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The Home.

The Gift or Practical Arrangement.

Most women have domestic tastes and a genuine love of home which enable them to bring out the hidden possibilities in things and create a home from the most meagre beginnings. A kind of magic gives them the power to give to any place where they may dwell, for however short a time, the air and the atmosphere of home. No one but a woman would evolve a comfortable chair out of a cast-off barrel, stuffed out with the excelsior of packing and covered with simple cotton cloth. No one else could have created with a little paint a stand or bookcase from a deal packing box. Yet many an army quarters or settlement, so distant from civilization that the furniture van never reaches it, has been temporarily fitted up with these materials, which were left from unpacking. A few prints have been hung on the bare board walls, a few womanly trifles scattered about by way of decoration, and, behold, the lares and penates of home have found a resting place. The rude surroundings have become domestic. A bit of drapery has been hung here, and the light shaded there, and a certain air of elegance has been imparted to the rough framework from which the entire picture is built.

Because a wise woman can evolve an orderly arrangement for a distant post from these rude materials it does not prove that it is economical or wise to employ them when with a very little exertion, any one with ordinary ability can earn money enough to buy good, serviceable furniture. Such makeshifts are only excusable in the wilderness, where time often hangs heavy on one's hands, and there is no other furniture to be had. Many a woman has pounded her fingers and wasted much valuable time in the effort to make a barrel into a comfortable chair, when, with the same amount of exertion, she could earn money to buy a much better chair from a dealer. When comfortable pretty chairs can be purchased at 75 cents each, and other furniture at equally low prices, it does not pay to spend much time in using up barrels as old boxes for furniture.

It does show a lack of sterling good sense and a lack of self-respect to be content with such makeshifts, when it is so easy to procure substantial furniture at a price which any American workman can pay. It is foolish to feel distrustful and ashamed because your house is simple and unpertending. Get the necessary articles of furniture first, and get them of as substantial character as you can. Show and shallow pretence are always expensive. No refined woman, with the womanly "gift of arrangement," ever tolerates sham. The camping furniture described, made from the crude materials on hand, has a certain rude grace in harmony with the simple surroundings of frontier life. In its place and way it possesses a dignity which is utterly wanting when it is introduced where it is not a necessity. A barrel fashioned to imitate an elaborate upholstered chair, with materials that cost more than the price of a good chair purchased outright of a responsible dealer, is a vulgar thing.—N. Y. Tribune.

The Best Shortcake.

The best shortcake is made of rich sour milk, or half cream and half milk, butter, pastry, flour, soda and baking powder of cream of tartar.

The more rapidly the ingredients are put together, after the butter and flour are once thoroughly mixed, the better the shortcake will be. For a small cake measure out three large half-pint cups of good flour. Sift through it two even teaspoonful of soda. Sift these ingredients together twice or three times, then rub through it with the palm of your hand a very liberal helping of butter. Rub the butter in thoroughly until the mass is fine and even.

Add a cup and a half of sour milk or sour cream and milk. Stir this in. Toss the soft mass on a floured board, dredge it with flour and roll it out about an inch thick. It will cover two large pieplates. Put it in them after buttering them and bake the shortcake until it is light brown. Spread each shortcake thickly with berries—either with raspberries or strawberries, or, in these season, with peaches or orange pulp, freed from its skin and seeds. Sprinkle sugar over the fruit and put the layers together. Serve them with whipped cream.

If you prefer, the two layers may be laid one over the other and baked together; then split after baking and spread each portion with fruit and put together again. It is a mistake to attempt to raise a cake as thick as a shortcake with soda and sour milk alone. Only enough soda should be added to sweeten the milk. If the milk is thoroughly loppered, but not yet acid enough to be mouldy, an even teaspoonful to a quart will be sufficient. But this combination will not let off enough carbonic acid gas to raise a shortcake. Therefore, a little baking powder, as indicated, or in place of this a little more liberal measure of soda an even teaspoonful of cream of tartar must be used. The sour milk and soda make the shortcake deliciously tender and light with either of those additions.

