

### The Home

#### Six Times Nine.

I studied my tables over and over,  
And backward and forward, too;  
But I couldn't remember six times nine,  
And I didn't know what to do,  
Till my sister told me to play with my doll,  
And not to bother my head.  
"If you'll call her 'Fifty-four' for a while,  
You'll learn it by heart," she said.

So I took my favorite Mary Ann,  
Though I thought it a dreadful shame  
To give such a perfectly lovely child  
Such a perfectly horrid name;  
And I called her dear little "Fifty-four"  
A hundred times, till I knew  
The answer of six times nine as well  
As the answer of two times two.

At first I thought that wasn't quite fair,  
For there was no doll in the books;  
But 'twas better far than the teacher's  
stare,  
And the children's funny looks.  
So, after a while, I thought it all out,  
And believed it was right without  
shadow of doubt.

Next day Elizabeth Wigglesworth,  
Who always acts so proud,  
Said, "Six times nine is fifty-two,"  
And I nearly laughed aloud.  
But I wish I hadn't, for teacher said,  
"Now, Dorothy, tell if you can."  
I thought of my doll, and—sakes alive!  
I answered, "Mary Ann!"

—Exchange.

#### Cleaning Ribbon.

There are various ways in which ribbon may be cleaned. The following are all good: If the ribbon has been made up into bows or sewed in any way, unpick all the stitches first, then brush lightly with a stiff brush. Lay the ribbon on a plain smooth board or table—a board is preferable. Sponge it well with clean water and ammonia. Ammonia varies very much in strength, but the following proportion is usually strong enough: Two teaspoonfuls to one breakfast cup of water. To stiffen the ribbon, sponge it after it has been cleaned with dissolved gum arabic and water (two teaspoonfuls to a half pint of water) and leave it on the board to dry, when it will be found smooth and ready for use. If the ribbon is required at once, it may be ironed immediately after the cleaning and stiffening processes. Lay it on the ironing sheet, with blanket beneath, and over the ribbon place either a clean, smooth piece of muslin or paper, and iron with a fairly hot iron.—American Cultivator.

#### To Remove Stains.

To remove egg stains from spoons, rub with common salt made damp.  
To take out mildew stains, rub well with buttermilk.

If your clothing has some ink marks or iron mold on it, cover with milk and rub salt on the spots.

When steel goods have become rusty, rub oil well in, and leave for a day or two, then rub thoroughly with a rag dipped in ammonia.

Tea stains can be removed by dipping in a solution of chloride of lime (one ounce to a pint of water). Only dip the article, as if they are left to soak the lime will destroy the goods.—United Presbyterian.

#### To Remove Spots From Carpets.

A moquette carpet was recently saved from ruin by the prompt action of a woman who had just tipped over the contents of a large inkstand upon its delicate surface. She rushed to the kitchen and snatched from the table a pint bowl filled with milk. This was instantly poured over the spot without stopping to take up the ink. By the time the whole was wiped up, the stain had almost disappeared. A little rubbing with soap and water to take off the grease left from the milk was all that was needed to obliterate the last vestige of the ink. It was in the home of this same woman that a careless maid dropped a lamp, deluging the hall carpet with kerosene. This time oatmeal was sprinkled quickly and liberally over the place and left until the next morning. When, at that time, the hall was swept, the oil was found to be completely absorb-

ed, and the carpet rather the fresher for its treatment.—New York Evening Post.

#### Choosing Table Linen.

It is a good plan in buying table linen to avoid all goods with much plain surface if you are choosing linen of medium price. The quality of the goods does not show if the pattern covers the ground. On the contrary, if you are buying the finest damasks choose a pattern with a large amount of plain surface. The delicate pattern of the linen in this case shows to perfection the satiny fine surface of the cloth or napkin. Small patterns are desirable in table cloth of medium size. A double border is desirable, one to lie on the edge of the table when the cloth is spread and one outside to fall around the edge. The handsomest tablecloths for the fashionable circular tables are woven in circular form to fit the table. This avoids the heavy ugly folds at the corners of a square tablecloth spread on a circular table. A white tablecloth or one in pale ecru of flax colored linen is used at luncheons. At dinner and at breakfast a white linen cloth is preferred. This may be of damask or of plain momic cloth. Some very elegant dinner cloths are of heavy linen, lace and momic cloth, but as a rule fancy lace and embroidered cloths are used at afternoon teas. The tiny cloths used on the small tables on such occasions are often very elaborate. Sometimes they are wrought with wreaths and clusters of garden roses in natural colors, or with wild flowers. A pretty cloth is embroidered with clovers in white and pink, and is used on a table set with cups and saucers of pink Beieek porcelain. A cloth embroidered with flowers in Dresden colors is used with china from the Meissen factories, while one embroidered with faint fresh roses is furnished with cups of Sevres.

The last infantry battalions under orders for South Africa, left England Saturday, and the last of the Hussars also sailed, leaving the Household regiment, the only cavalry still to be despatched, and last, but by any means least, the first battery of the howitzer artillery has started. Great things are expected of the howitzer battery, of which there are only three in the British army. These five-inch breech loaders are claimed to be of a superior character, and are expected to be particularly serviceable in removing the Boers from the hills.

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