It is very surprising how many badly arranged kitchens may be seen upon our farms; and this is often the cause of so much ill health among house-

wives. When one considers the number of steps necessary to take every day in order to keep the domestic machinery running smoothly, one can realize how ed already to try it. I know whoever economy of space and a careful regard for arrangements will aid materially in saving the strength and health of the busy housewife.

In the first place the kitchen should nished.

near the window where one may sit and butter, then alternately the while paring potatoes, shelling peas potatoes and milk. Add also a pinch and performing other duties of like nature. Then, too, this low chair will Beat five minutes, then pour in pans be handy when one must watch some- lined with paste, and bake quickly. thing that is cooking on the stove.

possible and is a plan that should be more generally adopted.

The stove should be set conveniently near the sink and the sink should be near the pantry so that as many steps may be saved as possible. And a word about these sinks. How many we see that are so low that one is compelled to bend far over when working at them. This can easily be remedied, done. some rainy day, by the use of a few boards and nails and a willing husband; and it will only require a little time.

Husbands, as a rule, like to do little tasks such as this, in order to make things easier for their wives, but the thought probably never occurs to them and the wife hesitates to speak if it, for "John is always so busy." If possible have running water in the sink or an easy working pump.

floor in the kitchen. Not necessarily a hardwood floor, but a smooth one kept nicely painted or, better yet, covered with neat oilcloth carpeting, which can now be purchased so cheaply. What saving of strength this will make, as keeping the floor scrubbed is one of the hardest tasks the housewife has to perform.

The pantry should be large enough so that the baking table may be placed in it, or if you are building a new have a stationary table made with flour bin, drawers, etc. However, we are not all building new houses and the pine table must do, but with hooks placed over it for spoons, beaters, dispatch the weekly baking.

What a difference there is in the way some go about getting a meal pressed into service and when the meal is finally prepared the kitchen really looks like a cyclone had struck it. How different with the systematic housekeeper. Everything has its proper place and is put away as soon as used. If possible the utensils are washed at once; everything is done in an orderly manner, and the meal is ready in just as short a time without half the confusion.

Newspapers placed on the kitchen table will save lots of scouring and they can be doubled up and put in the stove when they become soiled. Heavy crash stove cloths should made and used for lifting things from the stove or opening the oven doors, instead of using the dish cloth of apron as so many do.

Do not try to get along in the summer time without an oil stove of some kind. Count this a necessity rather than a luxury and do without something else if needs be. Gasoline stoves are certainly a blessing to overburdened housewives and should be in svery household.

Last, but by no means least, have a wall pocket conveniently near the rocking chair, where the late papers and magazines may be kept. Many a spare moment may be profitably employed in this way and many a lesson may be learned while the kettle boils.

NOVEL AND DELICIOUS CAKE.

I want to tell about a most delicious cake concoction I have lately encountered for the first time, says a writer for the benefit of those who have not met it as yet. It is just the right thing for serving at this season at a strong—blue-coated—arm of the law is not afraid to tell me what it thinks A Possible Sequel—If you should buy spirits. companiment to iced tea or coffee, or, his protection." in fact, whatever cake would be grateful. It certainly is a dream of a cake!

on which it is served. The mixture for the cake may be made from any good rich chocolate cake receipt-we all have our particular favorites, and they are all alike in general principles consisting of a good sponge cake mixture, with melted chocolate added towards the end of the stirring to give the necessary flavor and richness. When kind which penetrates into the cake as well as covering the outside. And that fills the hole inside of the ring of cake. While simple enough to make and prepare, the combination of the cream is really ideal, and I most certainly advise any one who has not tastdoes will want to do so the second

SWEET POTATOES.

Potato Custard .- One quart potatoes; be light and airy, and as it is neces- boiled and mashed fine; six eggs; three sary to spend so many hours each day cups sugar; one cup butter; two cups in it, it should be comfortably fur- sweet milk; rind and juice of three lemons. Beat the eggs very light, A low rocking chair should be placed whites and yolks together; add sugar of salt, then the grated yellow rinds of the lemons, and last of all the juice.

