

# About the House

## Useful Hints and General Information for the Busy Housewife

### Dainty Dishes.

**Chopped Cucumber Pickle.**—Peel and chop twenty-four large cucumbers and five onions. Mix with it one-half pint salt and let drain for several hours. When drained add black peppers, cloves and mustard seed, using two tablespoonfuls of each. Cover with good vinegar, add horseradish if desired. Put in glass jars and cover with vinegar if needed.

**Quince Honey.**—Pare six quinces and grate on a coarse grater. For each quince take one pint of sugar. Moisten this with two quarts of water. Boil the sugar and water until a very thick syrup is formed, or until it spins a thread. Then add the grated quince and boil for twenty-five minutes. Seal in pint jars.

**Corn Salad.**—Select two dozen ears sweet corn, two heads cabbage chopped fine, eight onions, four green peppers, one cup sugar, one-half cup salt, vinegar to taste, one teaspoon mustard, one teaspoon tumeric powder. Dissolve two tablespoonfuls cornstarch or flour in vinegar; mix all together. Boil hard for ten minutes. This makes eight quarts fine salad, which could be sealed and kept for winter use.

**Cold Satsup.**—Use one peck of ripe tomatoes, cut or chopped into small pieces and put into colander to drain off juice. Two cups chopped celery, six medium chopped onions, six large red sweet peppers, two pounds light brown sugar, one-half cup salt, two cups mustard seed, two ounces ground cinnamon, two quarts cider vinegar. Mix all together. Pack in jars and let stand for a week, when it will be ready for use.

**Cream of Celery Soup.**—Two small potatoes, one small onion, one-half dozen stalks celery, chopped parsley, one-tablespoon-butter, one teaspoon flour and seasoning. Slice vegetables and put on to cook with only enough water to be almost boiled away when vegetables are tender. Drain, mash and add milk. Thicken with butter and flour, mix together, and let boil up. Season to taste, sprinkle with parsley and serve with bread strips that have been buttered on both sides and browned in oven.

**Turkey Timbales.**—When no more slices can be cut from cooked chicken or turkey, take bits near bones, chop fine, and to two cups of meat allow one cup soft white bread crumbs and one-half cup hot milk. Mix crumbs and milk together; add chopped meat and yolks of two eggs. Season with salt and pepper. Beat whites of eggs lightly—they must not be frothy—and mix well with other ingredients. Turn mixture into buttered individual tamale molds, set in a pan of hot water and cook in moderate oven about three-quarters of an hour. Carefully unmold on hot plates and serve.

**French Pickles.**—A chopped mixed pickle with tiny whole onions and cucumbers in it. Chop, not too fine, three large carrots, two bunches of celery, one quart of common onions, three sweet green peppers, three sweet red peppers and one quart of large cucumbers. Divide one large cauliflower into small florets, skin one quart of tiny button onions and carefully wash one quart of small cucumbers. Mix. Pour off and cover with a weak brine, and let stand two or three hours. Pour off and cover with a weak brine making it salt enough to taste. Boil all together until tender, about fifteen or twenty minutes. In the meantime have boiling two quarts of vinegar, into which pour the following paste, consisting of three cups of sugar, one cup of flour, one tablespoon of tumeric, four tablespoonfuls of ground mustard. Mix these with water to form a smooth paste and stir into the vinegar. Let it cook about ten minutes. Drain the pickles from the brine and add to the vinegar mixture. Seal in glass jars.

### Tasty Stews.

**Veal Stew with Shortcake.**—Cut in cubes three pounds of breast of veal. Put in a stewpan, cover with boiling water and cook slowly for one hour. Then add one dozen small peeled silverskin onions, which have been parboiled 10 minutes, and one dozen small potatoes and cook another hour. Season with salt and cook until vegetables are tender. Remove meat and potatoes; keep warm in separate tins. Add one cup of hot cream milk to liquid, season again with salt and pepper and thicken with flour, tied with cold milk. Bake a shortcake in layer cake pans, place one on a warm choppalatter, spread butter. Heat meat again in a pan, pour over shortcake and place lining round, over meat. Surround shortcake with vegetables, pour over all, sprinkle with one spoonful of finely chopped parsley and serve.

