

A nice, useful dressing-gown for a little girl- moderate size, and bake in a moderate oven. or the same pattern would apply for a boy, Try with a knife, and when the latter comes only that in the latter case the left front

should overlap the right one, for a boy's wrap or coat always fastens on the right-is illus-



flannel. Pyrenees wool or matelassé cloth. It is quite loose-fitting, and is tied at the waist with a woollen girdle and has a bordering all round of woollen cord, which, left loose in arts, forms loop-fastenings, for the buttons.

out clean, the gingerbread is done. -+*+-A PLAIN CAKE.

Take 21b. of flour, 11b. of dripping (rubbed first, add the milk, and bake as usual. --

FOR THE THROAT AND COMPLEXION.

ointment used-either a good cold cream or club. oatmeal cream-should be rubbed over the face ous cream that lingers should be rubbed off dential."

with an old piece of clean linen, the face wiped with a fresh piece of rag, and dusted with the there not been very urgent reasons for my set on marrying him, despite all I've told I laid my hand on his shoulder. powder puff.

all unconsciously a woman may go about with Cold cream, or any other grease, should never be used to the throat just before a bon is worn.

or the greasy condition of the skin would encourage soil to adhere. The complexion and throat can be kept in

excellent condition by the regular application of a good toilet cream every night. -+*+-

WHAT TO DO WITH PICTURE POSTCARDS.

trated, and would develop well in thick, warm that they would gladly give away to children's hospitals or to healthy children of the poor. only that the cards are written on, and personal messages are not for strangers' eyes. An excellent idea is to gum two postcards

wasn't last night; it was three or four nights Rentmain, he is stark mad at those moments regarding that as the most serious slip of ago, man. I've been away for a couple of and capable of doing any wild thing."

"Of course, you couldn't do anything else. I was infinitely distressed by all this but days Roberts tells me." Was it possible that he knew nothing of It's a horrible story, absolutely horrible," after a moment's consideration I resolved to what had occurred in his rooms? Or was I said profoundly distressed by what I had let him know about the previous night. " think I had better tell you something, Winit merely pretence? This made it worse than heard. ever. I answered that I would go as soon "Well, you probably see more of him now ford, although I wish anybody but myself than anyone else; have you noticed any- had to say it. You were awfully upset last the shallower may the sowing be, and the as I could, and rang off. I was now genuinely alarmed for him. I thing of the sort in him t" into the flour), 11b. of currants, 11b. of sugar. had read of cases of brain-storm, or paranois. I hesitated how to reply. "Not until last together, which ended in your levelling that three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and a as the experts term it, where men had done night. But he attacked me then, and only thing at my head and pulling the trigger.

pint of milk. Mix dry ingredients together, violent things of which no recollection re- the mearest chance prevented his shooting "Good God! I did! Rentmain old man. mained; but I had never come in personal me. Bradbury, I tell you this in absolute con- do you mean I was drung?" contact with one. I began to fear that this fidence, of course."

"I don't know. Do you take any drugs! was the matter with him, and that Brad- "Oh I shan't breathe a word of it, but "No. Except veronal now and again when bury's story would tend to confirm that I'm not a bit surprised. These fits, or what I can't sleep. I haven't had a wink since In dar's or foggy weather it seems that soap fear, and I was increasingly anxious for the ever they are, come over him when he has that night in Eagrave Square. O my God! and water are not sufficient in themselves to interview with him. As it turned out, he been intensely excited, and no doubt he I must be mad!" he groaned, covering his clean the skin thoroughly, and the complexion was quite as anxious to see me, and came was in that state yesterday. Do you know face with his hands as he bent forward in suffers unless a toilet cream is applied. The to me just as I was about to start for the that he has been down to Hampshire, to an attitude of profound agony of mind.

our place, to see my sister Mildred?" "Come, Winford, don't give way like that, "He has never mentioned her name to me Let's face things together, old man. You've "I thought we could talk better there than with the tips of two fingers and allowed to 'at the club, Rentmain," he exclaimed. "And since the engagement was broken off." been worried over the broken engagement, soak in for a few minutes; then the superflu- of course this Winford matter is quite confi- "It's a devil of a mess and, of course, I and have kept it to yourself brooding over can rely upon your confidence in a family it, and it's got on your nerves. It'll be half "I shouldn't have written to you had matter of this sort. Mildred is still dead the battle if you talk to me about it." And

