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At Spring Cleaning Time.

Sour Milk Paint.-The following paint is recommended for outbuildings that need a cheap, yet preservative, paint. Stir into a gallon of milk (whole milk is best, although skimmed milk will do), 3 lbs. Portland cement, and add enough paint powder to give the required color. Stir very frequently while applying the paint.

"Distemper Paint."-Country Life in America recommends this as a cheap paint for walls and ceilings. It is made of boiling water, to which are added hot glue, whiting and dry color to make of the consistency of whitewash. Apply hot with a whitewash brush.

Beat furs thoroughly before putting them away for the summer, and hang them out in bright sunlight for a couple of hours, then tie them up in a bag so tightly that a moth cannot get in. White furs should be well cleaned with hot cornmeal before putting them away.

A strong frame covered with woven wire is fine for beating rugs. Place them on it, right side down, and beat thoroughly.

Clean wicker furniture with salty water. To Regild Frames .- Mix banana oil and gilt powder, a little at a time, as you Apply with a fine brush.

If clothes put away for the winter have become yellow, mix coal oil, clear limewater and turpentine in equal parts. Add 1 cup of the mixture to a boiler of clothes, and boil half an hour.

To Bleach Straw Hats .- Make a thick mixture of lemon juice and flour of sulphur, then add very sour buttermilk whey until the consistency of cream. Apply. Dry the hat in the sun, then brush very thoroughly with a new whisk-broom.

To Blacken a White Hat.—First give a coat of stovepipe-varnish, then let dry and give a final coating or two of liquid shoe polish.

To Clean a Panama or Leghorn Hat.— Give the hats a bath in gasoline, scrubbing them well. The operation should be done out of doors, away from fire. Another method is to scrub the hat with a

brush and alcohol. To Clean a White Plume.—Make a thin paste of gasoline and flour, and wash the plume in it. Rinse in clean paste and hang up to dry. When dry, the flour will shake out, and the plume is ready

to be curled. To Color a Hat.—Take four ounces alcohol, and dissolve in it one ounce sealing wax of the required shade, powdered as finely as possible. Place the mixture in a dish of warm water, and stir gently to hasten the dissolving. Now apply the dye with a brush, and dry in the sun, remembering that the preparation is very inflammable, and must not be used near a stove or fire. There are now "hat enamels" that may be bought all ready

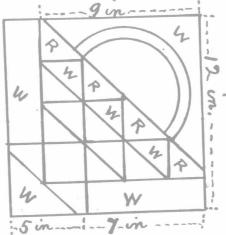
To Restore a Kitchen Stove that is for use. Badly Spotted.—Scrape off all the grease and dust, and rub first with paraffin and turpentine, then with strong liquid ammonia and plenty of hot, soapy water. When quite dry, apply blacklead mixed with turpentine, in the ordinary way. The stove should be quite cold all through the process, as turpentine is inflammable. To Fill Cracks in Plaster.-Mix plaster of Paris with vinegar, and push into the

cracks with a knife. To Clean Old Chiffon.—Soak in a lather made of good white soap, rinse well in clean water, then dip into water to which has been added a tiny bit of gum arabic and a few drops of white vinegar. Do not squeeze or wring the chiffon, but place it between soft, white muslin, and press it gently to dry it. Iron with a thin layer of paper over the chiffon. Another method is to spread the chiffon with a mixture of two parts powdered starch to one of powdered borax. Roll up and leave over night, and next day shake out. If necessary, repeat.

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The Roundabout Club

Closing of the Literary Society.

Once more the Literary Society comes to the closing for the summer. While we regret that pressure of farm and other matter interfered greatly with both the space allotted to this Department and the regularity of its appearance during the past winter, we yet feel that the Literary Society has not been a failure. The quality of work submitted by our students has been quite up to the mark of excellence, and, in spite of difficulties, interest has not flagged. We trust that the essays which have appeared have been an inspiration to many, showing, as they have assuredly shown, what our young men and women of the farm can do on purely literary subjects, and so suggesting a great truth,—that to be all-round men and women, it is necessary to have interests beyond the toil of the day. Our farmers, and farmers' wives and daughters, should be more than expert farmers and housekeepers; they should also be men and women of culture and breadth of mind, a fact of which, we are sure, our students and many of those who have read their work, have been fully cognizant. Every atom of interest taken in the beauties of nature, in literature and art, is a step forward in this direction. We of the farm should not leave these things wholly to our city cousins;those who have been interested in our Literary Society, actively or otherwise, have not done so.

During the summer, the Roundabout Club (not the Literary Society division of it) may appear from time to time. If you have anything interesting to write about, do not hesitate about sending your communication as before, to "The Roundabout Club."

The Last Competition.

In our last competition, "Write an essay on your favorite novel or poem," all who wrote, with but one exception, preferred to write on a poem, T. J Rutherford again coming first, with an essay on The Twenty-third Psalm, of which Henry Van Dyke says, "This little poem is a perfect melody. . . The atmosphere of the psalm is clear and bright. The singing shepherd walks in light. The whole world is the House of the Lord, and life is altogether gladness."

The second place this time was won by a new prizewinner, Marguerite Holtby, who wrote on Browning's "Epistle"; and the third by "Honor Bright," who chose, Browning's "Prospice."

Closely following these came A. M.

Freeborn, with an essay on Burns' "Cotter's Saturday Night"; "H," essay, "The Merchant of Venice"; "Lady of Captainsville," essay, Longfellow's "The Birds of Killingworth"; (2) "Gladdie"—essay, "Enoch Arden"; Fawcett Eaton, essay,
"Ivanhoe"; Mrs. J. H. Taylor, essay,
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