



**HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS**

**The Decoration of Tea Tables.**  
The tables are rather difficult to decorate, as it has become the fashion to make a perfect mosaic of dishes over the entire surface. The most satisfactory manner is to fill long and slender shafts of glass with light and rather spreading flowers and insert these with a sort of method between the multifarious plates.  
The large tea table is far prettier covered with a colored silk cloth than with plain white nappery, which always gives one the feeling of a meal. With the inexpensive china silk, joined with insertions of lace dyed to the tone of the silk chosen, and edged only with a deep hem, make lovely covers and should be selected in exactly the hues of the flowers to be used. An extremely simple manner of getting an effect also is to have all sweets and kees leed and colored to match. This falls no more expensive and gives a distinction to the very simplest table.

**Washing Woolen Blankets.**  
After trying any number of different ways of washing woollens, in an effort to find one that would cleanse without wrinkling them, the one here recommended has been used for several years with entire satisfaction; and as no members of our family wear all wool underwear the entire year, it has certainly been given a thorough trial. By adhering to the simple rules here given, any grade of woollens can be washed without shrinking, but the results are positively inviolable. Provide a generous allowance of hot water, white castile, or other pure soap and borax.  
Have the washing and rinsing water of about the same degree of heat. Take a good suds for the first water, and on no consideration rub soap on soiled article itself. Have the water as hot as the hands can bear comfortably and allow one level teaspoonful of borax for every gallon of water. Immerse the clothes, and allow them to stand ten or fifteen minutes before washing; then work them up and down, squeeze, and if necessary rub with the hands, but never on a washboard.  
The water must be squeezed, not wrung out, consequently a wringer is better than the hands.  
Rinse through two waters, using a little less borax and no soap, but allowing the clothes to lie ten minutes each, working them up and down and squeezing.  
After wringing pull into shape and dry as quickly as possible, pulling out least twice during the process of drying. Woollens must never be hung in a hot sun, nor out of doors in freezing winter. In winter, we dry our clothes-bars, standing the latter over a furnace register or near the open range.  
To my thinking, woollens having a richer, sweeter odor without ironing smooth with the hands and fold neat-

Never put woolen blankets in the general wash. Choose a dull, windy day if possible, and wash as above. The colored borders of blankets will sometimes fade, in spite of every precaution, but there is no excuse but carelessness or carelessness for their fading. Two persons are needed to pull a blanket into shape, careful not to stretch it when hanging over the line, and to pull into shape occasionally during the process of drying.—Katherine B. Johnson, in the Country Gentleman.

**HOUSEHOLD RECIPES**

**Mushrooms on Toast**—Select good mushrooms, score the tops and season with a little salt and pepper; wash over with melted butter and arrange on a wire gridiron. Broil, and serve on thin slices of toast with melted butter and sliced lemon. Be sure to get mushrooms.  
**Orange Sandwich**—Cut a sweet orange in round slices; lay a slice a thin piece of slightly toasted and buttered; sprinkle with fine sugar and a goodly supply of grated coconut; pour on a few drops of orange juice and put on the other side. Continue the process with as many as are wanted.  
**Butter Sausages**—One pint of cold lard, one-third of a cup of suet, one troy, one-half of a pint of oysters, one whole very fine. Season with one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-tenth teaspoonful of pepper and nutmeg, and two well-beaten eggs and five teaspoonfuls of bread crumbs. Mix all, roll into cakes and fry brown. Garnish with lettuce or parsley.  
**Caramel Fruit Foat**—To one quart hot milk add beaten yolks of eight eggs, one cupful of sugar, one eighth of a teaspoonful of salt; cook in a double boiler till thick; chill, add one tablespoonful of caramel; place a layer of red Bartlett pears in deep dish, pour over the foat; heat whites stiff, mix six tablespoonfuls of sugar, one spoonful of vanilla. Set on ice two days and serve.  
**Mothered Chicken**—Select a rather fat, broiling chicken, single, split on the back. Spread it open, turn the tips of the wings under and dress the legs. Put in a roasting pan, cover with four tablespoonfuls of butter, dust with salt and pepper, add four tablespoonfuls of boiling water, cover closely with a second pan, put in a hot oven and roast one hour, baste with chopped parsley.  
**Education in France.**  
In France there are now sixty-eight lycées and colleges for girls, whereas previously to 1880, with the exception of private schools, there were no institutions for higher education for girls. Of the sixty-eight mentioned lycées are lycées supported by municipalities and twenty-eight municipal colleges. The lycées for girls in Paris is included. The teachers for these institutions are trained in the high-normal schools at Sevres. During last year there were in the lycées 8431 and in the colleges 3500 girls. In many provinces boarders are taken, and all the lycées take boarders. Those who board out of the school are under supervision, do not live with their parents, others the houses of teachers, or in boarding-houses recommended by the institutions or under their supervision. But many more girls received their higher education in convents than in the lycées mentioned, the former being regarded as much more of a fault. (Philadelphia Record.)

**"Oh! Dear I'm so Tired."**



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