The throat is apt to get very much soiled by "I was going to look you up to-day to tell to our old friendship and to ask me to let and then suddenly sprang to his feet and the contact of dark fur boas, the dye of which you. For one thing, Eva Desbrough asked the thing go on. I refused. I put it to you snatched up his hat, like a man distraught. easily rubs off on to the skin. Here, again me to see you, and for another, I'm very whether I could do otherwise. Weld, he "Where are you going, man?" I cried. cold cream is useful in removing the soil. It anxious to have a talk with you as Win- went down and hung about roads until he "Where should I go but to the police?" is very important that the throat should be ford's friend. I'm awfully worried managed to meet her, and it was only by a he cried. "That lost revolver! You see what looked to after a dark boa has been worn, or about it. I should have told you the facts hair's-breadth that they were stopped from it means. I must have had it with me, and before, but I thought you knew them, and making a bolt of it. And they'll manage it I shot Hoffgang with it. - I'd rather be dead an ugly black line under her chin and jaw. were taking the risk with your eyes open." yet, if something isn't done. That's why I than live, a madman and a murderer." And wanted to see you, to know if you can use he dashed to the door.

"Risk! What risk !" "The risk I wouldn't let my sister take, any influence with him. The worst of it is, of course. It was I who broke off the ci course, that he hasn't an idea of the match, and there's a whole heap of worries reasons for our opposition, and for the life in consequence. But I'll tell you the whole of me I can't find the heart to tell him." story and you shall judge for younself It was indeed a mess, but I had no sugwhether I could do anything else. If you gestion to offer. Bradbury appeared to hope

take my view. I'm going to ask you to help that I should offer to tell Winford the truth, but that was out of the question, "If

"You won't forget that he's my closest he ever gives me a chance, Bradbury, I'll No doubt many people, young and old, have friend, Bradbury," I reminded him. tell him my opinion pretty strongly, out by them an accumulation of picture postcards You ean't like him better than I do, you see how it is," was all I could promise. You know that I went with him on his last This was small consolation to him, and he big shoot in Africa. We were up in went away very disappointed and desperate-Nyassaland and had a magnificent time, for by perplexed.

of cards has been so treated, thread all to- fever, and he nursed me as gently and ten- own thoughts were full of the sinister fear

I'm bound to say no man can be a more de- As it turned out, however, the opportunity Magistrates and a Son's Action. lightful pal. I tell you frankly, Rentmain, was to come at once as it was for the very together so that the written messages are lost

there's not a man in the world I like better purpose of speaking to me on the subject

than Winford. 1 was down for a time with that Winford was so anxious to see me. My

that.

"Yes, I know," he cut in. "I'll tell you. that Sir Richard Gourley and you were here

was my turn to be nursed. He was as hard as fretting at the delay in my arrival. He was

I've only said that to make you understand last night, sir," he said as he let me in.

seeds is regulated by the necessity of covering the plants ought to be left as dry as possible without preventing free access of the oxygen of the atmosphere, so that the thickness of covering depends on the size of the seeds and the porosity of the soil. Too deep sowing is very injurious. The finer and moister the soil, larger the seeds, the more deeply should they be covered.

Temperature of Germination .- All hardy and half-hardy plant seeds germinate freely in a temperature of from 50 degrees to 60 degrees. while those of half-hardy species require a temperature of from 65 degrees to 80 degrees. While early crops are always specially desirable, too early sowing is responsible for many losses, for seeds cannot germinate until the ground is in good condition and the weather is sufficiently warm. If sown too early, the seed either rots or produce only puny, weakly seed-

Moisture of Germination .- A continuous supoly of moisture is requisite for germination. the soil is loose or lumpy, water cannot rise to the seeds by capillary attraction, and they may not be in close contact with the soil, so that the seed-bed should be in fine tilth and well compacted. Hence the necessity of firming down the soil over seeds either with a roller or by walking over the rows after sowing. As this firming down of the soil enables water to rise freely from the sub-soil, it is important to restore the loose surface-mulch by tillage directly the seedlings have appeared. for the longer the surface remains compacted. so much the more will the soil moisture evaporate.