Potato Pie.-Like the famous little A high chair should also be provided girl, when good it is very good indeed, to be used when ironing or washing and when bad, horrid. Before underdishes. Some will say they consider it taking it, it is well to understand that a lazy habit, this sitting down to per- next to a crab apple, a sweet potato is form household tasks, but such is not the hardest thing to sweeten. Peel the case. It shows, rather, good com- and cut in quarter-inch slices a quart mon sense to save one's self whenever of potatoes, cook them until done, with one pint of very strong ginger tea, three cups of sugar, a generous cup of butter, and plenty of lemon-peel. Stew gently, so the slices will not break. Line a deep pie dish with good paste rolled a quarter of an inch thick. Fill the dish with the potatoes, and their syrup to within a long inch of the top; cover with a crust, and cut a cross in the middle of it. Turn back each corner of the cross, and cook at a steady heat until the pastry

Potato Pudding.—Peel and grate your potatoes upon a very coarse grater. To a quart grated, take six eggs, a large cup of butter, three heaping cups of sugar, a cup of cream, a cup of milk and the juice and rind of a lemon. Beat the eggs very light, with the sugar and butter, add the potatoes, then the milk and cream, a little at a time. Put in the lemon rind-grated-and the juice last of all Pour the mixture in a deep dish, and It is very essential to have a good set in a hot oven. When it has crusted over the top, stir the crust down, so another may form. Do this twice. Serve very hot with plenty of sour life

Potao Cheese Cakes.—Beat very light the yolks of twelve eggs, with one pound of butter, one pound of sugar, the juice and grated rind of three lemons. Set the mixture over hot water, and add, beating all the while, a quart of grated raw potato. Line patty pans with puff paste, and fill with the butter. Bake quickly, and made from the whites of the eggs.

Sweet Potato Coffee. - Cut raw cutters, strainers, etc., and the flour potatoes in small dice, let them dry barrel close at hand, one can quickly for six hours, then roast and grind like the genuine article. Is palatable if used alone. Mixed with one-third Everything is dropped just where it real coffee, can hardly be told from is used; every dish in the kitchen is the best Java. A useful substitute in cases where real coffee has an ill ef- for one hour beneath a diadem. Charfect on the nerves.

DELICIOUS CHOCOLATES.

Grate or shave two squares of bitter chocolate, shown by the tiny dividing marks on the large cake, place same and sugar to a smooth paste; then wife for a diadem. add one cup of boiling water, stirring well, and three cups of hot milk.

Just before serving, remove the top of the double boiler and place it directcome to a boil. Remove from the fire and add a well beaten egg, beating it in vigorously with the egg beater.

THE ABBEY CAT.

"Westminster Abbey," says an English contemporary, "possesses an ecclesiastical cat, which-it is to be presumed, in the absence of authority to the contrary-catches the ecclesiastial mice, a meager diet, indeed, if the adage respecting the church mouse be parrot saying?" trustworthy. The cloisters are his favorite haunts, but he occasionally makes a sort of appearance in public life by taking a promenade in the abbey yard adjoining Victoria street. It | insist." would not be an exaggeration to say that his mien is deanlike, though with-It was a revelation of what a cake can al affable to all who offer tokens of rethe parrot said, 'Go along, you ugly be, and good enough to venture giving spect-caresses or the like-in a proper old woman." spirit. He may be said to be 'known to the police,' but only in a favorable she said: "Well, I am glad there is at I don't converge to the police agreet favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life. His man of the police is a great favorite in social life.

IN NEW GUINEA.

One of the most brilliant women in hot rich chocolate cake and the whipped liles possessing greater riches than the Cadogans. With beauty, birth and an enormous income it was hardly to be wondered at that this favorite of fortune should take the leading posi-Ition in royal society. The Princess of Wales is especially fond Lady Scott, and her name almost invariably appears in the list of those guests whom the princess may desire invited to the private houses where royalty is to be entertained.

An English magazine relates an incident in the life of the Princess Wales which shows how accuracy and thoroughness were the means of avoiding a possible catastrophe. The princess is an enthusiastic photographer, and with her daughter, the Princess Victoria, is in the habit of taking pictures of the scenery, people and animals in and about Sandringham. The princess also develops and mounts her own photographs. Several months since while in the park, she took a snap-shot of the railroad-bridge at Wolferton while a freight train was passing, When the picture was printed she observed a slight curve in the bridge. She went to the place from which she had taken it and carefully inspected the structure. There was no such curve in it perceptible. "I held the camera at a wrong angle, no doubt," she said, and waiting until another train crossed took another picture, developed and printed it. Again the depression appeared at the same point in the bridge. She carried the picture anxiously to the Prince of Wales, who sent for the superintendent of the railroad. enquiry it was found that the engineer of the train had perceived a vibrating motion when crossing the bridge. It was examined, found unsafe and condemned. The persistence of the princess in seeking to make a perfect photograph and the intelligence that noted the slight deflection probably prevented a catastrophe, and a possible loss of

