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**HOUSEHOLD**

**CANNED TART APPLES.**

Peel and quarter firm apples, throwing them into cold water as you do so. Weigh the fruit and allow two pounds of granulated sugar to eight pounds of apples. Put the apples into a preserving-kettle, pour over them barely enough cold water to cover them, and let them cook gently until tender. While these are cooking, make a syrup by mixing the sugar with water (allowing a cupful of water to each pound of sugar) and bringing to a boil. Cook for four minutes, then lift the tender apples from the water, lay them gently in the syrup, simmer for a minute, and while very hot, put into self-sealing jars. These apples make excellent pies.

**CANNED SWEET APPLES.**

Core sweet apples dropping them into water as you do so. When all are ready, pack in heated glass jars. Have at hand a syrup made by mixing a cupful of sugar with a cupful of water, allowing this quantity to every two quart jar. Boil hard for fifteen minutes, adding the juice of half a lemon for every two cupfuls of sugar. Roll the jars in hot water before putting in the apples; fill at once with the boiling syrup, and set in a bake pan of hot water, then in a good oven. When the syrup is again at boiling point, seal immediately.

Larger apples may be put up in this way by coring and quartering. They are delicious eaten with cream.

**HONEY FUDGE.**

Materials—Two cups sugar, 1/2 cup honey, 1/2 cup water, 2 egg whites.

Directions—Boil together the sugar, honey and water until the syrup spins a thread when dropped from a spoon (about 250 degree Fahrenheit). Pour the syrup over the well-beaten whites of the eggs, beating continuously and until the mixture crystallizes, adding the flavoring after the mixture has cooled a little. Chop in small pieces on buttered or paraffin paper.

**VELVET SPONGE CAKE.**

One cup flour, one cup sugar, one half cup boiling water, two eggs, one teaspoon baking powder, one teaspoon vanilla extract. Sift the baking powder with half the flour. Beat the eggs very light, add sugar and flavoring and beat again. Then add half the flour without the baking powder. Beat again and next add the remaining flour with the baking powder. Lastly, gradually stir in the boiling water.

**MALVERN TURNIPS.**

Boil turnips until nearly done and then slice thin. Butter a deep pie dish or shallow bake pan and put in the slices, moisten with a little milk or meat broth, dust lightly with fine bread crumbs, salt and pepper and bake in the oven until a light golden brown. Serve in a hot platter or from baking dish.

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We often talk of the right word in the right place, but it is not always forthcoming. We all know, for instance, that it is right to say "A swarm of bees," yet it isn't, after all. We say "A swarm of flies," but "A hive of bees."

Similarly, we say "A shoal of herrings," "A school of whales," "A string of horses," "A brood of chickens," "A pack of hounds," "A litter of pigs or puppies." But you don't say, or ought not to say, "A litter of foxes."

The right way to say that is, "A skulk of foxes."

We say "A gang of prisoners," and "A galaxy of beauties or stars," and "A crew of seamen," and "A fleet of ships," and "An army of soldiers." Yes, we all know those.

But how would you describe a lot of goats, or lions, or hounds or partridges, or curs? You would probably be wrong every time, perhaps with the exception of "A covey of partridges." And you might be forgiven, for the right way of it is, "A tribe of goats," "A pride of lions," "A mute of hounds," and "A cowardice of curs."

Inanimate things are just as queer. We say "A batch of bread," "A pile of books," "A clump of trees," "A bunch of grapes," "A set of china," "A collection of pictures," "A flight of stairs," "A row of pillars," "A stack of corn," "A shock of hair," "A pack of cards." No wonder the foreigner looks upon the English and Chinese as about equal in difficulty.

Yet it is the right word in the right place which makes the difference betwixt Shakespeare and the rest of his countrymen!

**Consider The Ant.**

A writer in "The Visitor" tells of a party of German naturalists recently returned from Ceylon, who have reported the existence of a species of ant that has been in observed in the act of sewing two leaves together for the purpose of forming a nest. This report confirms the observations of the English naturalist, Ridley, made in 1890. They saw a row of the insects pulling the edges of leaves together, then others trimming and fitting the edges, and finally the completion of the work by still other ants, which fastened the edges with a silky thread yielded by larvae of the same species, which the workers carried in their mandibles. It is said that the sewing ants pass the thread-giving larvae like shuttles through holes in the edges of the leaves.

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(New York "Times.")

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