

### PAINT STAINS.

Stains on clothes from paint are, perhaps, the hardest of any to get out if they have been allowed to dry in. One sees various things recommended for this. Turpentine will generally answer when applied while the stain is wet. Alcohol, gasoline, and chloroform have all been recommended; also rubbing in lard and letting the grease soak in well before removing the grease spot, which it makes in the ordinary way, when the paint stain is supposed to disappear along with the grease. Dark paint stains on delicate muslin seem hopeless. Anybody who paints in water-colors might cover them over with Chinese white paint.

### TO CLEAN BRASS.

Brass, so much stained and discolored as to look as black as slate (one sees this in old country churches sometimes where memorial tablets set into the wall have been neglected), can be easily brightened with oxalic acid and chamois leather to look as bright as when it was new.

### SCORCH MARKS.

Slight scorch marks can be taken out by sunlight alone. When they are dark in color and obstinate, having entirely penetrated the fabric, it can still be removed in most cases by onion juice. Slice and squeeze the juice of two onions and mix with about half an ounce of shaved white soap, two ounces of fullers' earth, and half a pint of vinegar. Boil this mixture, and then spread it over the scorched part of the linen, which should, of course, be washed out subsequently.

### GENERAL.

Shirt-waists of colored cotton should be done up without starch, and dried in the shade. The color can be set by adding a teaspoonful of salt to a quart of water. Greens, blues and pinks can usually be made fast by dissolving a cupful of vinegar in a gallon of water.