A few quickly growing seeds, such as radish, cabbage, and turnip may be sown with those stirring it. of the slower-germinating kinds to mark the

rows, and admit of earlier tillage between the lines, so economising soil-moisture. Thick Seeding, Slowly germinating seeds,

like parsnip and celery, must be sown thickly to ensure the seedlings having sufficient lifting power to break the crust of soil which forms on the surface while they are in the ground.

for the night. Moisture may be indirectly supplied at noon by damping the floors. Nothing induces and encourages fungus plantdiseases more than a continuously damp atmosphere, so that water should always he withheld on dull days unless the crops show actual signs of suffering from lack of moisture. It is impossible to state any definite rules as to frequency of watering; but in winter, when every effort should be made to grow stocky. hardy plants, one soaking a week will probably be sufficient, while daily watering may be necessary in autumn and spring. The best plan is to endeavour to keep the surface soil merely damp or loose and dryish, not actually wet, while the roots beneath have abundant water. If bottom-heat be provided by means of heating pipes, care must be taken that the under-soil does not dry while the surface is still moist. The checking of growth, and the appearance of more or less yellowish patches, sometimes only noticeable when leaves are held up against the light, and of wart or gland-like protusions from the upper or under surfaces of the leaves are certain indications of superfluity of moisture, and when they are observed, watering must be decreased. When shoots are developed, and it is time for the flower-huds to form, less moisture is necessary. If water be freely given at this period, there is danger of the shoots growing on continuously without the formation of flower-buds. which is best induced by a short rest-interval. caused by diminishing the supply of moisture. So far as practicable, pure rain-water should be used, and it is important to keep the surface-soil open an inch deep by occasionally

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save he found a purse, containing £116 m By comparison with the expenses of rent, cheques, gold, and silver, in a railway carlabour, etc., the cost of seed is very triffing, so riage, and on returning it to the owner, a that thick seeding of all crops is desirable, to local lady, received a reward of 2s

ACCRINGTON WOMAN

Michael Lyons, labourer, of 36, Newark-

street, Accrington, spoke to seeing the jacket

hanging in the lobby on the afternoon of the

11th. He missed it on the 22nd inst.

Prisoner came to his house on the 17th inst.

George Edward Horwich, carter, 1, Manor-

street, Accrington, said he met prisoner, his

o'clock on the night of the 17th inst. He

noticed she had something bulky under her

what it was. Later she said it was a jacket,

and said a woman had dropped it in the

street, and she had picked it up and was

Mr. Broughton (Magistrates' Clerk); Was

that because you had heard nothing about

The Chief Constable: Could it be seen

But only if they knew where it was, I sup-

Then when you heard nothing about it

The Magietrates' Clerk: Why weren't you

suspicious as to where she had got it from

when you pawned it ?- I had heard nothing

Evidence was given as to pawning the

road on the 22nd inst., the witness Horwich

telling the pawnbroker that the jacket



the 22nd inst.

pawned it for 1s. 9d.

about it.

The cuffs and the collar are also bordered with to view, then bore a hole in the top left hand

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The paper pattern, of which a diagram is gether with a ribbon. given, consists of siz pieces, namely, one front, punched with a shoe-maker's cyslet which will clare to heaven that my regard for him thened by the gruesome story Bradbury had No. 1; half the back of gown, No. 2; one upper part of sleeve, No. 3; one under part of sleeve, No. 4; half the collar, No. 5; and one cuff, No. taking place after the twin cards are pasted 6. These pieces should be laid on about three together, but before they are threaded with Mildred." yards of material, 54 inches wide (or an equivolent quantity in narrower stuff), for a child of eight or ten years of age.

