

WEDDING BELLS

CURRAN—PITCHERS.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, on February 10, the contracting parties being Mr. M. Curran, eldest son of Mr. P. Curran, Brooklands, Milton, and Miss Lucy Elizabeth Pitchers, elder daughter of Mrs. E. C. Pitchers, of Dunedin (late of Roxburgh). The Rev. Dr. Cleary performed the ceremony, and celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. J. A. Pitchers, was charmingly attired in an Empire gown of white figured silk crystalline, with veil and orange blossoms. She was attended by Misses M. E. Pitchers, B. Gray, and C. C. Curran as bridesmaids. Mr. H. G. Curran, of Milton, acted as best man. After the wedding ceremony, a large number of relatives assembled at the residence of the bride's mother for the wedding breakfast. The customary toasts were duly honored. The happy couple left by the midday express for the north, taking with them the good wishes of their many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Curran were the recipients of a very large number of valuable and useful presents. Mr. Curran, who is secretary of St. Joseph's Choir and Railway Officers' Institute, was presented with an oak biscuit barrel (inscribed) and complete set of cutlery from the members of the choir and institute respectively.

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Domestic

By MAUREEN

To Avoid Patched Elbows.

It is astonishing in what a short time the elbows of children peep through the sleeves of even new garments. To prevent this place a piece of velvet or velveteen between the lining and the material, just at the elbow, when the article is new.

Kitchen and Scullery Hints.

Have your shades and curtains of white muslin that can be laundered. When using your gas stove in the summer cover the top of your coal range with newspapers, which will make a handy table. Have the rack near the stove, so that your towels will get well dried after each dish-washing. A small shelf should be put up near the stove to hold your salt and pepper box. Cover the wall back of the sink with oilcloth, preferably white, and here may be hung the sink broom, shovel, dish-mop, and soap box. In a box or drawer may be kept the necessary articles for ironing. The top may be covered with oilcloth, and will give an extra table. A plain chest of drawers is very useful in a kitchen for keeping the kitchen towels and aprons, besides many other useful things. It is well to keep in the kitchen a bottle of linseed oil and lime water, together with a roll of old linen pieces for bandages, for use in case of burns.

Airing the Beds in Summer.

In the summer time advantage should be taken of any hot and sunny days to give all bedding, mattresses, bolsters, etc., a thoroughly good airing; or, better still, take them to pieces and let the filling be subjected to the cleansing and freshening process of sun and air. In Spain the overhauling and cleaning of the beds is an annual institution, and readers of *The Velvet Glove*, by Marion Crawford, will find therein a picturesque description of this operation—a most important one from a Spanish housewife's point of view. Those who have a garden should therefore have their bedding brought down when the skies give sign of settled sunshine for one whole day at least. Their sleep will be all the better and sounder for it.

Styes.

Styes are a very painful and troublesome affection from which those in weak health, or very young people, generally suffer. When the sty is just beginning to threaten, if a tiny camel hair pencil be dipped in tincture of iodine and lightly touched upon it, it will often prevent its forming, but if the irritation is already considerable, the sty should be bathed with hot water during the day, and a bread-and-water poultice, covered with oil-silk, put on at night. Sometimes it is necessary, if the sty does not break, to prick it with a darning needle that has been rendered antiseptic by passing it through the flame of a spirit lamp, and then to squeeze out the contents.

Venetian Cake.

Here is rather a nice cake recipe that will be found useful for 'at home' days. It is a loaf cake, and so keeps well. Beat together the yolks of six eggs and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of sugar for 20 minutes. Then add the stiffly-beaten whites, and mix in lightly $\frac{1}{4}$ tablespoonfuls of flour. Pour into a buttered mould, dust with equal parts of flour and sugar. Bake in an oven of moderate heat at first for half an hour, gradually increasing the heat. When done and cool, frost with chocolate icing, and do not cut till the next day.

To Renovate Leather Furniture.

Clean the leather with a little benzoline applied with a wad of clean flannel. Do this out of doors, for benzoline is highly inflammable. Beat up the whites of two eggs, a tablespoonful of whisky, and a tablespoonful of brown sugar. Mix well, and rub over with a piece of sponge. Polish with soft cloths. The use of benzoline is to remove the grease, but before it is applied the leather should be well dusted. The polishing mixture may be colored with a few drops of liquid green, red, or black dye, if the state of the leather makes it desirable.

To remove oil spots from leather, dab the spots carefully with spirits of sal ammoniac, and after allowing it to act for a while wash with clean water. This treatment may have to be repeated a few times, taking care not to injure the color of the leather. Sometimes the spot may be removed very simply by spreading the place rather thickly with butter, letting it act for a few hours. Next scrape off the butter with the point of a knife, and rinse the stain with soap and lukewarm water.

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