

Domestic

BY MAUREEN.

Sago Soup.

One pint of stock, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of milk, 2 tablespoonfuls of sago, 1 or 2 yolks of eggs, 2 tablespoonfuls of cream, salt and pepper. Put the stock on to boil. Wash the sago, put it into the boiling stock, and simmer until clear. Add the milk and seasoning. Bring it to the boil; beat up the yolks of eggs with the cream in the soup tureen, pour the boiling soup on it, stir well, and serve.

Rice Omelette.

Mix one tablespoonful of butter with one of flour and cook them over the fire until smooth. Then stir in two-thirds of a cup of milk, and when cold add half a cup of boiled rice and the beaten yolks of four eggs. Stir in lightly the beaten whites of the eggs, and turn the mixture into a buttered dish. Stand the dish in a pan of hot water, and bake fifteen minutes. Serve with a sauce made by beating the whites of three eggs stiff; add to them a cup of powdered sugar, and just before sending to table stir in the juice from two oranges and half a lemon.

Household Hints.

Use a clean brick instead of the ordinary iron stand and you will retain the heat of the irons much longer.

To frost a bathroom window, make a very strong solution of Epsom salts and vinegar. Apply it with a brush and afterwards go over it with some white varnish.

Tumblers that have contained milk should be rinsed in cold water before being washed in hot. Putting the milky glass in hot water has the effect of clouding the glass permanently.

To brighten up colors in faded wool work, wash the work in soda and water and dry in the open air. Faded colors become bright under this process, as soda brings the colors up.

To open windows easily that have become stuck by paint or wet weather, brush over the inside of the frames with ordinary blacklead, and they will slide up and down without the slightest difficulty.

The Hands.

Every woman likes to have her hands look nice, especially as this condition is not inconsistent with hard work. If much of this is done, and the hands are quite neglected, they necessarily will show signs of usage. But with care they can be kept quite nice. A white hand has a good deal to do with the skin that covers it. Some hands would never get white, however much care was taken of them, while others, naturally white, keep so, even with rough work. One point always to be remembered is when washing the hands do it thoroughly—a half wash and a half dry have a very bad effect on the hands. Rubbing them with lemons or with raw potatoes will take away stains, while if the hands get rough, wash them with fine sand and warm soapsuds, brushing and rubbing the hands thoroughly in this. The sand will do several times, pouring off the dirty water each time after use. Rinse the hands and then wash in soap and water. Take a little almond cream, and rub thoroughly in, afterwards using it for washing the hands in warm water. The nails need constant care, not only in cutting, but in keeping the base free from the white skin that grows quickly there. This is best pressed back with an ivory instrument for the purpose, after soaking the tips of the fingers in soapy hot water. This should be done thoroughly once a week, and the pressing back twice in between this. The nails may be polished by rubbing them with a chamois leather after washing and drying thoroughly.

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The Irish Envoys in Queensland

The Irish envoys initiated their campaign in Queensland by addressing a splendid meeting in the Exhibition Building, Brisbane. The Mayor presided, and the platform was occupied by prominent citizens, members of Parliament, and a number of ladies.

The Irish delegates, Messrs. R. Hazleton, M.P., W. Archer Redmond, M.P., and J. Donovan, each received an ovation.

At the conclusion of the addresses, Mr. Denham, Premier, moved—'That this meeting of Queensland citizens tenders a hearty welcome to the Irish envoys, and congratulates the Irish Party on the splendid manner in which, under the leadership of Mr. John Redmond, they have struggled for autonomy; and we express the hope that Ireland will receive that measure of self-government which Queensland enjoys.' Mr. Denham referred to Drummond's administration in Ireland. Drummond's administration might be taken as a prophecy of the administration of Ireland under Home Rule. Ireland's fight to-day was Queensland's fight the other day, in connection with the referendum and Home Rule for Queensland. It had been said again and again that Home Rule was synonymous with 'Rome Rule,' but he thought the speakers that night had shown that it was a fallacy.

The motion was then put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hazleton, in moving a vote of thanks to the chairman, expressed the hope that at the next Imperial Conference there would be an additional Prime Minister, and that he would be John Redmond.

Following on the appeal for funds to further the cause, collections were taken from the audience, and so generous was the response that no less than £415 was raised in this manner, and a further sum, the amount of which had not been ascertained, had been promised.

The Irish envoys were entertained at lunch at Parliament House on the following day by the Premier and Cabinet Ministers. The Speaker and the Leader of the Opposition were also present. The same evening they were the guests of the Irish Association at a smoke concert, at which Mr. P. J. McDermott (Under-Secretary to the Chief-Secretary) presided over a large attendance, including many prominent Irishmen.

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