The question was recently asked "How did the French come into Sicily?" The answer is not to the credit of womankind. At an entertainment held at a French court Beatrice, Countess of Savoy, and wife of Charles of Anjon, the brother of Louis IX. of France. was removed from the superior range either frost, or cover with meringue, of seats occupied by her two younger sisters, the Queen of France and the Queen of England. Mortified by the humiliation, she returned to her apartments and burst into tears. learning the cause of her chagrin, and eron. her saying that she would be willing to give her life to confine her tresses Street last evening I heard an old lady les embraced her affectionately and said: "Set your heart at rest, countess for before long I will make you a greater queen than either of your sisters." He defeated Manfred, the last of the Norman kings, and caused Conradino, the greatgrandson of Emperor neighbors! she exclaimed. They shall with four tablespoonfuls of sugar and Frederick to be mercilessly slain, he four tablespoonfuls of hot water into himself and Beatrice witnessing the the top of the double boiler, the lower scene. Upon the death of his brother part to contain boiling water. Cook Charles became King of Naples, thus until you have stirred the chocolate fulfilling the cherished desire of his

ly on the stove and let the mixture plain. A private passage connects the bumper-Well you know a word to the chaplain's study with the queen's apartments, and she frequently repairs there to consult him on important matters. One day, says the Ladies' Home Journal, as the queen was returning to her apartments after an inin a cross tone of voice from its cage in the passageway. Failing to understand the sounds, the queen turned to the chaplain and asked: "What is the

With much embarrassment he re plied: "If you please, your majesty, I should rather not repeat it."

The chaplain bowed low and made answer: "Since your majesty insists,

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collections and to take meteorologi- thing e'es.

observations. Miss I inco, a st, will be in the party, and conchology and anthropology will be studied. They intend to visit the New Hebrides, the Friendly islands and other groups.

What a popular actress may spend son was Lady Margaret Scott, the in hats is not known to the world. daughter of Lady Cadogan. Lady Scott Mile. Jane Pierny of the Folies Draon which it is served, and then cover- is a handsome woman, with dark hair matiques, Paris, who is at present fuled with a rich chocolate icing, the soft and luminous brown eyes, a clear filling an engagement in London, kind which penetrates into the cake olive complexion, touched with the was last week sued by a modiste of the glow of health and youth. She married Rue de la Paix before the civil tribugives this especial delicacy its charac-ter, which is sweetened whipped areas. Sir Samuel Scott, the rich English a little over £169 for hats supplied gives this especial delicacy its charac- Sir Samuel Scott, the little over the beginning of September to priests is yellow, and as there are 10. wealthy in her own right, since in the the end of December, 1896. This was United Kingdom there are few fam- at the rate of £42 monthly for hats

Concessions have been made to wo- man is bound to be a priest for at least men doctors in Russia. It has been of- three months in some period of his ficially announced that they shall be life, the yellow robe is one of the most equally entitled with men to all state common sights. privileges connected with their profession. This includes both political to living either on houseboats or in and social rights; it will open to them all official posts, and will entitle them tions in the wet seasons. The children to pensions, which will not be taken early learn to swim, and if they fall away by marriage, and may descend to into the water it does not matter. Like their children. With women's progress their elders, they are happy, lazy folk in political and social freedom and edu- but very good-natured. Siamese chilcation the young empress has great dren, especially the little girls, are sympathy, and she is said to have had exceedingly pretty, rivaling, if not exa good deal to do with the concessions ceeding, all the other beauties of the just granted to women doctors.

FULL FUN.

The man who wants the earth probably never stopped to think what the taxes would be. No Inducement-Wouldn't you like

twice as much as I do now? Well, guess not. Adaptability to environment, said the Cummingsville Sage, is the secret

of happiness. Therefore, the wise man learns to love his wife's dog. It May Be So.-Why is it that geniuses are nearly always eccentric? guess it must be because that's about

the only way in which genius can ob-

tain recognition. A Safe Vacuum-Aren't you afraid heard its appeal is promptly responded reading these trashy novels in summer | to, and consequently great irregularity will weaken your mind? Well, they might; but, in summer you see, I have as a general rule there are two fixed not any mind.

Some Inside Mythology.— Once more did Ulysses relate the story of his wanderings; but still Penelope, his faith- of this grain the people have no rivals ful wife, shook her head. Where, she persisted, are the labels on your trunks?

You had better not go boating with Ada, said Tommy, to his sister's fiance. Why not, Tommy? 'Cause I heard her say she intended to throw you overboard soon.

