

out, one at a time, and spread upon a board which has been covered with flannel, rub every part gently with a clean piece of flannel till dry; smooth out and hang in the open air till the odor has vanished.

TO KEEP the hands from chapping, dry them thoroughly immediately after washing them and before going into the cold.

CLEANING THE TEETH.—Before cleaning the teeth dip the brush in water, rub it over genuine white Castile soap, then dip it in prepared chalk.

TO KEEP ants away from food, set it on a table, and place each leg of the table in a dish containing water.

TO RID a house of insects: If two or three bottles of ammonia are left unstoppered, in prominent places in a room, they will soon leave. No insects can tolerate it.

EVERY pantry should be furnished with a good step-ladder, so that the house-keeper can easily get to the upper shelves.

TO REMOVE a glass stopper that has become firmly fastened in the neck of the bottle, put a drop or two of glycerine or sweet oil in the crevice about the stopper, and in an hour or two it will be loose.

TO CLEANSE a drain pipe, pour down a strong solution of copperas. The same material may be used for disinfecting cellars.

TO GET rid of mould in the cellar, put some roll-brimstone into a pan, and set fire to it; close the doors, making the cellar as nearly air-tight as possible for two or three hours, when the fungi will be destroyed, and the mould will be dried up. Repeat this simple and inexpensive operation every two or three months, and you will have your cellar free from all parasitical growth.

RATS AND MICE can be driven away by placing caustic potash or unslacked lime, powdered, in their holes or runways.

WARNINGS TO BE LEARNED BY HEART ABOUT KEROSENE.—Always fill lamps by daylight, and *never* while lighted. If obliged to fill them at night, have the light a few feet distant.

Lamps should be filled daily, and never lighted when partly empty.

Select lamps which have the burner considerably elevated above the body of the lamp.

Trim the wick square across to get the best light.

A lamp with the wick turned far down is more likely to explode.

If burning oil gets upon the floor, smother it with a rug or blanket.

If your clothes take fire, do the same, and *lie down*.

Never pour oil on a fire from a can—*never*. The observance of these rules *may* save many a life.

ENAMEL FOR SHIRT BOSOMS.—Melt together with a gentle heat, one ounce of white wax, and two ounces of spermaceti; prepare in the usual way a sufficient quantity of starch for a dozen bosoms, put into it a piece of this enamel the size of a hazel nut, and in proportion for a larger number. This will give clothes a beautiful polish.

A STRONG CEMENT.—A colorless, transparent cement, with which to mend glass, can easily be made by dissolving isinglass in spirits of wine; add a small quantity of water, and mix gently over a moderate fire.

AN ADHESIVE PASTE.—The *American Cultivator* gives this recipe for such paste as is used on the backs of postage stamps: Dextrine, two ounces; acetic acid, four drachms; water, two and a half ounces. Mix the dextrine, acetic acid, and water, stirring until thoroughly mixed; and add alcohol. For attaching labels to