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QUEEN VICTORIA AS A HOUSE-

KEEPER Queen Victoria is a first rate housekeeper. She is the mistress of palaces, castles, and country-houses, and, although the actual daily housekeeping is, of course, done by deputy, the Royal head of the establishment remains it cools. ever in a very real sense the mistress. She perceives immediately anything amiss, and perceives also the remedy. She is a kind but also an exacting

cuse, quite properly demands good ser-\$2,000,000 little volume upon for private life re- Let us begin with the line anecdotes of the Royal lady's ways. | Cloths that are too much worn quette demands that at luncheon a side | cloths. While such pieces as are not table shaft stand ready provided with sufficiently good for these purposes cold fowl and a cold joint, no matter | should be neatly hemmed and used for in volleys, but the aim was too high, what varieties of hot food the dining- wiping the silver. table may offer. These wands being | Why not hemstitch the new linen? because there was no time to recharge never called for, the cook grew careless Time was when the "drawing of the the pieces. At that period the averand one day the Queen's quick-eye ob- threads" in such firm fabrics was a age artillery fire was about. served that the side-table presented most disagreeable task, but this obof a small and unattractive-looking learned to soap the threads to be pieces also proved to be an obstacle.

side-table again.

Like every good housekeeper, the Queen knows and remembers her valuable household possessions, and is fully aware of their individual merits and the places where they ought to be kept. She does not know them all, for they number thousands. But hundreds of them she does know; and elaborate catalogues are kept of the rest,-furniture, bric-a-brac, china, glass, silver; draperies and other furnishings-by her order, and in large leather-bound books provided in accordance with her

Only a small proportion of her many hundred articles for table service are actually in ordinary use; and she is in the habit of using but three of her many services of plate and china at Windsor Castle.

But once after a talk, with the Gerthem, each plate adorned with landcape paintings.

dor, having mentioned in the morning gloves in the box or jar, closes it tight- two lines of artillery fought for five that his birthplace was Furstenberg, ly, and allows it to remain this way the Queen had recalled to mind a ser- four or five days. At the end of this vice of china, never used, and for nine time she removes the gloves, and years put away and forgotten by ev- every spot will be found to have vaneryone but herself, which had been ished. manufactured there, and was decorated with painted scenes of the town and its vicinity.

She knew exactly where it was, and how it looked, and by her order it had been produced and used at dinnersurely a very pretty attention from a Royal hostess, as well as something of a feat of memory in a Royal house-

TO CLEAN LINOLEUM. Linoleum should never be touched with either soap or a scrubbing brush. Have it well wiped over with a soft flannel cloth and warm water, drying it carefully with another clean cloth. pines. We often heard of very large old shrapnel fire. Skimmilk is also a very good thing to ones, says Mr. Dean C. Worcester in e wash it with, as it gives it the gloss his interesting account of these much- the offensive power of artillery fire, you wish for. The great rule is to talked-of-islands, but the nearer we and to do that the maximum of rapid-In the Town of Durham, County of wash linoleum as seldom as possible, got to them the smaller they grew. It is required. "Artillery," says Gen. unless you use skim or sour milk for Finally, however, we got a fine specilike an old-time charge of cavalry with Brick Dwelling, and many eligible the purpose, and every now and then men. Some men had found him coiled this difference, that it is a charge that polish it with linseed oil or occasional- up under a fallen tree. Arranging nothing can stop and which smashes

SPONGE AND ANGEL CAKES.

following rule: Six large eggs, three gills of sugar, three gills of flour and one lemon. Wipe the lemon very clean and grate a little of the rind into a deep saucer, squeeze the juice on this; treat as to afford great delight to the beat: the eggs, yolks and whites sep- assembled crowd of Tagbanuas. arately; add the sugar to the yolks, The reptile had about three feet of and beat until light; add the lemon- play for his head, and I thought it juice and rind, and beat a little long- ing a handful of absorbent cotton er; put the flour and the whites of with chloroform, I presented it to him the pointing of the piece can be done the eggs into the flavored sugar and on the end of a piece of bamboo. yolks, adding only a little at a time He bit it savagely and it caught on and doing the work lightly and gently, so that he could not get rid of it. so as not to break down the frothy egg; Then I saw a most remarkable exhibipour the mixture into paper-lined pans | tion of brute force. and bake in a moderate oven. The time of baking will depend upon the thickness of the loaf. If it be three that without apparent exertion. There inches deep when put into the pan it was no thrashing about. It was all will take one hour to bake. The slow quiet, steady pulling. He soon broke oven will cause the sponge to rise enings except a running noose around evenly, making the cake tender, rich his neck; and getting a hold for his

