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HOUSEHOLD.

For the Housekeeper.

A teaspoonful of sugar in the stove blacking will add to the luster of the stove.

To remove mud stains from dresses wash them with a little carbonate of soda dissolved in water.

Tinware may quickly be cleaned by rubbing it with a damp cloth, dipped in soda. Rub briskly and wipe dry.

Sour milk should be used for adding to the water with which linoleum and oil-cloth are washed, for it will make them like new.

A tablespoonful of turpentine put into the copper will whiten the clothes boiled in it and will prove an economy both of soap and labor.

Gold lace may be cleaned by rubbing it with a flannel well dusted with powdered ammonia, and then polishing it with a soft handkerchief.

When soot falls upon the carpets it may be removed by sprinkling on plenty of finely powdered salt and sweeping off in the direction of the fireplace. Repeat until the marks are gone.

To clean white silk ties, rub them over with French chalk, and afterward hold to the fire. The heat will cause the chalk to absorb the grease, and a shaking or brushing will render the tie quite clean.—'Advocate.'

Evil Speaking.

A woman's society has been organized in Springfield, Mo., every member of which is required to sign this agreement: 'I do hereby solemnly pledge my word to speak no evil of any woman, whether such report be true or not. Any violation of this pledge, however, does not release me from its subsequent obligations, which are to continue for all time to come.' The New York 'Times' notes that the form of this promise is peculiar, in that it so frankly assumes the improbability of continuous observance of its provisions on the part of its signers, and obliges them to try, try again, if at first they don't succeed. To recognize the weakness of human nature at the outset of an undertaking is as rare as it is admirable, and the originator of the society, if she also drew up its pledge, is to be congratulated not less on her practicality than on the excellence of her intentions. Her idea might well be copied

by other organizations, the basis of which is a vow to do or not to do some act the commission or omission of which is considered desirable.—'Watchman.'

Selected Recipes

Dried Rusk.—Dried rusk with milk make a good lunch dish now and then. For the rusk set a sponge with three cupsful of milk, one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of sugar, one yeast cake and flour to make a drop batter. When very light add one cupful of butter creamed with two cupsful of sugar and four eggs, beat and raise again. Add flour to make a soft dough, knead until smooth, let rise again and form into small round balls. Put close together in greased pans, raise until doubled in thickness and bake in a hot oven. Let stand for a day or so then cut in two and dry in the open oven until a pale golden color all through. Put away in a dry place and they will keep for weeks.

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