**Stew.**—Take a dressed young mutton in small pieces and soak for an hour or longer; then fry a light brown in lard and butter, mixed; then simmer in water and simmer in a sauce, with one table-spoonful of butter and two of flour; with salt and pepper and celery desired. Add one cup of hot water; pour the sauce slowly over the meat; stir well and put in a garnish with a few sprigs of parsley.

**Spaghetti Stew.**—One 5-cent package of spaghetti, one-half pound of sliced bacon, three medium-sized tomatoes or a small can of tomatoes, two medium-sized onions and two medium-sized sweet peppers. Cook spaghetti to boiling salt water 12 or 15 minutes, drain and remove from the fire. While spaghetti is cooking, cut bacon in small squares in frying pan and stir until brown; then place onions, peppers and tomatoes, chopped fine, in the frying pan with the bacon and cook until all are tender and form a thick sauce. Pour over the spaghetti and stew all together about five minutes, season with salt and pepper to taste and serve.

### Household Hints.

Fried calves' liver, cold and chopped fine, makes a good sandwich. To bake patties successfully the oven should have a strong under heat. Carrots and beets should always be cooked whole and then skinned and sliced.

A coat of clear varnish is a good thing to give straw matting before it is laid.

There is nothing more indigestible than bread that is not baked thoroughly.

Stale macaroons pounded and added to any pudding will improve the flavor.

Pans for baking bread should be narrow to insure thorough baking of the bread.

An attractive little mold of rice served with canned peaches makes a dainty dessert. Japanned trays should not be washed in water; dip a cloth in alcohol and wipe them off.

Put a little salt on the dishes on which eggs are served and the egg will wash off easily. Mashed potatoes, if given a final beating with an egg-beater, will be very light and fluffy.

To prevent embroidery scallops from ravelling is to launder them before they are cut out.

Delicious soup can be made of rice stock flavored with tomato, onion, or both.

Do not store ashes in a wooden box, pail or barrel, nor throw them on the cellar floor. They should be kept in metal containers.

When cleaning saucepans in the sink there should be a board in the bottom of the sink to stand the pans on.

A tiny piece of charcoal in the bottom of the vase in which cut flowers are standing will prevent the unpleasant odor of stale water.

Test potatoes by cutting the potato in two, and rubbing the cut surfaces together, then press the two parts together. If they stick, the potatoes are good.

Cold boiled rice added to stewed tomatoes and seasoned with minced peppers, onions, salt and pepper, makes a savory dish which is served with chops.

To keep home-made catsup fresh after the bottle has been opened is to pour a little olive oil into the bottle after use and before it is put away for the next meal.

Do not allow rubbish to collect. It is dangerous when allowed to gather near furnaces, stoves, or placed where it is exposed to a thrown match or cigar stub.

When darning stockings, try running a thread around the hole, drawing the hole up until the edges lie flat. The hole will seem smaller and will be easier to darn.

Do not leave matches where children can get them. Have a proper holder out of their reach, and do not store your supply in a cupboard unless protected in a covered tin box or something similar, and you will eliminate the prospect of mice setting fire to your home.

To make ideal dusters for window ledges, surbase boards, legs and backs of furniture, lighting fixtures and other small places, is to buy a little 10-cent dish mop and saturate it with furniture oil. This makes it a dustless duster, which may easily be cleaned by washing it in hot soapuds, and may be renewed by another application of the furniture polish.

### Women on English Farms.

A prominent British statesman remarked recently, that the experience of the last two years has taught him it was never safe to say that a woman could not do anything that a man could do. This statesman was, at the time, rallying a meeting of farmers on their conservatism in the matter of employing women on the land. The latest reports show that even this conservatism is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. In the nine counties from which returns have been received by the Board of Agriculture, more than 7,000 women are employed on the land.

### The Ruling Passion.

Mrs. Bargains.—What is the next train for Winterville?  
Ticket Clerk.—Two-forty, madam.  
Mrs. B.—Make it two-thirty-eight and I'll take it.

The world may owe every man a living, but a lot of them haven't sense enough to show up on pay day.

# THE SUNDAY LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON  
OCTOBER 15.

Lesson III.—The Appeal to Caesar—  
Acts 25. Golden Text.—  
Matt. 10. 25.

Verse 1. Porcius Festus was a great improvement on Felix, but he died after two years. The province—Loosely so called, for Judea was only a department of the province Syria. After three days—Here and in verse 6 we have the impression of a conscientious administrator, accustomed to act promptly.