The material should be folded in half, and the straight edges of back and collar should be the complete collar are cut out each in a single duplicate.

be lined with sateen, snipped at the edge, but of chopped pareley, salt and pepper to taste, nice, deep hem must be allowed at the foot of of dripping into a frying pan, and when it the gown

-+=+-RESTORING THE CLOSS TO A FRONT DOOR.

atmospheres are apt to look dull and streaky. parsley may be added with advantage. and lose all their gloss for the time. An excellent renovation is raw linseed oil. A clean

rag dipped in the oil and rubbed carefully over the front door will restore the lost glose. The glazing operation, however, should be

Care also must be taken not to use door and restore the paint to its pristine fresh-

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CINCERBREAD THAT WILL KEEP.

Where there are children, gingerbread is gifts are permitted. generally appreciated. A good recipe for the came is as follows :--

Treacle, 131b.; moist sugar, 31b.; butter, 31b.; comes from the village of Potsdam, New York, four, 111b.; ginger, loz.; allspice, loz.; four in the announcement of the death of an Irish ergs. Put the treacle, butter and sugar woman nemed Norah Sullivan at the age of in a basin before the fire till they are well 100 years. Mrs. Sullivan when a young girl melted; then mix the spice into the flour and | was employed as a domestic servant by Daniel stir it into the butter, etc., until thick enough O'Connell, and remained in his service until a to let the spoon almost stand upright in it. few years prior to his trial for conspiracy. Add 3oz, of candied peel and a teaspoonful of when she emigrated to America to spend threecarbonate of soda, dissolve in half a dessert- fourths of her long life in the land of her spoonful of lemon juice. Put into tine of adoption.

make the little picture booklet when completed couldn't have been deeper if we'd been told me. very neat-looking, the punching, of course, brothers and it was just the jolliest thought | That my friend had absolutely no recol- jacket valued at 8s, from a house in Newarkmodden.

-+=-BERLIN STEAKS.

corner of the double card, and, when a bunch

A German housekeeper tells me of how tasty "Well, I'd been up and about for a week so I thought I had better warn you." laid to the fold, so that the complete back and little steaks are prepared in the following way. or two when a chance came to pay him back "Have you seen him so?" I asked pointed-Chop finely 11b, of raw lean beef, top-side a bit in kind. We'd had a glorious day and Iv, with a sharp look. piece. The other patterns are cut out in for preference, and 2028. of beef suet. Add made a splendid bag, and were riding back He let his eyes drop and fidgeted with his

the skirt of the gown requires no kining. Col- and one beaten egg. Mix all stiffly and form and on to his own, landing, as ill luck would har and cuffs must, of course, be lined, and a into little round flat cakes. Put about 30ze, have it, right on a brute of a stone."

Bind the armholes, and let the neck-edge of brown on each side. Serve the steake raised collar rest between gown material and lining. on a flattened heap of mashed potatoes, and things. I tell you, it gave me the fright of "You must be a pretty plucky man, mother, on Hyndburn-road about eight

Carefully eliced rings of onions, or nicely cut man would have been I'll bet, I nipped "Oh he never gets across with me sir. I



us, you know, and neither he nor I had any shook hands as if never a word of anger had nothing. He got it from her, and put it on Superstitions regarding marriage are com- reason for a time to think that he was any- passed between us, and plunged at once the top of an ashpit behind the Boar's Head, done when there is neither wind nor dust mon in all parts of the world. One is that a thing but all right. True, his temper into the subject. "I'm in a beastly state of He left it there until the 22nd inst., and then about, for if done while the dust is flying, the bride on leaving her home for the wedding trip wasn't so good, and little things used to anxiety, Rentmain." latter will adhere to the oily surface of the must step into the carriage right foot first. worry him more than before, but that "About Hoffgang?" She should do the same when she first enters seemed about all."

to use sufficient to thoroughly nourish the trip. A pretty custom which is tinged with superstition is that of the bride, as she is now. There was something very much "Lost half a day? That's a queer thing about to leave her home after the ceremony, wrong, although we didn't know it; at least, to drop," I said with a smile, as if the where you had put the jacket?-Yes. tossing her bouquet among her female friends. I'll leave you to judge for yourself. The thing were a joke.

next bride. In Italy no sharp pointed wedding the narrowest of squeaks of being mauled by I can't remember a bit how I got home

As far as the waist, the dressing-gown should one finely chopped onion, three teaspoonfuls to camp when his horse put his foot in a hands. "Yes, sir," he replied at length.