Angel cake comes under the head of sponge cakes; it is one of the most delicate cakes that is made, and is as nearly "next to nothing" as it is posin a round tin with a funnel in the greased. If you are going to form the angel cake habit and make it frequently I would advise that you keep a pan "sacred" to the baking of this special cake. It will be more likely to be always in condition. The success student of literature? of angel cake depends upon the baking and the proper beating of the eggs. For this cake you will use the whites of five eggs, one scant gill of pastryflour, measured after sifting, one and

half a teaspoonful of cream of tartar and one half a teaspoonful of vanilla extract. Mix the cream of tartar with the flour, and sift four times; this is so that the flour will be as light as

it is possible to make it, and not packed at all. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff, dry froth, sift the powdered sugar on the eggs, and beat for three minutes; add the vanilla; gradually add the flour, and beat it quickly; bake for about forty minutes in a rather cool oven. When the cake and invert it, letting it rest on a sieve or rack, so that there shall be a current of air all around the cake while

FOREHANDED.

Thrifty housewives are looking well to the ways of their household by inmistress, and as she pays well, and ventorying the summer's sewing, and never fails to consider a reasonable ex- repairing old garments and making such new ones as shall be required for

Let us begin with the lineu first lates several entertaining household Carefully inspect the table linen She has, it seems, a dislike to cold longer do duty on the dining table, meat, which she never eats. But eti- can be cut into napkins, tray or lunch

members of the family. By the time these are done with, the everyday work dresses and kitchen aprons, the tle maidens can be made. There are guns, the cannonade which preceded so many pretty designs for these garments illustrated in the pattern page that no one need dress herself or any member of her household in any but modern and becomingly made garments. It is well to remember that the simpler styles are the more elegant, and that inexpensive but pretty tremely slow. At the decisive momand durable fabrics should be select- ent, marked by the employment of ed in wash goods.

HOW TO CLEAN GLOVES.

well-known society lady, and which is Wagram and Friedland, when the batthe members of the Queen's household vouched for by her as infallible in its were surprised on coming to the table effects: She procures a tin box, or a to behold strange china set before jar with a tight, close fitting cover, rarely decisive at long range. At an and puts into the bottom a lot of lump It soon appeared, that the Ambassa- ammonia. Then she suspends the

EVER-READY GLUE.

To prepare glue for use at any time it is only necessary to put the quantity desired into a bottle and cover it up with whiskey. Cork tightly and set it away for a few days, when it In the first advance will be fit for use. Glue thus pre-

pared will keep for years. CAPTURING A PYTHON.

Remarkable Exhibition of Strength in a

ter, for scrubbing wears it out and too him till he crawled into their snares, the return of the piece in battery, and when they jerked the knots tight, and in facilitating the pointing, the charg-

A rich sponge cake is made by the nearly stepped on him, for he was made show an increase in rapidity of stretched out on the ground and look- firing. ed for all the world like a log. A venomous hiss warned me of my mistake, and caused me to beat so sudden a re-

the end of his long, recurved teeth,

Under the stimulus of the chloroform that python broke green rattans threequarters of an inch in diameter, and badly aimed or not aimed at all, for if or twisted out of every one of his fast-

him somewhat, and I gave him more. similar crown. The state headgear of When he was still, I stabbed him to a Marquis consists of a diadem surthe heart to prevent further diffi- rounded by flowers and pearls placed

No, answered the young man with are placed on the crown itself. A black rimmed glasses, I'm a student of Baron has only six pearls on the gold-

What a lawyer doesn't think he renders the diadem distinct from that Proprieton one-half gills of powdered sugar, one- knows isn't worth lying about.

MODERN FILLD ARTILLERY.

Guns Nowadays Capable of Firing Eighteen and Twenty Shots a Minute.

