

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

Our mockingbird that was so depressed over his defeat by hundreds of waxwings did not sing any last week until Thursday, not long before noon. Even yet he does not sound as boyant and care-free as before his reign was disputed.

Every woman needs another female to help her admire the results of her work. I showed my youngest son five quart jars in which I had three hens canned. Another woman would have exclaimed over them, but Barrie merely gave one glance and said, "Looks like lab specimens pickled in alcohol." Now I don't know whether I shall enjoy eating those hens.

Don't put too much confidence in the claims made by manufacturers of cleaning compounds when it comes to their not hurting paint. Try them first where it will not matter greatly if paint is removed. A cleaner that is all right for enamel may not do for paint. I tried one of the new products this week, following directions exactly. The dirt came off—but so did a big part of the paint on the table being worked on. I went back to soap and warm water.

For a number of years the garden club here sponsored a flower show and plant exchange here each spring. I think the war put a stop to it. And I do wish the gardeners would start the exchange again, if they do not feel equal to the whole thing.

With so many new houses around us there is an unusual desire for shrubbery, slips, cuttings and plants; and everyone who grows flowers knows you have to do a lot of thinning and cutting out once in a while. This surplus would give a start to every new householder in town, if well distributed.

Not the least of the advantages in a plant exchange is the fact that no selling is done; if you can't exchange, you are given what you want as long as the supply holds out; and if houses cost others as they did the branches of my family, a little saving comes in handy. In addition, the neighborly feeling fostered by an exchange is worth working for.

I'm going out some day soon and gather my annual mess of pokeweed stalks. I don't care enough for the leaves to cook them, but the tender stalks par-boiled with the water changed

twice, well drained and seasoned with pork or bacon fat make a dish that rivals asparagus. However, if you, like a young neighbor who was given these directions, should exclaim "But we don't like asparagus!" don't bother with poke either. Nobody here eats it but me.

Mrs. Ida Hall called me recently and said she had been asked for a recipe for hot milk cake. She remembered one that appeared in this column, but did not have it clearly in mind, and suggested that we re-print it.

When I went to my cookbook the page with that recipe and the page facing it were stuck together, apparently with a tiny dab of egg or batter right where the clipping had been pasted in. All of it could not be read, so I had to proceed from memory after all. However, I have baked two cakes by directions given below, and you will find them accurate, though it may be they differ slightly from the original.

HOT MILK CAKE

Beat two eggs well, adding gradually one scant cupful sugar. Have one cupful sifted with one teaspoonful baking powder and one-eighth teaspoon salt. Add this to the egg-sugar mixture, beating all the time. Use vanilla flavor, putting it in the batter next. You will now have a mixture too thick to look encouraging, but don't

worry. Pour into it one-half cupful milk heated to boiling with a teaspoonful of butter melted in it. Beat just enough to blend well, pour into baking pan and cook in slow oven. Do not let heat go above 325, if you have oven thermometer.

This cake may take the place of sponge in any dessert and is far more easily made. Baked in layers it is fine with pineapple filling.

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Please accept this as a partial expression of my sincere thanks for the flowers, cards, and other gifts sent me during my stay in the hospital.

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