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Pillows may be washed just as they are used, if the ticking is good and only soiled, they may be renewed without reticking. To cleanse, a strong, hot suds should be made, hotter than the bath for washing blankets, and the pillows immersed. They may be soaped all over and allowed to remain some time entirely covered with the water. They should then be soaped up and down until clean, and afterward rinsed in several waters, changing gradually from hot to cold. Of course, pillows cannot stand much wringing; therefore they must drip when pinned on the line, and must be securely fastened, using several clothes pins. After several hours, the pillows should be taken down and pinned up again at the opposite end. If this is done frequently the drying process will be quicker as well as more even.

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Dusting is not the violent removal of dust from one article of furniture to another, though that is what that performance is called in many homes. A dry duster is useless; a wet one is apt to be smeary. What else is there? Soak squares of old flannel in paraffin or floor oil overnight and then wring them out as dry as possible. If they are washed out each time after dusting in lukewarm water they will not need resoaking for weeks.

A real old-fashioned coffee or luncheon cake can be made on baking day without the bother of making an extra batter from the following recipe—the cake is wholesome and delicious:

Two cups of bread sponge (if you set your sponge with milk instead of water so much the better.) Add to the sponge 1 cup of milk, 2 cups of flour, 2 eggs, 1½ cups of sugar, 1 cup of currants and spices to taste, 2 teaspoonfuls of salt, 3 heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Mix all with the hands of a wooden spoon. This quantity will fill three small-sized bread pans. The beauty of this recipe is that the cake can be baked immediately the ingredients are mixed. Pop it in the oven with your bread and bake about an hour.

It is a terrible job to keep an active child covered properly in bed at night! Why he performs such marvelous gymnastics with his arms and legs, no one knows.

The best way to overcome this difficulty is to dress the youngster in cotton flannel nightgowns with feet to them, or in flannelette nightgowns similarly made. Then he can thrash about to his heart's content without getting uncovered.

But sometimes children violently object to these garments. Then recourse must be had to the following device: Sew firmly to the mattress, of the crib four strips of elastic, each one about half an inch wide and three-eighths of a yard long. Sew one strip to each corner of the mattress on the lower edge; then sew similar strips to each corner of whatever blanket or quilt you are going to have as the outermost covering. After the boy is in bed at night, pin these elastic strips together with strong safety pins. Now there is room for him to raise his legs to considerable height, and yet the cover will, when his legs go down again, snap back into something like its original position. The mother can rest, knowing the little one will be safe from the cold.—*Mother's Magazine.*

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