

**THE HOUSE and HOME**

**Baking Powder Biscuits.**

To one quart of flour add two rounding teaspoons of baking powder and a half a teaspoonful of salt; sift twice. Rub in quickly and thoroughly one rounding tablespoonful of shortening. Add a cupful and a half of milk slowly; take the mixture out on the board, roll out half an inch in thickness, cut with a small round cutter, and place the biscuits in a baking-pan. Brush the top of each biscuit with milk, and bake in a quick oven, 350 degrees Fahrenheit, for twenty minutes. These should be brown top and bottom, the sides crusted, but of a lighter color. Have just as little centre as possible. The biscuits must be light, but simply two crusts. Soft doughs produce indigestion.—Mrs. Rorer.

**Canning Eggs.**

Cracked or chipped eggs are not allowed to spoil in Kansas, but are preserved by canning. During the process of "candling" or sorting with regard to size, freshness and cleanliness, many broken eggs are found. These would keep in cold weather, but in summer time soon spoil. The canning process consists in breaking the eggs into carefully cleaned tin cans, then placing the cans in freezers, where the eggs are frozen in a solid mass, after which they are placed in cold storage. The cans are of ten-pound capacity, each holding about twelve dozen eggs. Some cans contain only whites other yolks only, and others both whites and yolks. Bakeries and ice cream factories are large consumers of canned eggs.—Popular Mechanics.

**Shrimp Toast.**

Remove the shrimps from a small can, put them in a colander and let the water run through them until every particle of the liquid in the can has been removed. Let them stand for an hour, then wash again and remove all the black veins. Melt a tablespoonful of butter in a sauce pan and heat the shrimps in this; take them out and put them in a hot dish while a sauce is being prepared. Into the dish from which the shrimps were taken put one cupful of milk, add a teaspoonful of butter, a little salt and pepper and four well beaten eggs. Stir until the mass is creamy, then have ready some slices of toasted bread cut into fanciful shapes. Arrange the hot shrimps on these, pour over them the eggs and serve at once. The slices of toast should be freed from all crusts and well buttered.—Emilie Fox.

**HINTS FOR THE HOUSEKEEPER**

A few cloves added to coffee while roasting it will give it a good aroma.  
Paint brushes can be cleaned by washing in hot soda water and soft soap.  
A brush dipped in salt water should be used in cleaning bamboo furniture.  
If salt is thrown over the carpet before sweeping it will clean the carpet and make it easier to sweep.  
By having an orange and a small onion inside the duck while roasting its flavor is said to be improved.  
Acid drink may be made by dissolving one tablespoonful of cream of tartar in one pint of water. Sweeten to taste.  
The bent point of a sewing machine needle may be sharpened on a whetstone and need not be discarded.  
Keep sponges clean by washing them now and then in soda, carefully rinsing out all the powder with pure cold water.  
The cut side of a lemon rubbed over a dish upon which fish has been served promptly removes the disagreeable odor.  
Put a small bag of talcum powder in a box with a cover, and keep in the workbox to rub on the fingers when they perspire.  
If table silver be washed with hot water and soap with occasionally a little ammonia, it can be kept bright without powder or paste.  
If when sewing on dark fabric the needle should become unthreaded, slip a piece of white goods underneath and you readily can see the eye.  
Needles and pins will never rust in a cushion filled with coffee grounds. Pour the coffee from the grounds and rinse them in cold water. Let them dry thoroughly before using.  
When once moths have got into a carpet, neither camphor nor tobacco will stop them.—The only way is to take a damp towel, spread it out upon the carpet, and iron it dry with a hot iron. Most ironing should be done in those portions of the carpet that do not take the chief wear of the room. The heat and steam will be found to destroy the worms and eggs.

A convenient cleaner for use on clothes may be made of cheesecloth fashioned into a bag three inches square. Fill the bag with five cents' worth of soap bark and sew up end. When wanted for use, place the bag in a basin of warm water and use as a sponge on the article to be cleaned, wiping with a dry cloth. After using, dry the bag and it will be ready for another time.

**WHAT WOMEN ARE WEARING**

New York City.—The vogue of the sleeveless coat appears to be an ever growing one, and nothing prettier



Boas Hug the Throat.  
The boa is dainty as possible, very small but very ruffy, with pleated butter-colored lace mounting to the ears and chin in a thick ruche, a smaller frill pleated about the base of the throat, and a ribbon tied between bow either in front or behind.

Neck Dressings.  
The latest innovation in neck dressing is the black ribbon stock, with bow at the back and ends that reach far below the hip line. These sash collars are worn with every kind of costume, from the simplest lingerie frock to the dressiest afternoon toilet.

Five-Gored Under Petticoat.  
Close fitting underwear is absolutely essential to the smart fitting gown at the present time and the five-gored under petticoat makes a desirable feature of the wardrobe. This one can be laid in inverted pleats at the back or gathered as liked, although the former method is to be preferred unless the figure is exceptionally slight. It can be made from lingerie materials and trimmed with embroidery or lace and it is also suited to flannel skirts. Also it can be finished at the upper edge with a belt or under-faced as liked.