Field artllery has passed through a complete evolution during the last few years. Increase in rapidity of firing has become an essential condition of the existence of the modern fieldpiece. All military authorities agree duce at a given moment terrible ef- paymentismade. fects in the shortest possible time. The difficulty in the problem consisted in the post office, whether directed to his avoiding a waste of munitions.

published in the Revue d'Artillerie an partially inspired by the work of Gen. end of the sixteenth century little attention had been paid to rapid firing The artillery, moreover, was heavy and clumsy. At the battle of Granson, 1475, according to Meyer in his "Tech nology of Firearms," the pieces of Charles the Bold were charged and pointed against the Swiss at the beginning of the combat. The firing began and this caused the loss of the battle

THIRTY SHOTS A DAY only a very mean and meagre half stacks has been removed since we for each piece. The heating of the drawn with a bar of hard soap, toilet Attempts at increasing the rapidity Promptly giving a hint to her near- and laundry are equally effective, of artillery fire go back as far as the est neighbors, the Princess Beatrice, The bedding should be looked over, re- seventeenth century, when the Gerand Lady Ely, her Majesty requested paired where possible and make a mans employed the first breech-loadslice of cold chicken, the other two good supply of new, so that frequent ing cannon. More serious results were ladies desired the same. The poor lit- changes can be made during the heat- obtained in the time of Frederick II. tle fragment was brought into sudden ed season. There is real economy in when the field artillery was made prominence, to the consternation thus changing. The bedding is more very much lighter. Up to the end of and confusion of the cook, who never easily washed, consequently will last the eighteenth century, with the reso far forgot himself as to slight that longer, and the housewife is less tired turn of the heavy pieces of artillery than if obliged to wash dirtier pieces. of Grebeauval, as well as in the wars Next in order come the undergar- of the revolution and of the empire ments and hoisery for the various the maximum rapidity of the fire in battle was from one to two shots a minute for each piece.

Moreover, in the time of smooth-bore the enemy. It covered the deploying of the troops and presented a chance to gain time without serious loss to the enemy. During the greater portion of the action the artillery fire was almost continuous, but always exshrapnel or grapeshot, the artillery discharges were carried on with extraordinary violence, and reached a rapidity of 2 1-2 and even 5 shots a minute Here is a glove "wrinkle" used by a for each piece, as, for instance, at teries opened the breach for the infantry by their grape and canister fire. With ritled cannon the action was ordinary distance the effect produced was satisfactory, but it was never crushing. For example, at Sadowa hours without either being knocked out. During the Franco-German war the rapidity of fire of the French guns reached one shot a minute with the 12-pound pieces and two shots a minute with the 3 and 4 pound pieces, and the same for shrapnel fire. The rapidity of the German breech-loading guns was very little superior to that of the

Since 1781 the progress of field artillery has been considerably increased.

THE RANGE WAS INCREASED. In the second the destructive power of the projectile was developed by a methodical fragmentation, and in the third and last step this same power has been augmented still more by the general use of the tir fusant, which extends by 500 to 3,000 metres, and Pythons are numerous in the Philip- even more, the crushing effects of the

enemy it is only necessary to increase made the lines fast to trees and rocks. ing and the firing of the gun When we reached the python I ferent advantages, the guns recently

> The fieldpiece of 1896 adopted by the German Government is made to fire regularly five shots a minute; but that is a limited speed to avoid waste. In reality, the piece is capable of firing double and even treble that number of shots in a minute.

> Consequently the average rapidity of rapid-fire field artillery is ten or with the desired accuracy. If only an approximate aim is taken, a rapidity of from eighteen to twenty shots a minute can be easily reached. But it is a good thing to avoid this extreme rapidity; for, as Scharnhorst said at the beginning of the century, "One the gun is not pointed what is the use

ROYAL HEADGEAR.

The coronet of a Duke consists of tail around a stump, he pulled until alternate crosses and leaves, the it seemed as if his head would come leaves being a representation of the leaves of the parsley plant. The Eventually the chloroform quieted Princess of the royal blood also wear a culty, and removed his skin. He meas- alternately. An Earl, however, has ured twenty-two feet and six inches. neither flowers nor leaves surmounting his circlet, but only points rising each with a pearl on the top: A Viscount has neither flowers nor points, but ...I suppose, she said, you are a close only the plain circlet adorned with pearls, which, regardless of number, en border, not raised to distinguish him from an Earl, and the number of pearls

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