THE HOPE CHEST

McClure Newspaper Syndicate.) With the you going to put in the chest?" demanded Aunt after Amy had asked for the gwood chest in the attic. "Oh-things," she an-

> Martin saw the blush, "Amy Are you starting one of those

flared Amy defiantly. ndelicate-I do indeed, for egin saving things-to be ties for a wedding set-outsh't even got a beau!"

Visitia! You do say such _ protested Amy, "There my preparing for a home

inly are vainer than I be!" lamented Mrs.

I may have the chest

at in the shed loft. Your Il have to get some one to erry it into the house. Do in your room?"

Vint Martha and thank you Ar., poised on one toe to Martin's cold ear, and then way to find Uncle Joe. Beand him, Aunt Martha had and told him about the and chest. So he met Amy out grin on his merry face. von're starting a hopeless

Yall me so funny. Uncle Joe," re-"If you were a girl you

laughed Uncle Joe. "I have to be a girl to understand, Why, when I made up my I to marry your Aunt Martha, I lest right off."

"What did you put into it?" asked "Lovely neckties you leked up, and clothes and every-

"Not a thing went into my hope est except money," declared Mr. "I knew that by the time we married I'd need every cent I could ut I've still kept my hope chest, girlie, nd I am still raking and scraping to eep it full of money!"

Amy patted his brown arm affectiontely. She dearly loved these two relaves who had adopted her in her orhaned childhood, and only she knew he sweetness in their hearts. 'She ecause she had not married, and she is now twenty-four.

"And no hope in sight," sighed Uncle oe, for Amy had never been attracted pward any young man in the village. But I will get somebody to help me own with the camphorwood chest tohorrow, and you better work night and ay to fill it, because it's mighty big nd time's passing."

Overjoyed at possessing the chest, thich was larger than any of those wned by her friends Amy rearranged he furniture in her room to accompolate the chest. The next day Uncle be received a call from young Peter lanbury, owner of a large dairy farm the next county. He drove up in a arge motor car, and Amy, sewing in he dormer window of her room, dimpsed his tall form as he passed brough the gate. He was tall and fair, ith a ruddy, sunburned skin, and a leasant smile. Amy had heard about im and she guessed that he had come o buy some cows from her uncle.

"Imagine riding in a car like that," hought Amy as she gazed down at is shining splendor. She fell to dayreaming and she had quite forgotten bout the owner of the car when she eard heavy footsteps on the back airs and her Uncle Joe's hearty voice

"les pant-pant-this chest is gotg-pant-into my niece's room-pant pant pant. Amy's going-pantteady there, Peter, I'm not as young is I was puff-puff-Amy's going to tart a hope chest—ha—ha. I call it hopeless chest-ha, ha!"

With flaming cheeks Amy fled to lde behind the chintz curtain that one-med her wardrobe. She hid her are in the cool folds of a dimity own as the men brought the chest haide and it thumped to the floor. They breathed heavily for a moment, and Amy peeked curiously through the

They stood with their backs to her, It I hade Joe was telling Peter about he camphorwood chest which his hother had brought from China. Amy's well face was framed in the folds of ross and blue chintz as she peeped. The wen were standing facing the was takinly visible. He was gazing there's at something pleasant—his yes beinged that. Amy wonderedhere is a fascinated horror she realzed that he was looking directly at or the plainly revealed in the mirror. There was only one thing to do, and hay the forth in radiant confusion. That you so much," she said to hem for Uncle Joe had introduced

Peter Hanbury. Use to loe beamed upon them as Peter made some remark about the history of the great chest, for all the dime Peter's eyes were admiring Amy eds. After Peter had gone, having

"That ain't a hopeless chest-not by

And Peter had decided that it couldn't possibly be anything except hope chest for Amy-Mrs. Peter Han-

Horticultural Hints

GOOD HINTS FOR ORCHARDIST

Thorough and Complete Covering Is Essential in Spraying-Thinning is important.

It should be remembered that thorough and complete covering with the spray is essential to success. It is not enough to try to hit the fruit that the sprayer sees but he must cover all the tree. The successful sprayer goes back and checks upon himself to see whether he has missed any spots or not. Special attention should be given to the tops of the trees and no one should attempt to spray in a high wind.