3. Asking a favor—Compare verses 11 and 16, which similarly lay stress on the fact that to change the venue of the trial of Roman citizen was a considerable concession. Festus was not unnaturally wishful to grant it. To a new governor it was reasonably enough a consideration to conciliate the men he had come to govern. But his inflexible sense of justice made that depend entirely on the prisoner's consent.

4. Festus describes in verses 15, 16 his view of the Jews' request. It appears that informed (verse 2) included an audacious request that Festus would pronounce sentence; they would urge that Felix would not have left him in custody without grave reason. Probably the request to have him tried in Jerusalem—where evidence would be more easily secured—was the Jews' alternative request, after the first had been refused. But the audacity of the former demand had put Festus on his guard.

5. Them that are of power—Men of position whom the rest would intrust with their case. Anything amiss—The word used in the crucified brigand's declaration about Jesus (Luke 23. 41). In earlier Greek it meant "strange, out of place," but it was now ordinary vernacular for "Wrong."

7. Charge—The nature of which may be inferred from verse 8, which is a list of headings in Paul's speech in his own defense.

9. To gain—Literally, "to deposit," as one does in a bank; the same statement is made of Felix in Acts 24. 27. Before me—Naturally implying "in my court." But verse 20 distinctly suggests that Festus meant the experts to conduct the trial in his presence, so that it would virtually mean trial by the Sanhedrin, Festus thought that by leaving it in their hands he would be better able to find out whether anything in Paul's conduct had brought him within the range of Roman criminal law. He was not yet prepared to acquit him, since he saw the strength and unanimity of Jewish feeling against him. He was bound to sift this, if only because it was evidently a danger to the public peace, however innocent Paul might be.

10. Paul knew the dangers of the road, and knew that the serious matter that Festus suspected. But his determination to complete the emancipation of the Faith from Jewish control. The civil court will give him—Even with Nero presiding—a fairer trial than the Sanhedrin, and he wants his liberty, if God will, so that he may go on with his preaching. One who can write as he does in Rom. 13 of the government, who acknowledge no more the right of the Jewish rulers to a voice in matters of religion which the Romans had always excluded from their courts; he determined to take the great issue to the highest court of all; it would give him the supreme opportunity of his life, even if he were condemned. It should be added that he was now clearly a money man—presumably by the death of his father; and he had determined to use his money for this visit to Rome, so often eagerly anticipated; without

