You've come, have you," said my ther-in-law, in a deep voice as she and on the threshold grimly surveyof me with eyes that shone like hard, enish-blue gooseberries, behind her etacles. For such modern trifles as reglasses were as unsuited to my other-in-law's fine Roman nose, as a wint-lace collar would be to the Venus Milo. I could feel her glance peneout as I stood facing her.

It was rather a curious complication. mother-in-law had not the least self that any fool might do that. aded to take her by surprise; but ed, my courage, like that of Bob willingness to undertake anything and eres, was oozing out at the ends of everything.

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en just twenty-one, with a face that -by the month?" as not absolutely ugly, a sublime au- "I fitted the tips of my fingers reheity, and pockets not particularly flectively together. sell lined, and I had just distinguish- "As we are both rather inexperienc-

we have nothing to live on." three times a day, and now and then and explain to you the nature of your suit of clothes-we must be poor, in- duties." eed, if we can't manage to compass | So I hired myself out to my moth-

and acquiesced to my argument. We wrote and posted a letter to Nethad taken board at the Angel Hill Ho- tie. become a little importunate on the a spot where four roads meet. subject of his bill, and Nettie's moth- "Can you tell me, sir," said he, ar had written a letter to her signify- "where Abel Martin lives?"

her hands, " what are we to do?" darling, I'll go and see her myself" turned rejoicing to the old farm- A cup of cold water in the pan over are not by nature able to withstand

"You, Dick?"

"She can't help herself." "She'll turn you out of doors." We'll see about that."

But, Dick, you don't know-you can't have any idea how terrible she s," sighed Nettie.

St. George conquered the dragon, my love," I asserted cheerfully, "and pack my valise, there's a darling, and I'll be off before the landlord comes

"But, Dick, if he's troublesome what can I say to him?" appealed poor little frightened Nettie. "Tell him I've gone out of town and

shall be back in a few days," said I confidently. But valiantly as I spoke, my men-

tal sensations by no means corresponded with this bold part. I was beginning dimly to realize what a very unwise step I had taken and also per-

or something of that sort, send my advanced wages to my poor little wife, and commence the world over again in this irregular fashion.

me as if I had been expected for the

You've' come, have you," was the

Well, yes," I admitted, "I've

What on earth detained you," said

In my mind I cast about what to bling. say, and settled on the first convenient excuse that came into my head. "The train was delayed at Bogle-

town," said I. Well, come in, now that you're

year, isn't it?"

ham and eggs out of the oven and lift- kle. how old are you ?".

"Do you think," said she, pensively the wounded ankle. feeling of her chin, "that you are able the work?"

dering what on earth my mother-in- again!" law meant.

You are married, I suppose," said ed I. "Oh, yes," said I, swallowing the hot the spot. How could she do other-difficult to obtain.

the mists of perplexity that had heretofore obscured my brain. How old is she?" asked Mrs. Mar-

Eighteen," I answered.

Mrs. Martin frowned. "What does possess girls to get married nowadays," said she, " before they-'re left off dolls and patchwork?"

answer.

I did not exactly see that it was my business to set her right. She had evidently engaged a steward, and took it for granted that I was the personage in question.

'What can you do?" she asked ab-And with equal curtness I respond-

ed: "Anything." "Come, I like that," said my moth-

er-in-law, rubbing her hands. "At least you are not afraid of work. Do you understand cows and horses?" "Well, not much," I owned. "There

were no cattle in my last place." Which was very true, for I had been a clerk in a bank. "But I have not the very marrow of my bones, the least doubt that I could soon learn, yet I contrived to keep a bold, if you would kindly show me what is "Can you cut wood?" she asked.

who I was. I had cheerfully in- She asked one or two questions more ity which attends youth and confidow that the eventful moment had are ence. She seemed pleased with my

"Certainly," said I, reflecting to my-

'And now about wages?" she said, briskly, "What will you ask for your ly name is Richard Dalton. I was own services and those of your wife,

ad myself by running away with a ed," said I; "we'll agree to work the retty girl from boarding-school. first month for our board; after that Dick," she had remonstrated, you shall pay us what you think we are both worth."