It looks like a tremendous quantity of wheat, Silas, said the cousin from the East, inspecting the bins. What are you keeping such a great lot of it for? For a dollar, chuckled Farmer Haycraft.

Preparing the Case.—First Lawyer.— Each witness gives a different account has been travelling and working in of the accident. Second Lawyer-Yes, if we put them all on the stand the jury may think our clients met with ly and to see only a few intimate three or four accidents.

Mistress-I saw two policemen sitting in the kitchen with you last night, Bridget. Bridget-Well, ma'am yez wouldn't hov an unmarried lady be sit- rarely talks about his own work, and tin' alone with only wan policeman, seems surprised when strangers mee Upon would yez? The other one was a chap- and greet him as a great literary ar-

Riding in an omnibus up Regent annoying the other passengers by her remarks. The conductor remonstrated with her, saying: Ma'am, remember you are in a public vehicle, and behave

Compulsion-As for the beautiful pariah she merely sneered. Wretched yet come to me. Look, I have wealth! shall have a telephone put in my house! Ha, ha! Oh, what a power have riches to compel social recognition.

Mr. Bloobumper (after the return from church)-Dr. Thirdly must take In Windsor Castle there is a suite of us for fools. Mrs. Bloobumper (rerooms for the use of the Queen's cha- proachfully)-Oh, no, Harry. Mr. Bloowise is sufficient, but the doctor preaches for almost an hour at stretch.

Sometimes, said the young man, who is becoming slightly cynical, it does seem that a dollar is the best friend a man can have. Yes, sir, replied Senaterview, a parrot called out some words tor Sorghun. And I have always contended that it a politician's duty to make as many friends as possible.

prisoner, I refuse to bend the knee, The tyrant was in a gracious mood. That is the sort of stuff I like to see tual of all the English novelists. He the knee, may liprite were bend is happiest in his own library in the The queen's curiosity was now thoroughly aroused and she said: "Come I Hennesser's place to repeat it.

Hennesser's place to repeat it.

If you won't bend is happiest in his own library to country with an old friend who can be country with an old friend who

> The Worm's Triumph.-Old Grinders German literature -See here, young man, how do you account for the fact that you were seven minutes late in getting to the dinner-parties and receptions, and is dinner-parties and receptions, who have the dinner-parties and receptions, and is dinner-parties and receptions.

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Miss Hastie, a Scotch woman, is who was explaining an obscure point in their methods and ideals. In their methods and ideals. about to undertake a scientific expedition to the South sea. Fifteen women in political economy— Say \$1.99, murstrong individuality makes them in their methods and ideals.

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the find little time centre hole must not be too large and shoulders in all its glory; but immediately after marriage she must have it the cake will stand high on the plate the cake will be complete when the cake will be com

Dress and Dwellings of an Always Interest.

ing People. While Siam is an independent native state governed by its own king, its peo. ple have accepted enough European ideas to present a strange mixture of barbarism and civilization. In Bang. kok, the capital, one sees Buddhist temples, two-horse buses, Chinese lanterns and electric lights. buffalo carts and bicycles, Chinese coolies riding in electric cars and such incongruities.

MALE IN SIAM.

The official garment of the Buddhist 000 of these priests in Bangkok and over 100,000 in Siam, yellow is a dominant color in the kingdom. As every

The people of Siam are much addicted houses built on piles to keep them above the level of the annual inundaeast, Japan included. They are very merry, continuously contented, easily pleased and most unselfish in their dealings with one another. Their almost absolute lack of selfishness is one of the most pleasing features in their very lovable character.

The ordinary dwelling-house in Siam consists of three rooms-the kitchen the drawing-room and the bedroom. The rooms are but poorly furnished. to live your life over again? And owe There is no chimney to the kitchen and, the walls being but framework screens, the smoke permeates and dirt accumulates everywhere. But they take things easily in Siam, where every member of the household knows how to cook. If the mother is not at home the father can easily take her place for he knows quite well how long rice should be boiled or bananas stewed The little children can fry fish or make the curry, and so are independent of their parents in this respect. Whenever the voice of hunger makes itself prevails in the times of meals. But meals each day, one at about 7 o'clock in the morning and the other about 5.30 in the afternoon. The chief article of food is rice. In the cooking

ENGLISH LITERARY LIONS.

Trait; and Characteristics of the Great Novelists of the Day.

There is an interesting group of novelists in London whose society is sought by men and women of fashion. They are made much of wherever they go, and are petted and flattered with social attentions.

Rudyard Kipling is one of the least manageable of the literary lions. He has the restless energy of a man who many lands. He dislikes compliments, shuns society, and prefers to live quietfriends.

