

Domestic

BY MAUREEN.

Easy Way to Hem-Stitch.

Draw the required number of threads. Turn the hem down, and tack with the edge in the centre of the drawn threads. Lessen the tension of your machine and stitch as nearly on the edge of the hem as possible. Remove the tacking threads; take the garment in one hand and the hem in the other, and pull the edge of the hem to the bottom of the drawn threads. This is very quickly done, and can scarcely be distinguished from hand work. Hem-stitched tucks are made on the same principle.

One Way of Washing Kid Gloves.

Have ready a little new milk in one saucer, a piece of brown soap in another, and a clean cloth folded three or four times. Spread out the glove smooth and neat on the cloth. Take a piece of flannel, dip it in the milk, then rub a good quantity of soap on to the wetted flannel, and commence to rub the glove downward towards the fingers, holding it firmly with the left hand. Continue this process until the glove, if white, looks a dingy yellow; if a colored glove, until it looks dark and spoiled. Lay it to dry. Old gloves will look like new.

Neuralgia.

At this time of year neuralgia is a common complaint; and victims of this distracting trouble will find much peace and comfort from external application of the following prescription:—Take a medicine bottle to the chemist, and ask him to break a small lump of camphor into a little quantity of methylated spirits. Allow the camphor to dissolve, and then well wet a piece of flannel with the mixture and apply to the aching portion, when it will be found to draw out the exceeding pain and give relief to the sufferer.

Care of House Plants.

Lovers of plants are sometimes bothered by the problem of caring for a palm or fern when the house is to be closed for a few days. If the plant is well watered and the pot is then wrapped around with a wet cloth, the soil will probably be kept from drying out. Let the wet cloth be wrapped several times around the pot and even overlap the soil itself.

To give a house fern a good shape turn each new sprout toward the light until it is well up and begins to bend in the right direction. The result will be a beautiful round plant.

Kitchen Soap.

Directions for making:—Take 1½ lb of caustic soda and empty into an earthenware jar with 1½ pints of water; stir it with a spoon or stick; the powder dissolves immediately, and the lye becomes quite hot: set it aside until it is nearly cold. Now melt 3 lb of clean grease, tallow, or lard in a pan or jar near the fire until it is dissolved. Allow it to cool until it feels just warm by the hand. Now pour the soda lye into the grease, at the same time stirring with a spoon, or flat wooden stirrer, until the two are thoroughly mixed, and it appears like honey. Do not stir too long, one or two minutes will be long enough. Now pour into a square wooden box for a mould, lining it with a damp calico to prevent the soap sticking. Cover with a cloth, and put it into a warm place until the next day; then turn out the block of soap, and cut into squares with a piece of string or wire, and you will have six pounds of pure, hard soap, which should be put away for a month previous to use. Be careful not to pour the mixture into a tin, for any rust on the tin will adhere to the soap.

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Gisborne

Never before in the history of St. Mary's Church (says a local paper) has such a sad experience been undergone as was the case when the remains of Mrs. D. Barry and Miss Kathleen O'Connell lay in the sacred precincts, awaiting burial. A Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the souls of the departed was celebrated at 9 a.m., in the presence of a very large congregation, by the Rev. Father Lane. At the conclusion of the Mass Messrs. Vita Bros.' orchestra played the Dead March in 'Saul' as the congregation left the sacred edifice.

The funeral of Miss Kathleen O'Connell left the church at 1.30 p.m. The school children marched in procession in front of the hearse. The Children of Mary, of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral in regalia, and sang the hymn 'Mary, Dearest Mother,' very impressively at the graveside. The funeral procession was a very lengthy one, and the coffin was covered with many beautiful wreaths forwarded by the schoolmates and many friends of the deceased. The Rev. Father Lane conducted the burial service.

On returning to St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Father Lane conducted a portion of the burial service for Mrs. D. Barry. The body was then conveyed from the church to the hearse by the members of the Hibernian Society in regalia, the Dead March in 'Saul' being played meanwhile by Messrs. Vita Bros. The Hibernians marched in procession in front of the funeral cortege, which was an exceptionally lengthy one, and acted as bodyguard from the cemetery gates to the grave. A large number of leading town and country residents attended the funeral to show their last tribute of respect to the deceased lady, who was highly respected in the district. The funeral service was conducted in the presence of a large congregation of sorrowing friends by the Rev. Father Lane.—R.I.P.

Four brothers—one the pastor, and the three others assistants—are the priests of St. Patrick's Church, Erie, Pa. The pastor is the Rev. Peter M. Cauley, and his assistants the Revs. Joseph M., Stephen H., and Charles L. Cauley. Two sisters of these are members of the Franciscan Order in Buffalo.

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