

## HOME FURNISHINGS.

THE PAD FOR SEPARATE TEA AND BREAKFAST ROOMS.

Certain Points In Remodeling a Room at Small Expense—Stunning Hangings In Louis XVI Style—Attractions of the Oregon Tearoom.

In the olden times Spring Cleaning and spring renovation consisted merely of the readjustment of curtains, draperies and the like, the turning around of the



THE DETACHED TEAROOM.

furniture and the shaking of the same carpets which had for years served as floor coverings. But not so in this decorative age. For the up to date woman a general overhauling of rooms is necessary, according to The Decorator and Furnisher, in which occurs timely information, with illustrations, on the new spring furnishings. Among other items are the following:

In remodeling a room there are certain points which can be obtained for little expense—for instance, a new drapery here, a simple floor covering there, a few bits of tasteful furniture added, and by these additions the whole atmosphere is changed for the better.

This spring the market overflows with stunning hangings, draped in superb designs of silk, lace and cotton. For the breakfast room there is a Japanese hydrangea, the groundwork of white in which the yellow flower with immense leaves does capital service as a strong device, or there is a wattle pattern in which delicate pinks, cream whites and soft grays act as a frame for these choice pictures on linen and silk.

This year Louis XVI style in all hangings is very much in vogue. In cotton draperies for summer parlors there is a shadow motif which, when hung, will prove very attractive.

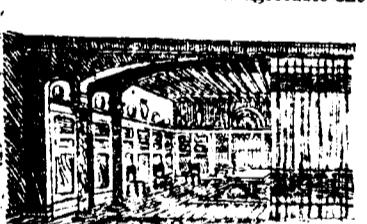
Tearooms, or, strictly speaking, tea-houses, will this summer be all the go. With the man who cares but little for the expense this artistic place can be made separately from the main home and connected with his library by a narrow passageway, over which can be a grape arbor or a striped awning of blue or white.

Tearooms can of course be built of wood in any shape, but the octagon is by far the most attractive. To make this a complete rest curv, a sun bath in which every bright day is a boon, there should be on every side broad windows, which can be curtained and pulled with all the attractive fabrics described.

To dress these places which let in the sun and all the Venetian blind can be used with excellent taste, and for the porch a curtain, which perhaps is lighter in effect and produces as good a show.

Around its entire sides, half way around, can be made a comfortable lounge, but the tea sofa is the pretty affair, to insure comfort and adorn as well, with its spindle back and well cushioned seat. There should be rockers in wicker, tables of the same wood and all appointments so dear to womankind.

This out of door affair is of glass on all sides, with a top in leaded panes, which, of course, is the full charm. But to make this room an agreeable one



THE BREAKFAST ROOM.

for the warm days and deluge it with a soft light a green curtain in linen can be hung so as to be drawn at will across the entire top.

This year there can be built to any cottage a double apartment where meals are served—that is, beyond the dining room proper in a small anteroom which can be easily constructed and takes its place as a breakfast place. These rooms are separated by a portiere, so when a social function is given the whole can be thrown into one and a brilliant show created.

English Recipe For Baked Ham.

Soak a medium sized ham in tepid water for 12 hours. Trim off all the crusty pieces and make a dough of flour and water. Roll this out rather thickly and envelop the ham entirely in it. Place in a baking dish and bake in a moderate oven for four hours. When done, carefully remove the crust and skin, rub the ham all over with yolk of egg and sprinkle with very fine bread rippings, or, if preferred, it can be glazed in the usual way. Baked ham is a very delicious dish and considered by many to be very superior to boiled.

A Loop For Coats and Mantles.

Heavy coats and wraps are frequently a trouble on account of their weight, which sometimes seems to make the strongest loop for hanging up purposes of no avail. There is one thing however, that relieves all strain, and that is a kid. Use an old kid glove. Cut a narrow strip in the best part of the leather, roll into this a piece of coarse string, sew it together and it will serve every article in a drawer where it is kept. The perfume is said to be far more enduring than any of the sachets commonly in use.

## THE SPRING MODES.

As Depicted in the Gowns and Bonnets Prepared for Easteride.