Thomas Hardy is a great favorite in London, but is seldom seen there. He lives in the country, and is one of the most modest among literary men. He

Hall Caine, like Thomas Hardy, pre

fers the country to the town, but he is more intense in his manner and more self-centred in conversation. He talks well and is a dramatic story-teller. When his attention is fixed upon his own work and personality he is least interesting, and is wholly at his best when some keen mind diverts him from himself and interests him in what is going on in the world of ideas. J. M. Barrie is a shy and retiring man, who has been drawn into social life against his will. His conversation is bright and pleasing, but it must always be forced out by those who are with him. He is modest and reserved, and content to remain in the back ground if any one else wishes to talk Dr. Conan Doyle is as tall and stalwart as Mr. Barrie is short and insignificant in appearance. sinewy, vigorous giant, with a bluff, hearty manner and a strong voice. He feels at home among men, takes an interest in cricket and field sports, and carries himself like a man of the world who is conscious of his ability to hold

his ground. Sir Walter Besant is also a Englishman, with a loud voice; but he cares less for society than Doctor Doyle and is more of a student. His favorite topic is London, which he knows Compromise—Tyrant! vociferated the more intimately in all its storied as sociations than perhaps any other Eng. lishman.

George Meredith is the most intelled oughly aroused and she said: "Come I Hennessey's place to crook your elbow? talk intelligently about French and

The most accomplished man of the world among English novelists is Anthony Hope Hawkins, who revels in

Novelists, like artists, are as differ side in the country.

The leader of London soc the woman most talked of and admired, is neither title beautiful; she does not pos to distinguish her above h poraries and she achieved h s leader when she was scar This unusual young wom Asquith, much better know maiden name of Tennant, for got Tennant was easily req

the heroine of that book of

celebrity. "Dodo," when it

some years ago and created

"Dodo" undoubtedly made pent's name known far and for all that it ludicrously sented her and failed to do the true abilities of this real able young woman in whose be put forward several clai sideration. First and fore Asquith was one of the ve men outside the circle of his est feminine relatives to w stone gave a truly beautiful and devotion. She was perhaps the on with the exception of his

daughters, with whom he lo

whom he admitted to his like

he worked and to whose of ideas he listened with pleas spect. She was always treat like a daughter than a gu warden, both by the great his wife, and all the more is this association when on not only the vast disparit their ages, but between statesman and the mos young lady in London societ However that may be, Mi Tennant was invariably p bostrangers as the protege of old man, and as the woman fly in the face of all the traditions on which the Br on modeled her depertment. ish matron held up her had ror and fought for her old p but Miss Tennant won th gained a social freedom for people of her sex and position never been known before society. For a number of fairly held the reins in her and fearful was the ni pr her by the gossips. She was or of semi-mystic, semi-liter called the "Souls," and, with ar Balfour as her lieuten mevement, she gathered s best minds in England abou

In time the newspapers c iously chronicle the doi Margot Tennant as they w of the queen and the prim and when the irate conser society were at end of all pa this gay, clever, sarcastic in tine, she overturned all th tions by giving her hand i to one of the ablest and m young politicians, Mr. Asqu to prove the infinite varie talents, Mrs. Asquith settle once to the duties of wif motherhood and showed as capacity for these graver of

for the lightest frivolities.

Gossiping dewagers, who dire misery for whomsoever marry, have been amazed t assume a stately position a in society. To be bidden to at homes, to her literary lu to her dinners is to be mo than to receive the in its duchess. To her gladly com men and the most brilliant ful women of the time, and ma center for the learned, and the famous. Yet her d plishments are few. She spe languages and is widely real is all. As the eleventh c Charles Tennant she receive portion at her marriage, bu fortune. In a roomful of women she is almost insigni husband will probably never minister and he is far from aire, and yet Mrs. Asquith of her wit, her quick symp courage and her candor the London who commands duchesses might envy and influence that few princesse

BRIGHT HEARTS

There are souls in the v have the gift of finding where, and of leaving it be when they go. Joy gushes der their fingers like jet Their influence is an inevidening of the heart, It see shadew of God's own gift upon them. They give lig meaning to shine. The heart, have a great work

EXCUSABLE.

Smith-Yes, I saw your He's making a name Farmer Glaughenhaupt-S old name ain't good enuff don't' 'know ez I kin blame

MORE EFFECTIV Fond Mother-If that you should take advantage of yo Dutiful daughter—I should him that I had a mother wi Fond Mother, after re hink, dear, you had better r

that you have a father.