

which makes them as fresh as when new, particularly thread-lace.

“Wash carefully and rinse, then put through a little gum-arabic water, just thick enough to stiffen slightly. Sit down before the fire, or in the sun, and pick it out carefully till perfectly dry, and in its original shape.”

We know the first rule works admirably, and is the least trouble. Will some one try both, and tell us which makes the lace look most like new?

*Airing Pillows, Mattresses, etc.*—Do not put your pillows or feather beds, if so unfortunate as to have feather beds, into the sun to air, but in a shady place, with a clear, dry wind blowing over them. If it is cloudy, but not yet damp, and the wind strong, it is all the better. This, if practised often, will keep well-cured feathers always sweet. Badly-cured feathers cannot be made sweet. A hot sun on the best of feathers will turn them rancid.

*Driving away Ants.*—Take carbolic acid diluted with water, say one part acid to ten parts water, and with a syringe throw this liquid into all the cracks and holes where they nest, and they soon vanish. Crickets are also driven away by it.

*Ferris's Cooker.*—Being requested to try “Ferris's Cooker,” and not having time or opportunity, we sent it to a friend—an experienced and excellent housekeeper—and this is her report:

“On Monday, while the wash-boiler was on one side of the stove, I used three of the compartments, or pans, of the cooker—one for meat, one for potatoes, and one for turnips. All were very successful. I browned the meat in the oven after it was cooked. I have since made suet pudding and apple pot-pie to our entire satisfaction. It is easy to manage and to keep clean; but I do not think the one you sent me is entirely tight, as the water evaporates too readily, I am sure. I like it very much but don't think I have given it a fair trial, as our cooking is too simple to show all that it can do, I am sure. The cooker is capable of splendid results.

*To Wash Cretonne.*—If of doubtful colour, put a teaspoonful of sugar-of-lead into a pailful of water. Put your curtains into it, and let them soak fifteen minutes before washing. Then wash like any nice calico. If best to starch at all, simply wring through very thin starch-water. Iron on the wrong side.

THE END.