Easter failing late this year, ample time has been afforded in which to prepare something new and something original for the season of gayety which this queen of festivals usher in. Despite the hard times, Easter gowns do not show signs of economy, even when made of inexpensive materials, for the fetching new trimmings increase the cost way beyond what may be termed moderate. As yet the dress skirts, while smaller, do not exhibit the scant dimensions predicted. New gowns are made with fairly full skirts, and many of these are trimmed in one way or another. Flounced effects that impart fullness to the skirt below the knee find favor.

Judging by the modes which prevail at the present moment, it seems that the bolero has come to stay, for it is seen on at least nine out of ten of the newest French dresses. You find it in simple morning dresses, in smart visiting toilettes, in gorgeous evening gowns. In fact, it is to be seen everywhere and on everything. Whether this form of bodice will gain a permanent hold time alone will show, but just at present it certainly holds a unique position. Skillfully contrived, the bolero has, of course, wonderful possibilities, but it should be worn only in a very modified form by all those whose figures are on the side of plumpness. On the other hand, the woman who is blessed with a slim and graceful waist can and does wear her bolero "with a difference." To her all things are possible.

The bodice which shows a little fullness in the front remains popular. Tucked bodies are in favor; so are those with surplus effect. Shirt waists have a place among the spring fashions and differ from those worn last year in that they have yokes tucked crosswise, with the fullness distributed across the front. Sleeves, of course, are smaller, and detachable cuffs and collars are the rule.

Evening gowns are made with short trains. Summer gowns of thin materials



MOTHER'S CUSTARD PIE.

To secure "custard pie such as mother made" try the following, from Good Housekeeping:

To each beaten egg add a cupful of rich milk, 1/4 tablecoonsful of sugar, one-eighth teaspoonful of salt and a little nutmeg. Bake in a deep plate lined with good crust. When it rises and is barely stiffened, it is done. Too much baking takes away the creamy taste which should be in all custard pie. If eggs are scarce, 2 may be used in place of 3 by using 2 tablecoonsfuls of cornstarch wet up with a little of the milk. In that case heat a cupful of the milk and stir in the wet cornstarch. Cool, mix all together and proceed as before.

A Egg For the Baby.

First of all a rug, for baby's comfort, shall be thick, warm and quite large. This it should be just as bright and pretty as one can make it. Such a one, illustrated by Good Housekeeping, is placed out of any pretty wool goods, remnants of cloth, flannel, etc. It is in nine sections. The seams are covered

A new material figure in the early millenary—namely, a canvas formed of a sort of horsehair. This is laid over the brim and forms the hat, as it were, when it is of a nondescript tone between fawn and gray, but it also often constitutes the full crown when it is covered either with tulip or gauna. Eagles' wing figures on the sides of many of the hats, and the demand for these is great. Some of the brims are double. Vegetable silk is a new fabric in millinery, and is used for plates of various widths and colors, which have a glossy effect. Ribbon braids three inches wide, edged with a braid of another color, are used in both hats and bonnets.

The trimmings on hats and bonnets have veered to one side again. Flowers are used in profusion as trimming to hats. Flower bouquets are in order for dresy wear. Plated chiffon, lace and wide ribbons contribute also to millinery garniture. Bright colors are a conspicuous feature of the straw hats which represent many shapes. In a general way it may be said the hats run large indeed, with medium crowns and brims narrower at the back than in front. The sailor hat has reappeared in light braids.

By the way, lightweight hats are promised throughout the season. It is told that Panama hats will lead for cycling and outdoor sports. There is a prediction that bonnets will be worn more than hats, but that remains to be proved, as this prediction is made every season. And now there is one special point upon which the English woman at present differs from the French, and this is the adjustment of her hat. The English woman will insist that the toque should be worn two inches away from her head. The Frenchwoman jams her down to her eyebrows at a right angle, pushing all her hair beneath this at the top and arranging it to set out from the nape of her neck. Our women may select which is the more becoming or strike a happy medium, as best accords with their individual tastes in the matter.

ALICE VARNAM.

Perfumed Flannels.

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