An excellent sauce for strawberry shortcake is made of a bowl of strawberries thoroughly sweetened and left in a warm place or set under a piece of glass in the sun for two or three hours. Squeeze out the thick syrup-like juice and mix it with a bowl of whipped cream. Use it at once.

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A Quickly Made Custard Pie.

The ancient colored cook who universally presided in Southern kitchens in antebellum days was always mysterious in her ways. She delighted in surprising the family with dishes, the compounding of which she kept a stern, inviolate secret. One of these secrets was her custard pie, with a "self-forming" crust. To two even tablespoonfuls of cornstarch wet with milk she added the beaten yolks and whites of three eggs, three large tablespoonfuls of sugar and a saltspoonful of salt. When these ingredients were well beaten together, a little nutmeg was grated in and about a pint of the freshest milk added. A good-sized pieplate, about nine or ten inches in diameter, was lightly buttered, and the custard was poured out on it and allowed to bake until it was solid in the centre and a fine brown. The cornstarch in this pie sinks to the bottom and forms a light thin crust, so the pie can be easily cut and served in regulation triangles. It is a simple and perfectly wholesome makeshift for regular crust.

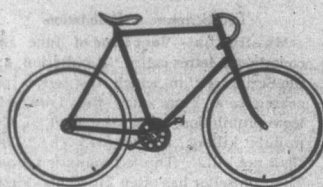
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Cooling Summer Beverages.

Our grandmothers were experts in brewing all sorts of cooling summer beverages, distilled from luscious fruits or from sweet barks and roots. These took the place of the vulgar soda-water of the market and the various temperance beers now concocted of doubtful ingredients.

Among the most delightful of all these "lucent syrups" was that made from black-cap raspberries and the purest cider vinegar. Strictly speaking, this is the only "shrub" worth making. Strawberries are acid enough in themselves and of two evanescent a flavor to be used with vinegar though they make a superior plain syrup to mix with soda-water or with plain ice-water.

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Lesson IV.—

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God is a Spirit. Him must you worship in truth. John 4, 24.

I. THE THREE

22. IN THE MIDDLE, in the midst of the meeting place of which took its name. He was fitted for his grave and jostling of the covered with the Grecian art, lay exposed. On the other place of assembly which Demosthenes thunder, while before Parthenon, the architecture. But was ready to speak and present the G. tellects. MRN of G. address of Demosthenes—This is not God-fearing would them credit for great buildings and sculpt expression of religious seen no such expression of Greece. It was to their city.

23. AS I PASSED the word refers to the walk about the city. The objects of your statues and altars, streets like any street notes had he taken? his attention, and no. To an unknown God such altars in the city that with their thirty city full of temples, thing which they without which they YR IGNORANTLY—O ing the word "unkn that you do not know you.

II. THE SERMON

24. GOD THAT MAN only did he build the builds a house, but likewise. This would belief that it was a wisted from eternity. E matter and mind; all The universe is not h chine, to manage itself moment without him WITH HANDS—His ey and his hand pointed their feet, and up to th and crowded with th

25. AS THOUGH HE

—Part of the Greek i that the gods were pl of smoke. The offe which they stood in gard money devoted religion as a gift unto lived upon the chan Churches are maintain are profitable to God, advantageous to man. LIFE—More than the r or the blood to the bod verse.

26. OF ONE BLOOD A unity of God and the together. DETERMIN Better, as in Revised pointed seasons; those for seedtime and harve earth a fitting abode fo THEIR HABITATION—H nation should extend, limits of Greek culture ation of the national li ent upon God. The l the movements of nat and time, are the car plan, who, as Father, relation to every people The race question is ever different races mee white man and Negro Carolinas, but white n Colorado, Caucasian au Pacific coast, French n treat, Slave and Hebrew two centuries the inh and England were won other as "our natural Irish Question" is still