

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Hints to Housekeepers.

When your scissors bind a little you may often make them run easily by drawing the inner surface of the blades over your hair, or the palm of your hand. This is better than it is to oil them, and so run the risk of soiling anything that you may afterward cut.

A fashionable and delicious New York dish is marrow-bones served in a somewhat novel style. The butcher saws the marrow-bone across into thicknesses of about two inches, these are boiled, laid on square pieces of buttered toast, and served hot. Some careful cooks close up both ends with a layer of thin paste before boiling.

The small, dark checks in crockery come because they are washed in too hot water.

Every night the kitchen sink should be cleaned by a solution of two tablespoonfuls of washing soda in a gallon of boiling water. This should be poured in while at boiling point.

A little powdered potash thrown into rat-holes will drive the rodents away that are so annoying in cellar or kitchen; cayenne pepper will have the same effect on rats and cockroaches, and a mouse will never go through a piece of cotton sprinkled with cayenne that is stuffed into his hole.

It is said that vaseline is growing in favor as an emollient for shoes. Take a pair of shoes, especially the shoes worn by ladies, and when they become hard and rusty apply a coating of vaseline, rubbing well with a cloth, and the leather will at once become soft and pliable and almost impervious to water.

Be sure and put your clothes pins in hot soap suds at least once in two weeks, and let them boil; after which they may be taken out, dried and put away in a bag, ready for use on next wash day.

In using ammonia for domestic purposes, one tablespoonful to a quart of water is about the ordinary proportion.

In case of a bite from a rabid dog, Dr. Billings, of New York, recommends that the wound be cauterized with strong carbolic acid. It is much less painful and more effective than with a hot iron. The wounds will also heal in less time.

Did you ever make ginger-bread using Graham instead of white flour? If you never did, try it and you will be sure to like it.

A receipt for cleaning marble, etc.: Mix up a quantity of the strongest soap lyes with quicklime to the consistency of milk, and lay it on the stone, etc., for twenty-four hours, clean it afterwards with soap and water and it will appear as new. Note—This may be improved by rubbing or polishing it afterward with fine putty powder and olive oil.

Inflamed eyes are often relieved by cutting a large potato in two, scooping out the inside, and binding over the feverish lids.

To destroy moths and other vermin: Dissolve alum in hot water, making a very strong solution; apply to furniture or crevices in the wall with a paint brush. This is sure destruction to the most noxious vermin, and invaluable because easily obtained, is perfectly safe to use, and leaves no unpleasant traces behind. When you suspect moths have lodged in the borders of carpets, wet the edge of the carpets with a strong solution; whenever it reaches them it is certain death.

A piece of sponge fastened to a stick is a good thing with which to clean lamp chimneys.

It is a very common thing for young housekeepers to search their linen when learning to iron. Do not be discouraged.

Wax your irons thoroughly and keep them in a dry place. This will prevent their sticking. If you find a scorched place, expose it to the hottest rays of the sun. It will be obliterated in a short time.

Strong carbolic acid is sure death to bedbugs. It is also one of the very best disinfectants. A bottle should be kept on hand—out of reach of children—and a few drops occasionally put down the sink drain and in slop-jars.

Flannels and blankets may be soaked in a pail of water containing one tablespoonful of ammonia and a little soda. Rub as little as possible and they will be white and clean, and will not shrink.

To boil rice in grains for soups, after cleansing it throw it into plenty of salted boiling water, and boil it fast for fifteen minutes; then drain off the water and place the saucapans containing the rice either in the oven, uncovered, or upon a brick on the back of the stove, with a clean towel folded several times laid in the saucapan above the rice, the cover being left off. After about ten minutes steaming in this way the rice will be dry and tender, every grain distinct.

To prevent your glass jars from cracking when putting in hot liquids, stand a tablespoonful in them. There is a prevailing idea that this process has something to do with electricity, but the true solution is that the spoon absorbs some of the heat, and also carries some of it out into the open air.

A box of powdered borax should always be kept on the sink shelf. A little added to the water in which dish-towels are washed will help much to keep them clean, and at the same time keep one's hands soft and smooth.

Hints to Cooks.

The oftener flour is sifted for sponge cake the lighter the cake will be.

Fresh apple sauce, warm if possible, is a good supper dish. A dash of lemon improves it.

Among the rules of the Boston cooking school is one that says, "Always be careful not to slam the oven door."

A delicious savor is imparted by putting into beef soup a whole onion with a dozen whole cloves stuck into it. Peel the onion but don't trim off the top so the layers will break apart in boiling. Leave out in serving.