"I didn't hear of that," I said, as he volver on the floor. I'm always afraid of smokes put in the cakes and fry them a good paused. "He's not the sort to chatter about such had drawn the cartridges."

with any good brown sauce poured around. my life. I thought he was dead. Any other Roberts."

vegetables of any kind, are excellent arranged off my horse and felt for his pulse, and know fairly well what to do," he replied with shawl, and at first she refused to show him Rain and mist have a very bad effect on in the centre of the steaks. Fried or baked never in all my days have I been so glad of a smile of confidence. "No man could wish painted door-fronte, which, in uncongenial tomatoes are also good as a garmish, and fried anything as when I felt it beating. We got for a better master, sir." him back to camp, and then, as I say, it I went in to Winford then and found him

nails, and pulled through all right, as I looking terribly worn and haggard, his eyes going to pawn it. He told her he thought MARRIAGE SUPERSTITIONS. thought. His man Roberts, was out with dark-rimmed and unnaturally bright. He she had got it some other way, but she said

"But what has this to do with--" too the home prepared for her after the bridal "Wait and see man, as every body says queer thing, but I've lost half a day."

The one who catches it, it is said, will be the first thing was a week or two later. He had "It's no laughing matter, I assure you. pose !-Yes.

a lion, the merest touch and go, and he yesterday. I remember getting to the rail- you pawned it?-Yes.

An echo of a story period of Irish history

blamed one of the bearers, a fellow he had way station, but not another thing until I always liked immensely and when we got woke up here, in this room, somewhere about back to camp I saw that he wasn't a bit like midnight, when Roberts was worrying me to

"And vet-"

himself. I left him in the tent while I went go to bed." to look after something or other, and, hear. That he was perfectly sincere I was con-

So you thought it was all right?-Yes. ing a row, I rushed back to find Winford vinced, but I thought it best to test him The Chief Constable: Why didn't you bring laving into the nigger for all the world as farther. "You were home before midnight, if he meant to kill him. Of course I old man. It wasn't much after ten when it to the police station to see if anyone chipped in, and for a moment I thought Gourley and I were here with you." claimed it, as was your duty, and if you he'd go for me. But he he crumpled up sud- "Here? You two? With me?" he cried in believed she had found it as she told you denly, went as white as death and stood genuine amazement. at first?-She gave it to me,

perfectly clear. Roberts prepared me for

"Do you know what occurred last night?"

something when he's in that mood, and I

"Only in part. There are two other things

worrying the life out of me. It's deuced

"No, sir, not exactly. But I found his re-

"Mr. Winford does not remember

trembling like a kid and staring at the "Yes certainly. I came to tell you all blood-stained stick in his hand as if spell- about the Hoffgang trouble." jacket at Thompson's pawnshop in Whalley-

Before Mesers, E. Welch (chairman), J. T Walmsley and J. Townson, an elderly woman Pure **Accrington People** derly as a woman. One doesn't gas about that Hoffgang's death was Winford's doing, named Sarah Jane Olive, of 1, Manor-street, To improve the idea, let each hole be one's feelings for another fellow, but I de- and the fear had been immensely streng- Accrington, was charged at Accrington Police Court yesterday with stealing a Indian in my life that he was going to marry lection of his previous night's conduct was street, the property of Michael Lyons. The Chief Constable said the jacket was That is why they drink stolen from the home of Mr. Lyons some time between the 11th and 22nd inst. HAWORTH'S INDIAN BLEND Tea what it cost me to do what I had to do. think you have not see him that way before. Prisoner visited Mrs. Lyons on the 17th inst., and was left in the house by herself for some time. The jacket was pawned on

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bound with horror. I took no notice, and "You mean that, Rentmain? On your then came the rummiest part of the whole. honour?" The next morning he had clean forgotten all "Yes, on my honour." about it, and asked me and Roberts who'd been knocking the nigger about." asked.