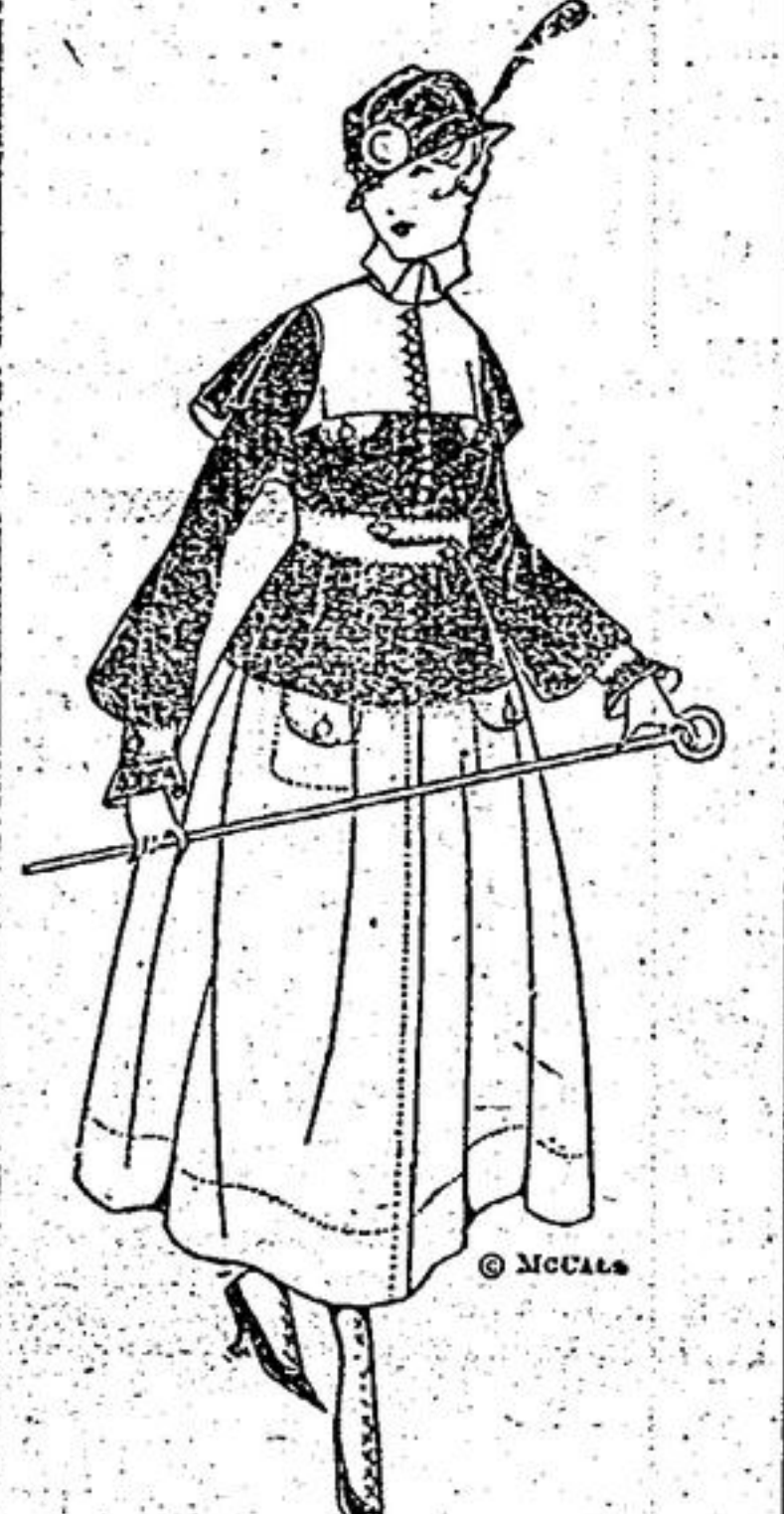
money the appeal, in theory allowed to every citizen, was impossible. All this, of course, was determined by the vision of the Lord himself in Acts 23. 11. Very well knownest—The word used is not that which implies information—it is to the clear-sightedness of Festus he appeals.

11. I refuse not—See the paraphrase adapting the formula an English judge uses when a prisoner has been found guilty of murder. "Refuse" in our modern use is incongruous. Grant me by favor (margin)—See note on verse 3, and the paraphrase.

12. Council—His personal retinue (cohors in Latin) who acted as assessors. Festus might perhaps have offered Paul an acquittal at once, and his difficulty was that which he expresses in verse 27. On his assessors' advice, he decides to accept the shifting of responsibility. After definitely allowing the appeal a sound in law, he would no longer pronounce a verdict of acquittal (Acts 26. 32).

# THE FASHIONS

Women of fashion are, to-day, greatly interested in the "two material" dresses. Has not Paris sanctioned them and put forth some of her best efforts in the fashioning of new versions of them for the economical woman with an eye to making over her last winter's dress who looks with approval on this style. To be sure, she



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One-Piece Frock of Cloth and Satin

may take advantage of it, for this fashion holds great possibilities for her; but, needless to say, it was not originally planned for her.

Combinations of materials are used in dresses of widely different character; quite as often in the one-piece frock for street as in the dress required for more formal wear. Of the first type is the smart dress of cloth and satin illustrated here. There is a suggestion of the military influence in this dress, too, which accounts for a part of its charm, as things military are still a source of inspiration to fashion designers. Perhaps it is the ordinary row of buttons placed straight down the front, perhaps it is the four pockets with rounded laps, or yet it may be the shoulder cape, or all of these together, that give the sold-



Children of Sir Douglas Haig, British Commander-in-Chief  
WHILE their father is leading the British troops at the front these two children, Alexaria and Victoria Haig, daughters of Sir Douglas Haig, British commander-in-chief are enjoying fighting of a different variety. The angling at Deal, England, often provides a good fight for the hopeful angler, for the fish are not at all eager to be caught and they exhibit their feelings. The above photo was taken at the juvenile angling competition at Deal, England.

# DOCTRINE OF CONTRADICTION

Adversity Is Not the Root of Bitterness But the Root of Promise and Productivity.