To test cake in the oven never insert a broom splinter, but draw it gently forward and put the ear close to the loaf; if it be not done there will be a little sputtering sound. When it is thoroughly baked there will be no sound.

Blancit and gingerbread require a quick oven; flour bread a slower one. Fruit cake requires more and slower bak-

ing than plain cake. Cookies want a quick oven and close attention or they will burn. For brown bread a hot oven at first and a slow and steady fire, after it is heated through. Apple pies should be baked slowly. Cake shouldn't be disturbed while baking, or it will fall. Keep the oven door shut and an even fire.

Thread and Needle.

Thread of all kinds should be kept as much as possible from the air, which rots it. If one buys thread by the quantity, which is the economical way of buying it, only so much as is needed for daily use should be taken out, and the rest put away in a covered box protected from the air.

Before the days of sewing-machines, sewing silk was to be found in all work-baskets. Now machine-silk is generally found instead. But for hand-sewing the old-fashioned sewing-silk is much better. It does not fray so readily as machine-silk, and hence is more durable. Tailors understand this, and always use it for hand-sewing.

A few stitches in the worn ends of vest button-holes and new buttons have a wonderfully renovating effect. A worn lining inside a coat skirt gives a coat a very forlorn look. A good thick steen of color suited to the coat, when basted in and hemmed neatly around the edges, taking care to have it just fit well without drawing or bagging, will make one's husband very happy.

Many mothers cut down fine merino hose for the younger children, and put in a piece for the sole of the foot, of an old stocking, or flannel cut bias, that matches it in color. By sewing these in ball stitch, they show but little, and wear a long time. The toes and heels of stockings for children are often knit double, or have cotton and wool used, which makes them stronger.

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THE HOME CIRCLE.

Fretful Women.

There is no habit in the world that entails more continual discomfort than the habit of worrying over future or present annoyances. Busy women, who do their duty, seldom have time for such indulgence; yet it is sometimes the over-ambitious person who worries because she cannot accomplish more of her work, usually because of the want of system in her work.

There is no surer way of losing time and control over affairs of the house than in fretting about them. If the housekeeper measures out her time systematically, allowing herself enough time for pleasure to prevent her work becoming pure drudgery, and carefully takes out all such duties as are not positively necessary, she will often be astonished how easy housework becomes. She may find she has planned more elaborate clothes for the children than are needed, fancy cooking and many other things that the family can better do without than that she should become fretted and irritable. It is wonderful how simple matters which seem so perplexing may become with a little planning and thought. There are so many things done in the every-day life of the housekeeper; so many stitches taken that are after all superfluous. They are not strictly necessary. It is pleasant to have pretty clothes decorated with needlework, but little children growing up in the country are just as healthy and may become just as refined and useful men and women if their clothing is all severely plain and simply made on the machine without ruffle or edge. It assists the seamstress, especially the amateur work-seamstress, who is her own seamstress and maid-of-all-work, to cut out a great deal of work of one kind and do all the seams of the same kind at once, then all the finishing of one kind, and other parts of the garments each in its turn. By this means a great deal more can be accomplished than if one garment is made at a time. There is an old expression—"having your hand in"—which explains this. The greatest perplexity of the housekeeper is from the demand upon her to change from one kind of work to another. It is best to avoid this as much as possible. Take certain days for sewing days. For these days do as much as possible of the cooking the day before, and prepare all the housework so that it can be done as easily as possible, leaving long hours undisturbed for the work to which the day is devoted. One who has never done her sewing in this way, but has snatched it up between intervals of cooking and sweeping, will be astonished to see how much will be accomplished in a day given up to it. It is the same with sweeping. Families where there are certain days set apart for sweeping usually find their rooms sure to be in order when needed, and that they require far less care than when swept and dusted when the housekeeper "finds time." The panacea for half the servant trouble lies in system. The worker should be regularly compelled to do a certain work each day, instead of being left, as she often is, to take her own time to do her work. So a housekeeper should exact of herself certain work and do it at the time given, and she will usually find spare time to rest where before was worry and vexation.