The skirt is made in five gores and when the frill is used it is arranged over the lower edge. The side gores

or better suited to the warm weather could be found. This one is simplicity itself, yet drapes the figure with



graceful lines and folds and can be utilized for almost every seasonable material. In the illustration it makes a part of a costume and is made of buff linen braided with white soutache combined with embroidery. In place of the soutache and the embroidery applied trimming can be used if it is desirable to lessen the labor of making.

The coat is made in one piece, the only seam being that at the centre back. It is held beneath the arms by means of straps and can be closed with ornamental buttons and cord as illustrated or in any way that may be liked.

**Chiffon on Straw.**  
The novel trimming on a large Milan straw was all of white chiffon, the upstanding part being quills made of folds of the chiffon with a line of satin for the stem.

**Silver and Gold Touches.**  
Plaids are fashionable for light-weight fabrics such as voile, etamine and gauze. The colors most employed are blues, delicate reds and browns fading into buff. Silver and gold trim many of the new gowns somewhere and somehow.

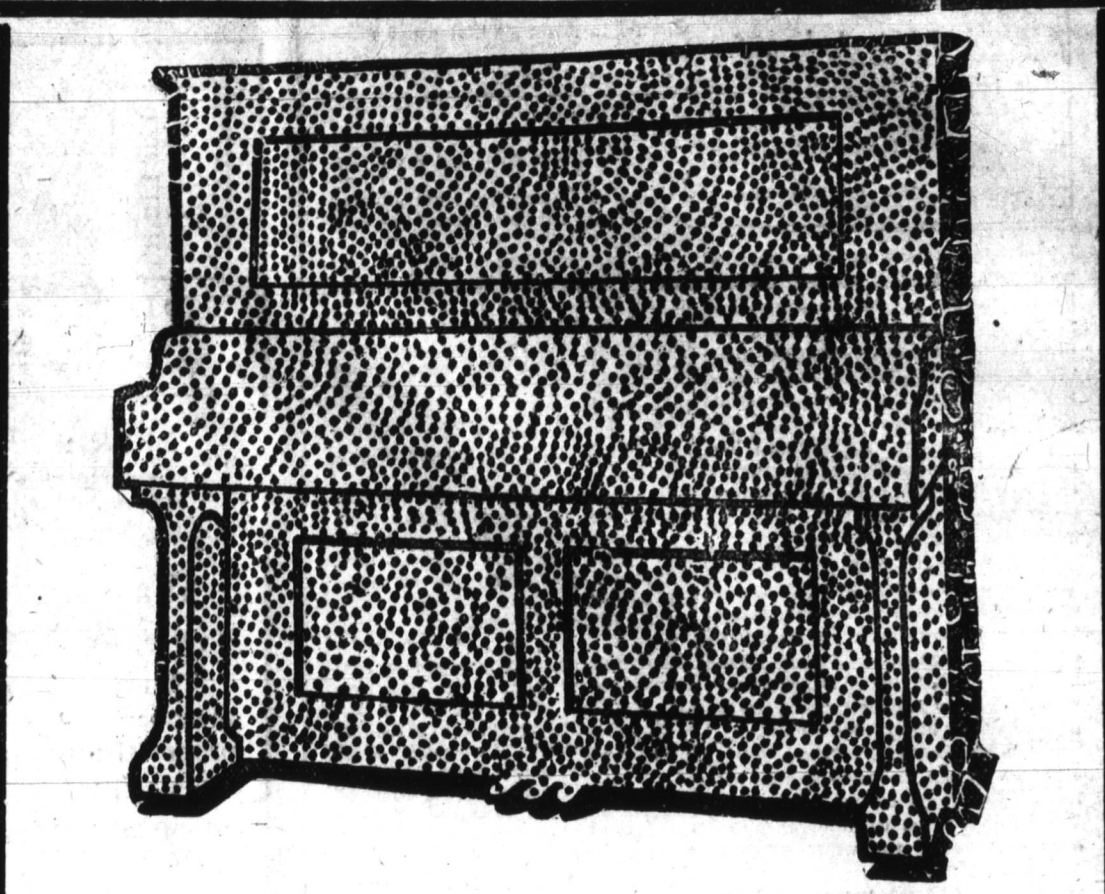
**Coat Mystery.**  
The shape of many of the choicest evening coats is a mystery to every one but the designer and maker.

are fitted by means of hip darts, so doing away with all fullness at that point.



The quantity of material required for the medium size is three and one-eighth yards of material twenty-seven or two and three-quarters thirty-six inches wide with three and one-half yards of embroidery seven inches wide and two and three-eighths yards of insertion to trim as illustrated; or one yard of additional material thirty-six inches wide if the frill is made to match.

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