Careful thinning is another important orchard practice which should be a regular part of the codling moth campaign. This should be done early and the thinner should be instructed to pocket the wormy apples so they can be carefully destroyed. Probably the surest and simplest way to do this is to dump them into a barrel half full of water with a little kerosene on

The trees should be carefully pruned and mened up so that the spray can reach all parts of the tree without difficulty. It may be necessary to head back old trees severely. It is sometimes necessary or desirable to recommend that burlap bands be placed around the trunks of the trees where infestation is heavy. These should be removed about one in two weeks during the summer and any cocoons found destroyed. Cultivation will kill some of the larvae in the ground and attention should also be given to packing houses or other buildings where the old boxes are stored that may contain many hibernating larvae. The grower should also keep an accurate record of his spray program, including notes on the weather so that he may be able to check back on his successes or failures.

BUILDING UP OLD ORCHARDS

Sweet Clover Is Considered Excellent Crop to Improve Soil and Help Bearing Trees.

Sweet clover is considered to be about the best hay crop to grow in an orchard and at the same time improve the bearing of the trees. Many old orchards on rundown soils have been ealized that they were disappointed built up again by getting a stand of sweet clover (which is an easy job) and allowing the clover to have a couple of years' growth with perhaps two cuttings a year from it.

This is also a good way to build up an old orchard soil before setting out a younger orchard between the old trees, with the idea of cutting out the old trees as soon as the young ones begin to bear. The principal underlying the recommendation of sweet clover is that, when inoculated, it will supply nitrogen to the soil. It will grow on poorer land than most legumes, and still give good results. Mitrogen is the main element in nature that stimulates growth and heavy bearing in fruit trees.

The method most common is to plant sweet clover on the land that is poor, Often the old trees are entirely cut away if they are not bearing enough fruit to pay saving them. The clover is plowed under when the plants are about three feet high, or it may be disked into the soil after mature plants have fallen to the ground. The young trees are then planted the first spring after the clover has matured and has been plowed under.

BRIDGE GRAFTING WILL HELP

Fruit Trees Damaged by Mice and Rabbits Can Be Saved by Simple Little Operation.

Fruit trees that have been girdled or otherwise injured during the winter by mice and rabbits can be saved by bridge grafting. A bridge graft is made by using scions or small limbs to connect the two portions of the bark of the tree which have been separated by an injury. The ends of the "bridge" unite with the uninjured parts above and below the wound in such a manner that a connection between the tissues is established. Bridge grafting is best adapted and is usually most successful when applied to apple trees. Hovever, pear trees may also be treated by this method.

DELICIOUS APPLE IN FAVOR

bread table and Peter Hanbury's face Of Total Crop in Northwest 15 to 20 Fer Cent of This Variety-Brings Best Price.

> Of the total apple crop in the Northwest, 15 to 20 per cent are of the Delicious variety, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture. This variety brings higher prices than other prominent varieties of boxed apples.

> > Best Pruning of Grapes.

The first year after grapes are planted they require no pruning at all. Late in the autumn of this year all of the wood should be cut away except three legged for an invitation to come and lef four buds unless the wood is very hake a real call, Uncle Joe said to firm and ripe, in which case it is as well to begin shaping the vine this first year.

Bring an Orchard Back.

An orchard can often be brought back into profitable bearing if it is of the right varieties and if it has not been neglected too much.

CHIC STYLES FOR YOUNG GIRLS; SPRING HATS FOR LITTLE HEADS

her early teens, for her clothesat first glance-seem almost replicas are in fact much alike in line and in

Everybody wears simple, slip-over and straight-line frocks like that one pictured, everyone may wear the soft crepe de chine sash-not everyone can wear the little round neckline crown of silk and a brim of fancy

HIS is a happy day for the maid in | youngest girls are made on bonnetlike cloche (bell-shaped) frames, but there are off-the-face and other shapes of those worn by her elders. They that suit certain saucy little countenances. Nine times out of ten the demure cloche is best suited for the tiny miss lately graduated into hats.

In the group of models pictured, there is one off-the-face shape that is amusing and becoming. It has a soft



Simple, Straight-Line Frock

with the small Deauville kerchief as | braid. The trimming is a tie matte a finish, but youth can, and looks par- of the silk, having long ends finished ticularly well in it because of its free and easy flavor. This frock, which may be made of ratine cotton crepe, crosspatch or kasha cloth, is cut with kimono sleeves and finished at the loned of the yarn, is placed at the bottom with a deep hem. It is pretty front. The home millinery can unin lively colors with stripe or cross bar in white or black, but there are many color combinations to choose from in goods of this character.