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I admire a one-legged man who is cheerful; a fellow with one arm who is always cracking jokes does more good than a whole battalion of whole people who generally growl at everything. I never believe that those people who are always complaining ever suffer. There is something about genuine misfortune that dries up the tongue and makes people very quiet about themselves. One of the liveliest and wittiest men I ever knew was a fellow who had only one arm. Every minute of his life was a joy to him, and you would as soon have thought of offering sympathy to a boy as to play as to him. Yet I dare say he had just as much other trouble as any two-armed man has.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Prayer Concerning Drunkenness. The chaplain of the House of Representatives, Rev. Dr. W. H. Milburn, at the opening of a recent session of that body, prayed earnestly concerning drunkenness as follows:

"O God! answer, we beseech Thee, the applications of the millions of hearts ascending to Thee for the speedy close of that greatest evil of modern society—drunkenness. Linked with almost every vice and crime, in a loathsome compact with gambling houses and brothels, it burdens the criminal dockets of courts of justice, throngs the poor-houses, mad-houses, jails and alms-houses, drives men to despair through the snake-wreathed portals of delirium tremens, unbars the portals of life, that they may sink into the cowardly grave of suicide. Beginning most often in an alluring taste in the young, it becomes a master-passion, which destroys the body, darkens the intellect, blinds the moral sense, deadens the soul, drives God out of men's spirit, and, paralyzing the will, binds men and women hand and foot and casts them into hell, leaving an entail of despair and wretchedness to their children."

The prayer is said to have called forth applause from some total-abstaining members of Congress and expressions of displeasure from some who are not total abstainers.

The rainbow of the skies knows not more rare and beautiful colors than the rainbow of the covenant blessings under which our Saviour hath placed His throne: Blessings as fresh as the verdure of Spring, and as beneficial as the pure air of the mountain top.—Samuel Lee, 17th Century.

Does It Pay to be Polite?

Does it pay to be polite? The experience of a certain London merchant inclines him strongly to the belief that it does. Let him tell the story—

"It was about two months ago that I went to Y.'s restaurant to lunch one day, feeling overworked, tired and cross, I suppose. Looking up and down the tables in the part of the room where I always prefer to sit, I saw one table where there were two empty chairs, one of which, however, had been turned down by a guest looking me over with a black beard, who sat at the table. I took the other empty chair and ordered my lunch.

"Just as I began to eat, a friend of mine—Perkinson—whom I wanted to see very much, came in and walked down past the tables. There was a bustle of chairs, and I saw a black beard, who sat at the table. I was so anxious to consummate. I was also anxious to keep at my lunch. I looked at the chair that was turned down, and it struck me that my neighbor's friend, for whom he was keeping the place, was a long time coming in.

"I have told you that I was a little cross. So I quietly turned back the chair and invited Perkinson to sit down. Whereupon the man with the black beard looked up in surprise.

"I was keeping that chair for a friend," said he.

"It strikes me, sir, that your friend is a long time coming. I'll be candidly, and I don't think anyone has a right to retain a seat to the exclusion of everybody else."

"The black-bearded man said no more, though he looked me over carefully, and Perkinson sat down. Presently the black-bearded man came in, had his dishes removed to another table after some bother to get hold of a waiter; and they sat down together, while we went on with our lunch and our business.

"About a month after that there was a matter of some £2,000 difference in a transaction between a man in our trade and myself, and we agreed to leave it to arbitration. We each selected our man, and they selected a third, who wasn't known to me but who was said to be a very fair man. I had my side set forth in good shape, and knew I should have won the case easily enough.

"But when I went in to see the arbitrators and gave a glance at the third man my heart sank. It was the black-bearded man whose chair I had taken possession of at Y.'s. Now, I believe that I should have been fully resolved to decide the case on its merits; but I don't believe that he or any other man could have done so under the circumstances. He decided dead against me, and it served me right. I shall always believe that it cost me just £1,000 to turn back that man's chair."

A Few Valuable Recipes.

Chicken Salad.—Boil one good-sized chicken until tender; let it stand in the water in which it was cooked until cold. Pick up rather coarsely with a fork; cut finely with a knife three heads of celery, and chop fine one-half an ordinary sized head of cabbage and mix the two well together. Make a dressing of half a teaspoonful of vinegar, butter the size of an egg, stirred in a cream boiler; the vinegar; half a teaspoonful of mustard; one salt, one-half a teaspoonful of equal parts of white and cayenne pepper, and three eggs. Mix the mustard, salt and pepper smooth with a little vinegar, beat the egg light, add the vinegar and seasoning; then boil in a farina boiler to the consistency of thick cream. When thoroughly cold stir through the chicken and celery carefully and serve.

Apple Pie.—The secret of making flaky, crispy pie-crust consists in having the lard and water both very cold, and in handling as little as possible. Do not attempt to make it smooth; roll in what flour is actually necessary to prevent its sticking to the board, but on no consideration knead it.

Borax in the Laundry.—The excellent washerwomen of Holland and Belgium, who get their linen so beautifully white, use refined borax instead of soda in the proportion of one large handful of powder to about ten gallons of boiling water. Borax, being a neutral salt, does not in the slightest degree injure the texture of the linen. Those who try this will be pleased with the result. It is also nice to wash blankets or woollen goods in this manner.

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