

Our Pattern Department



8186—Ladies' Skirt.—Cut in sizes 24 to 32 inches waist measure. The skirt is cut in three gores and has a slightly raised waistline.
 8185—Ladies' Waist.—Cut in sizes 36 to 42 inches bust measure. Long or short sleeves may be used and the waist may be developed in linen or crepe de Chine.
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FARM WOMEN'S CLUBS

Some Good Suggestions for Other Women

OUR little club has 15 members and 10 were present at the last meeting.

We discussed how a hostess should set the table, prepare and serve a meal for special company.

At our next meeting we will discuss "Should Parents Force Children to Go to School?" and "Is An Education More Important Now than It Was Fifteen Years Ago? If so, why?"

MISS SNODA BROWN,
 Staley, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

An Old-time Concert

EVERY year in my home town there is "Ye olde tyme Fiddlers" Convention. Perhaps some of you United Farm Women's Clubs may care to have one also. You know who plays the fiddle for miles around.

None but musicians of the old school are allowed to enter the contest. Whatever be the age of the contestant, all music must be the Arkansas Traveler, Money Musk, Mississippi Sawyer, Flop-eared Mule, Leather Breeches, Richmond Cotillion, old waltzes, schottiches, reels, jigs, etc. All songs must be as ancient, and no recitation (a few being permitted) must be more modern than "The Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight."

Prizes must be substantial and, since it is the old people mostly who take part, they are best in money, which can be taken from the door receipts. There should be first and second prizes for fiddle, banjo, mouth organ, other instrument, singer or dancer (clog dancing a specialty), and one booby prize for each. Advertise a good hot dinner to all contestants.

Coöperative Buying Was the Feature of This Club

THE United Farm Women's Club of Gold Knob, Rowan County, N. C., was organized in March, 1916, and held twelve meetings during the year on Saturday before the second and fourth Sundays at three in the afternoon.

We used the United Farm Women's program, paid dues of twenty-five cents each, and have seventeen members.

We enjoyed getting together. We discussed coöperative buying of dry goods, useful household knowledge, exchanged recipes and held a picnic with the men's County Union.

With the money from dues and five dollars extra we earned we bought shades for Union Hall, in which we meet, a record book and the rest went for coöperative buying in our Union Warehouse.

MRS. J. T. RIDENHOUR,
 President.
 MRS. A. L. KLUTTZ,
 Secretary.

This Club Celebrated New Year's

LAST year our Woman's Club gave a New Year's celebration, inviting the whole community to take part, and it proved such a success that we repeated it this year.

The program consisted of songs by the audience, dialogues and recitations by the young people and a Bible story for the children, told by one of the young ladies. After the program the club ladies passed nuts and home-made candies, and a very pleasant social hour was spent in talking over neighborhood news, making plans for the year's work, etc.

This year our program was short and followed by refreshments and games in which every one can join. These neighborhood gatherings are enjoyed by young and old alike, and it's a mighty pleasant way to begin the New Year. Try it in your community. Now is not too late.

HAZEL D. PELTON.

Citronelle, Ala.

What Sheep Produced on One Farm

TALKING about sheep—as we have very often in the last year—I saw something that ought to be interesting to all of us. It was in one of the county exhibits at a state fair that I saw it.

A sheep there was, alive, and bleating, whose forefathers had lived on the Scott farm for over fifty years.

Hanging near the sheep was a tanned skin for baby to sit on. Above and around were white blankets that had been in use over fifty years, having been made from the wool of that sheep's first Scott ancestors, as well as seven other varieties of blankets in various stripes, checks and colors, from pale blue to dark red.

There was a sateen-filled comforter, also a large carpet, 12½ by 14 feet, five two-tone rugs, all different, three small pattern rugs, a couch cover, a buggy robe, a woven coverlet of intricate design, stockings of yarn, a soft shawl, a long fascinator, and—now listen, for I have not told it all—flannel drawers and undershirts for all the boys of the family and cloth for the suits of the boys of the family and cloth for the suits of the eight men of the family and some left over for the clothes of the sons-in-law.

After such an exhibition as this, is there any farm in the South that would do without sheep?

FATAL SYMPTOMS

The pretty restaurant cashier had applied for a holiday.
 "I must recuperate," she said. "My beauty is beginning to fade."
 "That so?" said the proprietor. "What makes you think so?"
 "The men are beginning to count their change."—Chicago Herald.

Ship's Officer—"Oh, there goes eight bells; excuse me, it's my watch below."
 Old Lady—"Gracious! Fancy your watch striking as loud as that!"—Sailor's Magazine.

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