"Don't be a goose, darling," had "Hum-hum!" said my mother-in-law live on? All the wants of this sensible one, indeed. Well, send for half cup of butter, one and one-half has matured and be placed about the been my reply. "What do people need that is a sensible proposition-a very world, more or less, are fictitious. A the young woman at once. In the trust of bread and a glass of water meantime I'll show you over the place

er-in-law as farm servant, without Nettie had looked favorably upon me further ceremony, and immediately

tel and began our honeymoon royally. On my return from the postoffice I At the end of a month mine host had met a burly young man meditating at

"Hanged if I know!" was the of his opinion of the fickleness of wo- in it, then whites of eggs beaten stiff. beauty seeming almost irresistible. It

"Here's a very nice beginning," said "She'll have nothing to say to you" I to myself. "It is now my business to give as much satisfaction as pos-

Fortune favored me in more ways the satisfaction to hear her say to old following custard: mean to conquer your mother. So Miss Priscilla Perkins that she didn't tion to any one as she had to the

"He's too young and good-looking to suit me," observed Miss Priscilla, pursing up her steel trap of a mouth. "He is good-looking, ain't he?" said

my mother-in-law, but he's dreadfully handy about the house, and ain't one three-fourths cup of butter. one and bit afraid of work. Why, I don't miss three-fourths cups of sugar, two and Jemima Styles one bit. If only Net- three-fourths cups of flour, one-half tie could have stayed single till she cup of sweet milk and one heaping teamet such a man as this!"

mind that if Nettie's mother refused fore but now then were containly win-

"good-for-nothing young city chap." few minutes on the stove, then remove account of being not at all disturbed On the fourth day she had consult- and beat until it is stiff enough to

my mother-in-law's door she greeted ed with me as to whether it was betrestored it to running order once ter, ten eggs, four cups of brown sugar,

"But, Dick-"

"No buts, my darling," said I, awful cold weather for this time o' cheerfully. "Let us be Julius Caesar'

Mrs. Martin jumped up, in spite of the methods employed by them in proad a shining coffee-pot from the stove. "and I hope she'll give satisfaction."

"Please ma'am, we'll be good," add-

"all is fair in love and war!"

of water below—and made no direct which a mother-in-law was conquered wood is considered ripe this condition ment for the sitting room table in so brief a campaign. Nettie says she wood is considered ripe, this condition My mother-in-law was doubtlessly doesn't know how I did it. In fact, I but a day or two too early or late in specifing the cloth or table laboring under a misapprehension, but | don't quite know myself."

CAKE MAKING.

First of all, look over your receipt and see that everything it calls for is in the house. Use only the best flour, and sift it before either weighing or measuring it. Allow it to sun at least an hour before you are ready for it. The butter must be only the as geraniums, coleus and heliotropes, greased paper. Everything depends the greenhouses in winter, and are moderate, but sufficient to last greenhouse. an hour; thick loaves in an hour, and soaked with water all the time during fruit cake requires nearly three hours, the process of rooting. according to size.

fourths pound of butter, salt wash- into cuttings. fourths of an hour.

spoonful of vanilla and three eggs I ions. An eye should always be prouse the same receipt for strawberry vided at the top of the cutting, which some of the finest berries on top, evergreen boughs on top to keep them sprinkle with powdered sugar, and cov- in place. By spring the cuttings will er with whipped cream just before have made root. This cutting bed is

ing that she wanted nothing whatever "Oh, yes, sir, I can tell you," I re- fourth cups of flour sifted three times, rather blank response. "But don't cry mankind, and departed, while I re- Bake in a moderate oven one hour. are not be mankind, and departed, while I re-

French Cream Cake .- Four eggs, one rather discouraging.

know when she had taken such a no- milk; mix two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch with a little milk, add two eggs and stir in the milk slowly with one scant teacup of sugar. If you wish it very rich add one-half cup of butter; but it is very good without butter.

Caramel Cake.-Whites of eight eggs, met such a man as this!"

I smiled to myse!f as I laid out the spoonful of yeast powders. Bake in tonii and the old stand by the land out the sold stand by the land the old stand by the land one neaping teawood for the breakfast fire. My accomplishments as "Jack-of-all-trades," brown sugar, one cup of sweet milk, of easy management. mind that if Nettie's mother refused to receive us, I would ship myself off to sea as second mate or third purser, at the end of the third day she to held now they were certainly windless to sea as second mate or third purser, at the end of the third day she to held now they were certainly windless to sea as second mate or third purser, at the end of the third day she to held now they were certainly windless to sea as second mate or third purser, at the end of the third day she to held now they were certainly windless to sea as second mate or third purser, at the end of the third day she to held now they were certainly windless to sea as second mate or third purser, at the end of the third day she to held now they were certainly windless to sea as second mate or third purser, at the end of the third day she to held now they were certainly windless to sea as second mate or third purser, at the end of the third day she to held now they were certainly windless to sea as second mate or third purser, at the end of the third day she to held now they were certainly windless to sea as second mate or third purser, at the end of the third day she to held now they were certainly windless to sea as second mate or third purser, at the end of the third day she to held now they were certainly windless to sea as second mate or third purser. At the end of the third day she to boil put in butter and let it boil un- in any window. The Sansevieria Zeyhad told me the whole story of her til it will drop from the spoon; then lanica, with stiff, upright, mottled daughter's runaway match with a put in pecans and let it remain a leaves, is useful as a house plant on

