

and only a farmer, reaches at about 60 years of age. A farmer and his wife travel together, see the countries and places they have read about and visit their married children together. You never hear of a farmer going off and visiting his folks, while his wife goes in another direction and visits hers.

ALWAYS-READY LEMONADE.

NOTE.—This recipe has been tried at the home of "Ye Editor" who can from experience highly recommend it.

There is nothing more refreshing on a hot day than a long drink of cool lemonade, but, however anxious the hostess may be to serve this beverage, it is sometimes impossible to do so owing to the lack of necessary ingredients. In fact, it is for just this reason that the sirup that may be prepared by the following recipe is one of the greatest of household conveniences. It is delicious, but what is still more important it enables one to procure a supply of lemonade literally at a moment's notice, says the May Delineator. Extract the juice from a dozen large lemons; grate the rind of six of the lemons, and add it to the juice. Let the mixture stand for twelve hours or over night. In the morning make a thick sirup of granulated sugar and water using about six pounds of the sugar, and just as little water as possible, as the sirup must be both thick and smooth. When it has cooled, strain the lemon juice into it; bottle in glass, being certain that the tops are secure and air-tight. In making lemonade with this sirup, place a little crushed ice in the bottom of a tall glass; add one or two teaspoonfuls of the sirup, according to taste, and fill with either carbonated or plain water.

This sirup may also be used successfully in making cakes, pies, puddings, custards, etc., being a most economical method of utilizing lemons, as it enables the cook to obtain absolutely the full value of both sugar and fruit. Surely this is a fact worthy of consideration by the economical housewife.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS FROM HERE AND THERE.

To facilitate accurate seaming and hemming on the machine without

stopping to adjust the gauge or hemmer each time, I have ruled, or etched, vertical lines on my machine plate at distances of $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 inch and 2 inches from the needle. Other measurements may be used if desired. These lines, ruled with some sharp, pointed instrument, show clearly on either the nickle or enameled plate. The help it gives in seaming, where all seams should be the same width, as in a skirt, for running a tuck quickly, or for ordinary hemming, is well worth the small amount of time and trouble it takes to prepare it.

An excellent thing for the laundry is the following mixture: Take two ounces of fine white gum-arabic powder, put it in a pitcher, and pour on a pint of boiling water; cover tight, and let it stand over night. In the morning strain, bottle, and cork. A tablespoonful of this stirred into a pint of starch made in the usual way will give a new look to the clothes.

To rid a place of red ants, grease a plate with lard, and set it over night where the ants are troublesome. Place three or four sticks leading up to the plate, so that they can get to it easily. In the morning the plate will be covered with the ants. They may be killed by immersing the plate in hot water.

To keep an egg several days while using it for coffee, use an egg cup with the small end up. Set the egg in the cup and break a small hole in it. Use a little of the egg at a time, as a little will clear the coffee as well as half an egg. An egg may be kept good three or four days in this way.

In cutting hard butter into even slices or tiny squares fold a piece of waxed paper over the blade of the knife used. In this way a smooth cut may be made without breaking or crumbling the butter. A piece of the paper which comes around the butter may be used for this purpose.

When covering an ironing board make it on the principle of a pillow slip, making it the shape of the board and very tight to prevent wrinkling. It is a good plan to have several of these covers, so they can be frequently changed and laundered.

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