

THE HOPE CHEST

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WHAT are you going to put in the chest? demanded Aunt Martha after Amy had asked for the chest...

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.

Careful thinning is another important orchard practice which should be a regular part of the cooling moth campaign.

The trees should be carefully pruned and opened up so that the spray can reach all parts of the tree without difficulty.

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.

This is also a good way to build up an old orchard soil before setting out a younger orchard between the old 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.

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.

DELICIOUS APPLE IN FAVOR

Of Total Crop in Northwest 15 to 20 Per 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.

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 or four buds unless the wood is very firm and ripe.

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

THIS is a happy day for the maid in her early teens, for her clothes—at first glance—seem almost replicas of those worn by her elders.

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



Simple, Straight-Line Frock

with the small Deauville kerchief as a finish, but youth can, and looks particularly well in it because of its free and easy flavor.

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

youngest girls are made on bonnet-like cloche (bell-shaped) frames, but there are off-the-face and other shapes that suit certain saucy little countenances.

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



Hats for Fair Young Heads

signs of prim flowers set against a 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.

Much attention is given these days to millinery for the little miss—her headwear is no longer unimportant—and it is easy to find winsome models for every sweet, young face.

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 of fancy braid about the crown.

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The Kitchen Cabinet

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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 Dunn.

SIMPLE DESSERTS

A dessert that one need not fear to give even the children is the following: Butter slices



of bread, lay them in a baking dish or bowl; over each layer put 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.

Banana Cantaloupe.—Soak two tablespoonfuls of gelatin in one-half cupful of cold water.

I do not own an inch of land, But all I see is mine—The orchard and the mowing-fields, The lawn and gardens fine.

—Lucy Larcom.

TIMELY TIPS FOR HOUSEWIFE

Add a little borax to the rinsing water for thin garments and handkerchiefs.

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 mold when serving.

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 drawers.

When baking potatoes, parboil them for a few minutes until thoroughly heated, then place them in the oven and they will bake very quickly and will save gas.

A glass of orange juice for the invalid is one of the best and most agreeable of tonics.

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 removed.

Scorched linen may be restored by wetting and placing in the bright sunlight.

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 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 unto crowns.—Shakespeare.

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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR APRIL 29

RUTH THE FAITHFUL DAUGHTER

LESSON TEXT—Book of Ruth. GOLDEN TEXT—Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God.—Ruth 1:16.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Story of Ruth. JUNIOR TOPIC—Ruth and Naomi. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Ruth's Choice and Its Outcome. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Secret of Ruth's Noble Life.

1. Ruth's Connection. With Naomi (Chapter 1:1-15). On account of famine in Bethlehem of Judah, Naomi with her husband and two sons sojourned in the land of Moab.

2. Ruth's Noble Choice (1:16-18). Much as Naomi loved her daughters-in-law, she would not have them go into this matter blindly.

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.

2. She Must Renounce Her Gods. Her idolatrous worship could not be carried on in the land where God's people dwelt.

11. Blessings Which Attended Ruth's Faithfulness. Ruth was never sorry for her choice, because— 1. She Found the True God (1:16). Instead of her heathen gods who were unable to help her she now had a living God, the God of Israel, as her God.

2. She Found Human Friends. (Chapter 2). As she went to glean in the field she was led to the field of Boaz, a man of wealth and grace.

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 became one of a nobler people.

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 life.