"Good heavens. Then it's worse than I belonged to him, and that he intended to thought," he exclaimed, with a blank stare get it out again. "Do you think he really didn't know?" I of dismay. "Tell me what passed," he said Detective Sharples deposed to taking

prisoner into custody on Saturday night, and after a pause. "I'm sure he didn't. I don't believe he'd I told him about the discussion, but noth- when charged prisoner replied, "I did not tell a lie to save his life. I went so far as to ing of his attack on me. "You were dead steal the jacket."

tell him he'd been present when it was against my telling Miss Clifford anything." At this stage of the proceedings prisoner done, but he remembered absolutely noth-"Well it's all a blank to me," he murcommenced sobbing loudly, and said she ing, wanted to know the name of the black mured, with a deep sigh. "Can a man be was very sorry she had stolen the jacket, who had done it, and threatened to give it sane and yet have a blank in his memory and would not do anything of the sort again him mighty hot." like that ?" "Had you been worried or excited during if the magistrates would give her another "Very strange Bradbury." "If it had been the only time, I shouldn't the day ?" chance. She pleaded guilty to stealing the have thought so much of it, but it happened "Yes," he nodded. "I'm coming to that, jacket, but did not know what had made three or four times, until the niggers began I went down to see Mildred Bradbury. I'd her do it.

to think things and we had trouble with never seen her since she broke off our en- The Chief Constable said prisoner had been them. Some of them deserted, and the gagement. I never knew why, and I went twice previously fined, each time for stealrest came to me in a body and said that to find out. It was her people's doing; I ing a pair of boots, and she had also been Winford had been bewitched, and that they always thought so, and she's as ready as fined for being drunk and riotous and for were afraid to stop with him. I was in a ever to marry me. She'd have come away using indecent language. devil of a hole. He wanted to know what yesterday if we hadn't been stopped, and

the bother was about, and of course I there was a masty scene with her brother very lenient as a rule in that sort of case couldn't tell him, and the thing evidently and the rest of them. But she'll stick to very lenient as a rule in that sort of case got on his nerves. He fixed on one of the me and I want you to help me in the when they were dealing with first offenders, fellows as the ringleader, but I pacified him, matter." but prisoner had been up twice previously as I thought, and made an excuse that I This was a tight corner indeed. "I'm for that sort of thing, and had been given

wanted to get back to England." " Deuced awkward for you."

after a pause. "It was that. Well, poor old Winford gave "Why not?" had gone from bad to worse, however, and must go to prison for 21 days,

afraid you mustn't ask me, Winford," I said, every opportunity to do the right thing. She

future.

way and we set out to return to the coast, "For one thing, Bradbury's a friend of Recalling the prisoner's son, Horwich, into but I could see that he was brooding over the mine, but there are other reasons. While the witness-box, the Chairman told him the thing and picked out this black. Nobi they this Hoffgang mess is hanging over our called him, as the cause of the whole bother, heads, it wouldn't be fair to a girl to marry magistrates were very dissatisfied regarding and I was awfully worried. Not without her. You know I'm in much the same box his conduct in that case, and each of the cause, either. One morning Nobi was miss- in regard to Miss Clifford. And there's magistrates thought he ought to have been ing, and I thought he had taken fright and another thing-what you've just told me in the dock along with his mother. He bolted in the night; but just as we were about yourself.' practically took the shawl from her, put it on about to start, two of the others came to "Do you mean you think I'm mad?" a wall, and left it there for four days to see me and led me about half a mile out of "For heaven's sake don't put it like that. if anything was heard about it, and then camp to a spot where the poor fellow lay. But things can't be quite normal with you pawned it in his name and said it was his. He had been most mercilessly bashed, was at the moment. You're probably run down He himself said that at first he considered smothered in blood, and I thought he was much more than you think, but you ought there was a doubt about how his mother had dead. But these chaps take a lot of kill- to be sure of yourself before taking such a got it, but hearing nothing about it he ing, and there was enough life left for us to step as you suggest. Have you ever had any pawned it. He was fortunate not to be sent keep it in him, although we couldn't restore experiences like it before?" to prison for his part of the business, and him to consciousness." He sat biting his nails and thinking. "You don't mean that it was Winford's don't know," he said at length, very they warned him to be more careful in the

gloomily.

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