> six cups of tiour, one cup of milk, three On the evening of the same day, tablespoonfuls of ground cinnamon, Nettie arrived all blushing and trem- two tablespoonfuls of ground allspice, one tablespoonful of ground cloves, "O, Dick," said she. "is she very four grated nutmegs, one small cup of molasses, one wineglassful of "My dear, she hasn't any idea who brandy and two tablespoonfuls of baking powder. This receipt makes two very large fruit cakes

ART OF FLOUR GROWING.

One who is interested in growing "Let me see," said my mother-in- into the back-room, where my motherlaw, as she took a steaming platter of in-law lay on a sofa, nursing her an-"Here's my wife, ma'am," said I, the amateur more information as to

pleasant to note, is not at all averse working towards the bottom of the like this. Do you think you're up to the work?"

O. mother: tattered Netto telling either amateur or brother
the work?" old lady's neck. "please forgive me professional florist his methods of at top and bottom. Fill the bottle "Of course I think so," said I, wondepending on experience, vigilance florist and scatter it liberally over the

can your wife make herself gen- a naughty girl—inere's no denying gating are not more often explained about three or four inches. These wicks erally useful about the place? sharp—that. But your husband seems a han- gating are not more often explained about three or four inches. These wicks ly demanded the place? sharp—that But your husband seems a han- gating are not more often explained about three or four inches. These wicks ly demanded the place? sharp—that But your husband seems a han- gating are not more often explained about three or four inches. These wicks ly demanded the place? sharp—that he house and I'm tired to the povice is that the latter's coppordy man about the house, and I'm tired to the novice is that the latter's oppor-

been playing a double part, and de- not always available, and to reduce the sprouts grow very rapidly. ceived you all along. But I wanted you more thousand to a dozen with a pair of old scissors, and you can reason they see that none but the to like me—and you know," I added, the hundred or thousand to a dozen plants would keep this pretty green or no ment or very fresh leaves so into Moreon controlled. "Well, I do like you a little." ad- be rather impracticable. For ex- long as you please if you will only remitted my mother-in-law. "And now ample, in propagating the rose fill the bottle with water whenever that I have seen you, Dick, I don't so the plants from which are to be ob- you find that the wicks cease to dis much wonder at the way Nettie be- tained the wood for making the cut- tribute the required moisture over the After that she never scolded me any greenhouse, there to remain for some very red willows drooping at the far more. And I honestly believe that and luxuriant growth of winter with were little end of it, and some impossible streaks this is the only case on record in shorts. At a certain time, this

making the wood into cuttings at this time will largely influence the percentage of cuttings which will root.

The wood at the proper time is made up into cuttings, which are placed in beds of sand over hotbeds out of doors, and in the course of a few weeks should be well rooted, when they are taken out, potted into small pots and placed in the greenhouses to grow. This is the summer propagating of the rose. Later in the season, in the fall,

Cuttings of soft-wooded plants, such very best, and all the salt washed out are made from plants bedded out in of it. Use a wooden spoon for mix- the open ground during the summer, ing, and line your cake-pan with or from large stock plants in pots in upon the baking. The fire should be rooted in a propagating bed in the

through the entire baking. If it | The saucer system of propagating is browns before rising, the oven is too best adapted to the need of the amahot. You do not require as hot an teur, and consists in putting about two oven as for bread. An authority says inches of sand in a pan about three thin cakes bake in about eighteen inches deep, placing the cuttings in the minutes; thicker ones in about half sand, which should be kept thoroughly

