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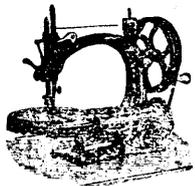
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TO CLEAN RAISINS OR CURRANTS.—To clean raisins or currants do not wash them, but dry them with a cloth. Currants can be cleaned in a sieve with the hand. Washing makes cakes or puddings heavy.

HOARSENESS.—Bake a lemon or sour orange for twenty minutes in a moderate oven, then open it at one end and dig out the inside, and sweeten it with sugar or molasses and eat. This will cure hoarseness and remove pressure from the lungs.

BURNS.—Wet saleratus and spread on a cloth, bind this around the burnt part, and in a few hours it will be nearly well unless the burn is deep, in which case the saleratus should be removed, and after being removed the burn should be covered with a piece of old linen on which has been rubbed a little mutton tallow or sweet oil.

A PLAIN FRUIT-CAKE.—One cup butter; three cups of brown sugar; three cups of sour milk; six cups of flour; two eggs; one teaspoonful each of cinnamon and cloves; one half of nutmeg; one cup of raisins; one cup of dried currants; leave out of the flour enough to roll the fruit in; one large teaspoonful of soda. Bake in two tins.

THE washerwomen of Holland and Belgium, so proverbially clean, and who get up their linen so beautifully white, use refined borax as washing powder instead of soda, in the proportion of one large handful of borax-powder to about ten gallons of boiling water; they save in soap nearly half. All of the large washing establishments adopt the same mode. Borax, being a neutral salt, does not in the slightest degree injure the texture of the linen.

STONE CREAM.—Put into the dish you mean to send to table three spoonfuls of lemon and orange juice and a little of the peel grated; then lay in some macaroons and other mixed cakes, and upon these apricot and any other kind of sweetmeat. Then take a pint of cream, add a quarter of an ounce of gelatine or isinglass, and sugar to your taste, with two or three bay leaves. Stir them over the fire until the isinglass is dissolved, then pour it into a basin, stirring it occasionally until cool. Pour it on the preserve and put it in a cool place to harden. If wanted richer add wine and brandy to the juice of the lemon and orange.

TO RE-DYE VELVETEEN BLACK.—For a dress, take two pounds of logwood chips and half a pound of washing soda, and boil them together in a pail of water; turn the mixture into a washing bowl. Put the dress therein, and with a piece of wood move it about, carefully turning it over, to be sure that it is well covered with dye; let it remain in the dye two hours, then take it out and hang it on hooks to drain. Now throw away the dye, and put a quarter of a pound of copperas into the bowl, on which pour a pailful of boiling water, and stir well with a stick. Put the dress in, move it well about, turn it over and let it lie an hour to set the dye. Then take it out and hang it up to drain, and wash it in two or three pails of cold water. Lastly, wash it in warm soap and water, and hang it up to drain, then in a warm room to dry. It does not require ironing, and should not be wrung, or it will shew the creases.—*Family Dressmaker.*

HOW TO MAKE ICE CREAM.—About half fill the icing pot with the mixture which it is desired to freeze, place in a pail or any suitable wooden vessel, with ice beat small and mixed with about half its weight of common salt; turn it backwards and forwards as quickly as possible, and as the ice cream sticks to the sides, break it down with an ice spoon, that the whole may be equally exposed to the cold. As the salt and ice in the tub melt, add more, until the process is finished, then put the cream into glasses, and place them in a mixture of salt and ice until wanted for use. Before sending them to table dip the outside of the glass into lukewarm water, and wipe it dry. Flavoured ice creams are made by mixing "cream for icing" with half its weight of mashed or preserved fruit, previously rubbed through a clean hair sieve; or when the flavour depends on the juice of fruit or on essential oil, by adding a sufficient quantity of such substances. Thus raspberry and strawberry ice creams are made according to the former method; lemon, orange, noyau, and almond ice creams, by the latter method.