For dressier wear crepe de chine frocks appear to be entitled to first place in the parade of fashions for

with silk balls. For an older girl a pressed shape, of fine straw braid, is shown, the crown covered with long stitches of yarn and an ornament fashdertake a hat like this with every chance of success.

A hat that is sure to delight little ones appears with a silk crown, made in sections joined by seams with narrow braid sewed over them. Picturebook animais cut from colored silks the young. It is shown in man; pret- | are applied to the crown with stitches



Hats for Fair Young Heads

white or other light ground.

Figured silks add touches of brilliance to youthful street suits, where they provide collar and cuffs for the coat and pockets for the skirt of plain fabric. Twills reign in the realm of street suits and flannels fod sports. Much attention is given these days of fancy braid about the crown.

o millinery for the little missher headwear is no longer unimportant-and it is easy to find winsome models for every sweet, young face. The majority of trimmed hats for the

signs of prim flowers set against a circles the crown ending in loops and ends. The uprolling brim is a narrow straw braid. Straw or silk braid, with silk (usually taffeta) accounts for many children's hats this season.

Taffeta, tucked to cover the brim, makes a pretty hat with soft crown and narrow brim with a wide collar

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The Kitchen

It is a great step gained, when one has shaken off the bondage of feeling obliged to comprehend at once everything that one admires.-Martha Baker

SIMPLE DESSERTS

A dessert that one need not fear to give even the children is the follow-

ing: Butter slices of bread, lay them in a baking dish or bowl; over each layer po r canned blueberries or any other small stewed fruit.

Press and cover until the bread is well soaked with fruit juice. Turn out on a platter and serve with whipped cream. This dessert may be heated and served from the dish if so desired.

Rice With Coconut Custard.—Cook one-half cupful of well-washed rice in three pints of boiling milk. Cool. Beat together five eggs, leaving out the whites of two, add one cupful each of sugar and coconut. Stir into the rice mixture and bake. Make a meringue of the whites of the eggs beaten stiff, add six tablespoonfuls of sugar, pile on top of the pudding and brown.

Banana Cantaloupe.—Soak two tablespoonfuls of ge'atin in one-half cupful of cold water, beat the whites of two eggs slightly, add one-fourth, of a cupful of powdered ugar and three for her to go Ruth and Orpah accomfourths of a cupful of scalded cream, cook over hot water until it thickens; add the soaked gelatin and two-thirds. fore them frankly the difficulties which of a cupful of sugar; strain, set in ice water, add four mashed bananas, one tablespoonful of temon juice, stir until It begins to thicken, then fold in the whip from three and one-ha'f cupfuls the expression of her noble choice. of cream. Line a molon mold with lady fingers, 'urn in the mixture, spread evenly and chill.

Figs With Lemon Sauce. - Soak figs several hours in water to just cover, then cook until the figs are plump and the water is absorbed; add one-fourth of a cupful of lemon juice when the figs are nearly tender. Remove the figs, thicken the sauce, chill and serve poured over the f.gs. Garnish with whipped cream.

I do not own an inch of land, But all I see is mine-The orchard and the mowing-fields, The lawns and gardens fine. And, more magnificent than all, My window keeps for me A glimpse of blue immensity-A little strip of sea, -Lucy Larcom.

TIMELY TIPS FOR HOUSEWIFE

-Add a little borax to the rinsing water for thin garments and handkerchiefs. Ita adds just

them seem fresh and new when ironed.

Mix the chopped fruit with the sugar and butter when making cake and the fruit will not settle to the bottom.

A little lemon juice and grated rind added to apple pie at this season makes a tastier pie as the apples lack flavor.

When serving a chocolate or any fruit blancmange, arrange small cream puffs filled with a soft custard around the very expressions have come down the mold when serving. This adds to the beauty of the dish and makes a pretty sauce receptacle for the pudding, which can also be eaten for cake.

Overlapping slices of roll jelly cake arranged around a mold of blancmange, Bavarian cream or snow pudding adds much to the appearance of the dish and furnishes an accompaniment to the pudding.

Dresser drawer pockets will be found a great convenience. Take pieces of cretonne or other material suitable. tack along the sides or ends of the for her choice, becausedrawers, making pockets into which may be slipped the things that so often | Instead of her heathen gods who were get covered up or mussed. At a glance unable to help her she now had a a veil may be found or a pair of living God, the God of Israel, as her gloves, without disturbing other things God. in the drawer.

Stick a clove in the lemon slices to serve with afternoon tea. A dainty the field she was led to the field of flavor well liked is a cube or two of Boaz, a man of wealth and grace. The preserved pineapple in the teacup.

