

To Dry Goods :

When coats, vests, or dresses have been colored without ripping, the best way to dry them is to put one end of a bow shaped stick, about three feet long, into each sleeve, and hang to a clothes-line by a string or hook at the centre of the stick. To dry trousers, tie a string to a button on each side, and tie these strings to a clothes-line at such a distance apart that the trousers will hang perfectly straight.

To dry shawls, dresses, draperies, coverings, etc., etc., hang them across the line with the wrong side in, as the line is liable to leave a mark upon the goods.

To Press Goods.

As far as possible goods should be pressed only on the wrong side. The iron should not be too hot, for heat will injure some colors.

To press goods on the right side, dip a cotton cloth in water, and wring it out with the hands. Open it and spread over that part of the goods which is to be pressed first. When this cloth gets dry, wet and wring again. A hot iron should be used for this, but it must not be allowed to touch the goods.

Cleaning and Restoring Faded Garments Without Ripping.

It is often the case that articles of gentlemen's wearing apparel become faded from exposure to the weather long before they are worn, and many people in the large cities make the cleaning and restoring of such garments a paying business. The method is easy, and can be done by any one with ordinary care. The garment must be first sponged over with warm water, to which a little soap has been added, and all spots cleansed thoroughly. Make a solution of Diamond Dyes the original color of the garment, and apply carefully with a sponge (attached to a stick), or stiff brush, using care to touch every part alike; hang up to dry and press while damp. As the original color of the cloth contains enough mordant for the reviving color, do not use the mordant which comes with some of the dyes, when used for this purpose. If one treatment does not give sufficient depth of color, go over it again. The best results are obtained by the use of the dark colors—Black, Navy Blue, Seal Brown, Dark Green or Plum.

Reviving Faded Colors.

Stockings, ribbons, and many small articles often fade badly before they are worn out. The original colors can be renewed and brightened very easily in the following manner. Dissolve a package of Diamond Dyes, the color wanted, in a pint of boiling water, and strain into a bottle or jar. After the stockings, ribbons, etc., are washed, use this dissolved dye instead of bluing.