

wrong side out when it leaves her hand. If there is any moisture about the glove it is well to leave it until it is entirely dry before turning it. Gloves require airing, just as other articles of dress do. When perfectly dry, the careful woman turns her gloves, pulls them out lengthwise, and lays them together as they were when she bought them in the store. If she is not expecting to wear them again for a few days she folds them in tissue paper, and lays them in her glove box.

A glove may be spoiled as to shape for all time by heedless putting on when first worn. Children who are always losing their gloves should be taught to keep them in an appointed place, and should be trained to have no heedlessness in this matter. Much valuable time is consumed when one never knows where one's habiliments are.—*Harper's Bazar.*

How to Clean Marble.

Take two parts of common soda, one part of whiting, and one of powdered pumice stone. Pound these ingredients together, sift through a fine sieve, and mix with water to a paste. Apply it with a piece of flannel, rubbing it thoroughly; then wash off with soap and water, and the marble should look bright and clean. To polish marble, the following recipe will be found useful: Dissolve six ounces of pearl ash in a quart of boiling water, add four ounces of white wax, and simmer all together for half-an-hour. Set this to cool, take the wax off the surface, work it into a soft paste in a mortar with a little hot water, and apply this to the marble, using it as any other polish.

How to Clean Brass Trays.

Brass trays are kept in order by simply washing them in boiling hot soda soapsuds, and then lathering them well, a little soap being used if they are very dirty. One way of cleaning them is to sift fine brickdust till it is a very fine powder. Take up a good portion of this on half a lemon (previously used in lemonade or sherbet-making), and rub the tray well over with this, carefully going over any stains till removed, and then rinsing and letting it dry. Treated in this manner, trays keep clean and an admirable color for a long time. Metal polish and such things spoil the color, giving it a yellow tinge quite different from the golden brass it looks when cleaned with lemon-juice and fine brickdust.

The Family Room in Summer.

In arranging the home this spring take the pleasantest room in the house for the family living room. If it has not a hardwood floor fill the cracks between the boards with a paste made of soaked newspapers and glue and then give the floor two coats of paint. If you do the work yourself get mixed paint especially prepared for floors.

If you have rugs use them, but they are not necessary. Have a lounge with a denim or other washable cover, cool easy chairs and a table large enough to hold the reading-lamp and a late magazine or book for each member of the family—large enough for the whole family to sit around and read. Then plan your work so that father and mother and each boy and girl can have time to read at least twenty minutes on the busiest day. It will pay to have these things, the periodicals and books and the time to use them, even if you economize in clothing and table expenses to pay for them.

A Pointer for the Girls

Father—"Now, see here! If you marry that young pauper, how on earth are you going to live?" Daughter—"Oh, we have figured that all out. You remember that old hen aunt gave me?" "Yes." "Well, I have been reading *FARMING*, and I find that a good hen will rear twenty chickens in a season. Well, the next season that will be twenty-one hens; and, as each will raise twenty more chicks, that will be 420. The next year the number will be 8,400, the following year 168,000, and the next 3,360,000. Just think! At only 25 cents apiece we shall have \$840,000, and then, you dear old dad, we'll lend you some money to buy another farm."

The Cheerful and the Peevish Woman.

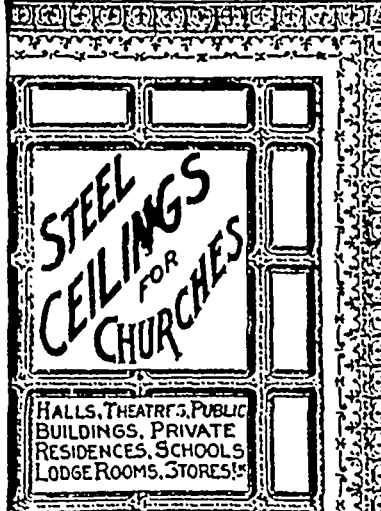
Have you noticed how differently women act when overtaken by trouble? One meets it half-way, and overcomes it. Her moral strength scorns to be cast down by the storms of life, and only a line here and there on the brow betrays the trace of care. Outwardly she is the personification of cheerfulness, and her husband and children bless her.

Then there is the woman who breaks down under difficulties, until even the slightest duty becomes a burden. She sighs and complains from morning till night, until her children dread the sharp tongue, and thinks her husband harsh and callous to her sufferings if he remonstrates.

Which is the better helper in the home?

How to Cook a Ham.

An ordinary ham is really much more tasty cooked in this way: Soak for a day in tepid water, and then place in a large saucepan with sufficient water to cover it. Add two blades of mace, half a dozen cloves, five long peppers, and three bay leaves. Simmer gently, allowing twenty minutes for every pound. When cooked remove the pan from the fire, and leave the meat in it until cold. Take up the ham, skin it, brush over with beaten egg, sprinkle brown bread-crumbs over, and set in a moderate oven to brown.



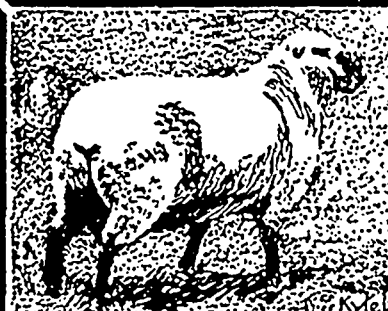
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