When baking potatoes, parboil them for a few minutes until thoroughly heated, then place them in the oven given her. and they will bake very quickly and will save gas, an item interesting to most of us.

A glass of orange juice for the invalid is one of the best and most agreeable of tonics. It is good for the three-months-old baby if strained and given between feedings. An orange at came one of a nobler people. night for anyone troubled with constipation will afford great benefit.

In the home where tobacco is used freely, place a dish of water in the room at night and it will absorb the odors, freeing the air of all smoke smell.

Moisten the bearings of the sewing machine with kerosene to remove the dust, then wipe off carefully and apply machine oil.

Blood stains on woolen goods may be removed if cornstarch is applied at once--the starch absorbs the moisture -and with a brush after the stain is dry, all starch and color may be re-

Scorched linen may be restored by wetting and placing in the bright sun-

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LESSON FOR APRIL 29

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RUTH THE FAITHFUL DAUGHTER

LESSON TEXT-Book of Ruth. GOLDEN TEXT-Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God .- Ruth

PRIMARY TOPIC-The Story of

JUNIOR TOPIC-Ruth and Naomi. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOP-IC-Ruth's Choice and Its Outcome. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOP-IC-The Secret of Ruth's Noble Life.

1. Ruth's Connection. With Naomi (Chapter 1:1-15). On account of famine in Berlilehem of Judah, Naomi with her husband and two sons sojourned in the land of Moab. After the death of her husband her two sons married Moabit ish women. After a time her sons died also. After the death of her sons Naomi resolved to return to her homeland, having heard that the Lord had visited His people in giving them bread. They went to Moab to escape trouble but only got into more. It was not until Naomi was thus chastised that she resolved to return. Naomi had the good sense to recognize that the hand of the Lord was upon her for good. When the time came panied her, for a distance. This she permitted but determined to place bewould necessarily confront them. It was this frank presentation of the difficulties and her repeated urging them to go back that called forth from Ruth

II. Ruth's Noble Choice (1:16-18). Much as Naomi loved her daughters-inlaw, she would not have them go into this matter blindly. She told them the worst that could come upon them. This principle ought to be carried out by us in all our relations in life. In business the spirit of frankness should be manifest. At home we should deal with each other in the most straightforward way. The same thing should characterize our behavior in the church and society. Note the difficulty which confronted Ruth:

1. No Chance to Marry Again. Naomi told her that she had no more sons for whom she could wait. In that day to be unmarried was the greatest disgrace. Society differed then from

2. She Must Renounce Her Gods. Her idolatrous worship could not be carried on in the land where God's people dwelt. This was delicately touched upon when Orpah went back enough stiffness to make (v. 15). Orpah went back when it was plain there was no chance to get a husband. Now Naomi puts an additional test upon Ruth, that of giving up her religion. Ruth was equal to the occasion. Her mind was fully made up. She was willing to accept as her God the one who was able to produce in his subjects the nobility of character she had observed in Naomi's very frankness in dealing with her caused Ruth to be more determined to cast her lot with her. Ruth's position was so definite and unfaltering that to us in words which "no poetry has out-rivaled, and no pathos has exceeded, and which has gone through centuries with the music that will not let them be forgotten." She was determined to share Naomi's journey, her home, her lodge, her lot in life, and her grave in death, whatever that would be. To crown it all she would re-

> Jehovah. III. Blessings Which Attended Ruth's Faithfulness. Ruth was never sorry

> nounce her heathen gods and worship

1. She Found the True God (1:16).

2. She Found Human Friends. (Chapter 2). As she went to glean im servants of Boaz treated her with consideration. Even Boaz gave instructions for special consideration to be

3. A Good Husband and a Happy Home (3-4). She not only secured a husband, but a man of God who had an abundance of this world's goods.

4. An Honored Place in the Israelitish Nation (4:13-17). Though she had to forsake her own people she be-

5. She Became a Link in the Chain of Christ's Ancestry (4:18-22 compare Matthew 1:5). The one who fully decides for Christ and gives up all for him shall get a hundred-fold in this life, and in the world to come, eternal

Sharing Misfortunes.

Some people think that all the world should share their misfortunes, though they do not share in the sufferings of any one else .- A. Poincelot.

Those Who Mean to Be True. Those who honestly mean to be true contradict themselves more rarely than those who try to be consistent-O. W. Holmes.

Fearless Minds. Fearless minds climb soonest unte crowns .- Shakespeare.