"And he said. . . . But God said."—Luke, xii, 18-20.

I knew a man in 1914 who said he would make a million the first year of the war. He failed in ninety days! I know another who said he was going to marry a girl who loved him so much he could trust her with his very all. She jilted him two weeks later. Wise and great and powerful though you may think yourself to be, my son, you are not by any means the arbiter of your own destiny. God has something to say about it, and you would be a far wiser and happier man if you would only listen sometimes to what He has to say instead of hurrying the ear drums of the world with what you have to say as to your future.

God Has Great Plans for You.

The man in the text was one of those irreligious farmers who can never stand prosperity; the more he prospered the more he forgot God. "And he said"—that is, this farmer said—"I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and I will say to my soul, Eat, drink, and be merry. But God said, Thou fool!"

That's what God always says to a man like that. Every man who talks like that is a fool, and the sooner he is told it the better. Prosperity is the first seed of decay. Contradiction is not a social faux pas but a spiritual amenity whereby a soul is set right and saved from itself and the consequences of its folly.

Who are you to say before God says? You may think yourself very powerful and very great, but you are mighty small in the sight of the Al-

mighty. He knows the end from the beginning. You know not what day may bring forth. Therefore you had better think more, talk less and listen to the Lord.

"But God said," God has great plans for you if you'll only let Him work them out without being so presumptuous and cocksure of yourself. "And he said," "I'll go down and make a fortune." "But God said, Thou fool!"

"But God Said." "And he said," as Napoleon did Waterloo that fateful 18th day of June, 1815. "Ere night shall fall be conqueror of Europe and auto-crate of the world." "But God said," "Thou fool! Ere night shall fall I'll thee of thy power and glory for good of humanity and send thee to be shackled as a felon to die a lonely death within a lonely land."

"And he said," "Ah, I'm no good. I'm a failure. Nobody wants me now." "But God said," "I want to take failures and make successes of them. I did it with runaway Jews. I did it with outcast Paul, as I did it with Garibaldi in Italy, Kossuth in Hungary; as I have done it with millions when men thought they were finished and defeated. Be still and know that I am Don't contradict. Don't set plans against me, for I am with Be not dismayed, for I am thy God will strengthen thee; yea, I will thee; yea, I will uphold thee with right hand of my righteousness."

That's what God says; that's God will do if you'll only give Him chance. Will you?—Rev. W. C. Cafer, D.D.

terly tinge to this dress. One can readily imagine the design developed in satin and serge, velvet and cloth, velvet and satin, or any one of these materials in two tones. A light and a dark shade of gray silk have been used very successfully by Parisian designers in such a dress as this. They have even combined two different colors such as tan and brown, dark green and gray, and mahogany and gray. But the amateur should beware of combining two colors unless they are in perfect harmony, for the result may be vastly different from what the hands of an experienced combiner of colors would produce.

In dresses for formal wear, one sees not exactly match the costume in any event, harmonize with it, very attractive ones are of black velvet with steel beads or of mol-colored beads, and some fluffy creations are entirely of ruffles and bon.

In crocheted bags there is quite attractive new style worked in bright colors forming solid rows go round and round. The bag is round, and longer than they are. The top is drawn together on the run through rings, and the bag is finished with a long tassel. In Or and silk bags there are a number odd, irregular shapes as well and round ones.

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### NEW ZEALAND SHIP

State-Owned Line of Vessels  
vice to Britain.

Following the example of Australia, which has started a government-owned line of freight ships, Prime Minister Massey of the New Zealand House of Representatives, foreshadowed the formation of a New Zealand State-owned 20,000-ton steamers of two to run between New Zealand and Great Britain. In Britain the sale of the nation in merchant shipping is not sanctioned the sale of any whaling vessels abroad until the line is over. Nothing definite has been decided as to the future of the ships bought by Mr. Hugh Fisher, his recent stay in London, for a time they will be employed in the Australian Navy Department will be employed in the mail contract with the Commonwealth of the latter's liners at the Manchester Guardian.

"There is reason to believe that the intention of New Zealand to buy a State line of 20,000-ton ships is not without significance.

notion, more especially known for some time by the Union Government of Scotland, willing to co-operate with the Italian Government in adopting schemes of the bill is before the United States; and will in all probability be passed soon, which would form a national view to the construction and operation of mercantile ships of that Government.

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