



HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS

Keep the Dust Cloths Clean.

The dust cloth for any room should be lightly sprinkled before using, and should be washed and dried after every dusting operation. Dirty dust cloths do more harm than good in cleaning a room.

The Housewife's Emergency Sleeves.

Too many housewives neglect to provide themselves with sleeves which can be quickly slipped over the dress sleeves when an emergency calls them to the kitchen. White cambric is the best for these, and the full kind, gathered at top and bottom over a rubber cord, is generally most satisfactory.

How to Hang Bodices and Jackets.

To avoid wrinkling fine shirt waists of velvet or silk they should be suspended upon frames as men's coats are hung up. The frames should be wound with strips of cloth or silk. Cris powder or some delicate sachet may be used upon them to give a faint agreeable perfume to the garment.

Apron For Kitchen Use.

The best apron for occasional use in the kitchen is made of straight lengths of gingham sewed together in a piece wide enough to easily envelope the figure. The bottom and sides are hemmed. Openings are cut at the top for the arms, the two sides being connected over the shoulder by a double bias band. The neck, both back and front, is straight and is gathered into a facing. The distance between the openings for the arms should be determined by the width required at the foot of the skirt. Three or four buttons and buttonholes close the back. The beauty of these aprons is that while they are quickly made they protect the gown at the back as well as at the front, and prevent the waist from being splattered while beating eggs, batter, cream and the like.

Recent Artistic Device.

Brackets and other articles of light well furniture made to hang from the picture mouldings are a recent useful and artistic device. The bracket is fastened to a tall rod or upright of wood, like that of which the bracket itself is made. This rod extends all the way to the ceiling, but at the point which it meets the picture moulding the back of the rod is hollowed out in a concave clamp to fit over the moulding, the upright rod resting flat against the wall. If the bracket is too heavy for a single upright two may be used. The uprights are attractively carved and decorated, so that they add to the ornamentation of the bracket. Small bookcases and mirrors, with candle and side brackets attached, may also be put up in this way, for a moulding will support a weight of several hundred pounds, if properly put on.

HOUSEHOLD RECIPES

Plain Cake—One and one-half cups of sugar, one-third cupful of butter, one large egg, one cupful of sour milk, one cupful of chopped raisins, one teaspoonful of soda, three cupfuls of flour. Bake in one loaf.

vanilla Perfait—Boil one-half cupful each of sugar and water to a thick syrup. Beat the yolks of six eggs very light, add one tablespoonful of vanilla and the cold syrup. Cook in a double boiler to a thick custard. Cool and add one pint of cream whipped and drained. Turn into a fancy mold and bury in ice and salt two hours. Serve with sponge drops or lady fingers. Bits of candied fruit or sweetened fresh fruits may be frozen with the mixture if desired.

Smothered Parsnips—Scrape three large, or five medium sized, parsnips; slice lengthwise and cut in three-inch pieces; two-thirds cover with boiling water, salt and cover closely. Boil four white onions until tender, drain and mash fine. Put two tablespoonfuls of butter into a saucepan, add one tablespoonful of flour, rub smooth, add one cup of cream, two shakes salt, one shake pepper, three grates of nutmeg and the onion. Stir well, let come to a bubble and turn over the parsnips.

Apple Gelatin Cream—Wash, quarter and stew enough tart apples to make a pint of juice, add a little stick of cinnamon to the juice, and when soft drip through cheesecloth. Soften one-third of a box of gelatin in half a cup of cold water, bring the fruit juice to a boil, add three-fourths of a cup of sugar and the gelatin, stir until dissolved and pour into a deep bowl and set to cool. When the jelly begins to thicken beat with an egg, whip until light and stiff enough to drop. Add a pint of cream whipped to a stiff froth and sweetened, fold together until smooth, place in a mold and set in a cool place for four or five hours. Serve with strawberry preserves and lady fingers.

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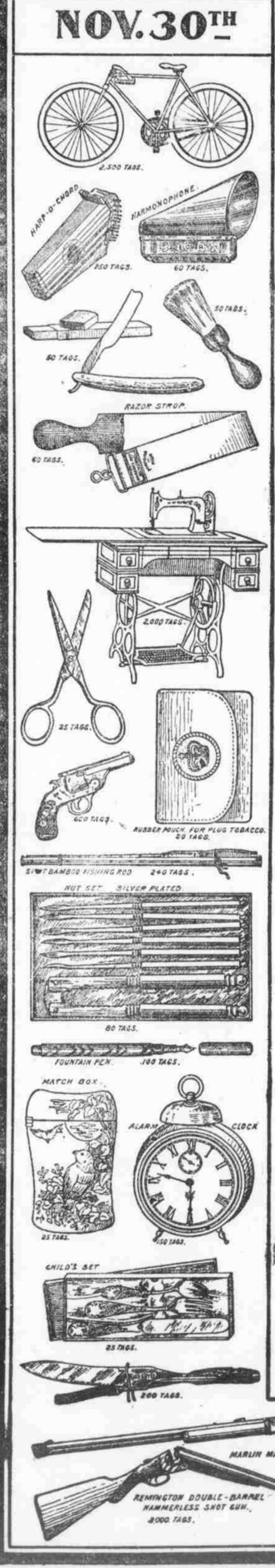
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