

TO CLEAN WHITE SHOES.

To clean soiled white shoes, get ten cents' worth of pipe clay from the druggist; put a little in a dish; let dry, and with a stiff, old nail or tooth brush scrub the shoes hard, but always the same way as the grain of the leather, or they will get rough. Another method is to rub with deodorized benzine first, and then put on a coat of pipe clay and let it remain on over night.

CLEAN YOUR OWN CHIMNEYS.

There is a new and easy way to clean chimneys without going to the trouble or muss of taking down pipe, or the expense of hiring a chimney-sweep. A neglected chimney is often the cause of much loss of property, and no one should suffer such an occurrence. Doubtless there will be some cynical ones when they learn that the new method is simply to burn pieces of old zinc in the stove. I confess to having had as little faith in it as any one until I tried it. But like everything else, there is a right and a wrong way to go about it. If you put the zinc in the stove and close the dampers and drafts, there will be no special results beyond the consuming of the zinc. The right way is to throw open all drafts and dampers, and note results. The zinc will burn with a singing noise, and if you are out of doors you will see great flakes of soot flying out of the chimney and descending to the roof and ground. Old pieces of washboard or zinc which has been used under the stove, or scraps from the tinner's may be successfully used.

SIMPLE REMEDIES.

Benzine is a good general agent, especially for stains on silk or kid gloves. It should be corked at once, as it evaporates very quickly. Charcoal or soot spilled on a carpet may be removed by rubbing in cornmeal. If it is a large stain a good deal of cornmeal will be required, as it must be swept off and replaced by fresh as soon as the cornmeal becomes blackened. Wax can be readily removed by placing a hot iron over it with absorbent paper between.