

You mean the bright, nickel-plated portions of the range? Scientific American gives the following method: "To Remove Rust Stains.—Cover the stains with oil or grease for a few days, and then remove the rust by rubbing with a little ammonia. If this does not remove the rust, try very dilute hydrochloric acid. When dry, polish with whiting." Ordinarily the nickel can be kept clean by washing it with soap and water and polishing with flannel or chamois.

ENTERTAINMENT.

Dear Junia.—I am sending to your valuable corner for a little advice on having a class (social) for some games and entertainment. Thanking you in advance. SWEET SIXTEEN.

To "keep going" for a club such as this, you will need a book on entertainment, "Bright Ideas for Entertaining," which can be secured through this office, should be useful. The price is 60 c. nts.

Should advise you to have one serious feature each evening, say an essay, or debate, or reading from some instructive book.

COMPLEXION QUERIES.

Dear Junia.—Like so many others, I have come to the Nook for advice.

Have seen mercolized wax recommended for the skin. Did you ever hear tell of it, or would you advise me to use it? I have also heard of Spumax for making a face lotion, but, like the wax, did not care to use it till I knew something about it. I would be much obliged if you could inform me on either.

Would you give me some hints for the complexion? Lately my face has got so rough, and is almost covered with pimples. The pores of my skin seems to be very enlarged, too. I do not like using much powder. ASHFIELD.

I have seen the advertisement's of the articles you mention, but can give no information in regard to them.

Good health, daily bathing, and the use of a good soap, warm water, and a face-brush every night before retiring, are the best prescriptions for a good skin. Always rinse the face with clear, cold water, after using soap. A daily wash of bran water is said to be good for closing open pores. It is just possible that the pimples on your face are caused by some unhealthy internal condition; in that case it may be necessary to consult a physician.

"PAPERING" QUERIES—PLAIN CAKE.

Dear Junia.—Housecleaning-time will soon be here, and I have received so much help from reading your column, I would like to know if I could have the wall of a room papered and the ceiling painted plain, or would it be better to paper the ceiling? How do you put burlap on a stairway, and what width should it be? The hall is small, and used all the time. Do you buy burlap stained the color you want it, or can it be painted any color you like? What color would be best for a small house? I don't want to darken it or have it too light; the walls are white now. I am sending a good, plain-cake recipe.

One cup granulated sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter, 2 eggs, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sweet milk, 2 cups flour, 2 heaping teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoonful vanilla. PANSY, Kent Co., Ont.

It would be all right to have the ceiling painted. Use a dull-finish paint, preferably of a deep cream color. The burlap on the wall of the stairway may quite cover the wall, or may be put on to the width of a wainscoting (it comes about the right width), with paper above. A narrow, wooden moulding should cover the seam between the two. Burlap is pasted on with a thick paste; directions will be given you wherever you buy it. It may be bought in any color, and when it fades may be painted over. The color for walls and burlap must depend upon the color of rugs, woodwork and furniture that you have. Read over the house-furnishing articles that have appeared recently in this paper and see if you can find something that you like. For a hall such as you describe, I think I might like a brown or green burlap wainscoting effect with a foliage paper in adjoining rooms must also harmonize. If you like plain effects, use oatmeal, fibre, or "leather" paper above.

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