That part of the wood which is in-Pound Cake .- One pound of flour, clined to be brittle and break rather than bend and appear tough and one pound of granulated sugar, three- stringy should be selected for making

ed out, eight eggs beaten separately, While on the subject of propagating one-fourth teaspooniut of baking pbw- it may be interesting to note that der; flavor to taste. Bake three- many of the flowering shrubs, such as lilacs, privet, forsythias, wiegelas, &c., Jelly Cake .- One cup of sugar, one- may be grown from the young wood. has matured, and be placed about two The Chronicle teaspoonful of baking powder, one tea- ed much after the manner as for on- Contains shortcake; when done, have the ber- should be about two thirds in the ries lightly crushed and sugared; put ground. Cover the bed with eight or them between the layers of cake; lay ten inches of leaves, and place a few

Sponge Cake.—Six eggs, two cups of drained location and made a little fine granulated sugar two and one- higher than the surrounding ground. It is not always an easy matter to Its Local News is Complete to do with us. We had made our own sponded, affably, "But, if you are one cup of boiling water, one level teabed, she signified, and now we might looking for the situation, I may as well spoonful of baking powder; flavor to house described by the situation of baking powder; flavor to house described by the situation of baking powder; flavor to house described by the situation of baking powder; flavor to house described by the situation of baking powder; flavor to house described by the situation of baking powder; flavor to house described by the situation of baking powder; flavor to house described by the situation of baking powder; flavor to house described by the situation of baking powder; flavor to house described by the situation of baking powder; flavor to house described by the situation of baking powder is the situation of baking powder. "Oh, Dick!" cried Nettie, clasping The burly young man made some to a cream; then pour in the boiling often tempted to include some plants remarks, indicative, in a general way, water; add flour with baking powder rather difficult to manage, their good specimens during the winter is

to be made out of doors in a well

cup of white sugar, one cup and two We should depend very considerably tablespoonfuls of flour, one table- on forced bulbous plants for our supspoonful of baking powder in flour, and ply of early winter flowers, and with A FIRST CLASS HEARSE IN CONNECTION two tablespoonfuls of cold water. This narcissus, crocus, hyacinths, tulips, her ankle on the second day, and I cake is better a day or two old. Bake callas, amaryllis, &c., a pleasing diplayed cook as well as man-of-all-work shows brite. When cold fill with the In coldition to an and form can be had. with distinguished success, and I had sharp knife. When cold fill with the In addition to these the fragrant and Filling .- Boil nearly one pint of dainty flowers of the baby primrose, Primula Forbesi, with its continuous supply of blossoms, will do much toward brightening the windows. Cyclamen Persicum and Giganteum in white, pink and crismon are exceedingly attractive late winter flowers and not

difficult to grow. A few begonias in various sorts add considerable luxuriance in the way of foliage and some flower. We would suggest as good sorts such as the Feastii, the beautiful potted-leaf Mani-

of abuse.

or rye, and I had won her heart by taking to pieces the old hall-clock. two and one-half pounds of citron, two taking to pieces the old hall-clock. which had not gone for ten years, and pounds of currants, one pound of but- green, leathery leaves, mottled and ters, Hot Air Furnaces, Shingle some size in a suitable jardiniere is Machines, hand or power; Cresting,

exceedingly attractive. ed above used in connection with a Seat Ends, Bed Fasteners, Fencing, half dozen larger ornamental foliage Pump-Makers' Supplies, School plants, such as a Latania a Kentia Desks, Fanning Mill Castings, and Areca or a Phenix palm, a good clump of Aspidistra or Cyperus, Light Castings and Builders' Supor perhaps a large Ficus Elas- plies, Sole Plates and Points for tica will do much toward making the different ploughs in use. Casting the home very attractive.

WITH A BOTTLE.

Don't throw away that old bottlemake it a thing of beauty and a joy, if not forever, at least for many weeks to come. Take some cheap cotton wadding, soak it in oil, and then wrap a thir layer of it evenly around an good shingles "Nettie?" she cried in blank amaze- The average commercial florist, old bottle, beginning at the top and

Tie it firmly in place with a string And my mother-in-law relented on and industry, backed by knowledge not wadding. Put some twisted strands The real reason why the means em- wick, and four wicks for each bottle The real reason why the means eminto the bottle, so that they reach to
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"Certainly she can," said I, begin"Certainly she can," said I, begin"Certainly she can," said I, beginand go to work getting supper, As for Certainly she can," said I, beginning vaguely to see my way through
the would be exceedingly limited, the your bottle is covered with the green "Yes, ma'am," said I, "I know I've equipments and accounterments are sprouts of water cress, and that these

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