

from wrinkles and blisters at the neck, the neck-bands should be ironed in their original shape, and set up at right angles with the bosom to allow the neck free play. The wing points of standing collars should have the same finish as the balance of the collar, and the edges should be smooth so that you can turn your head without scratching your neck. The very stiff work does more damage to your linen than washing and wear combined. Solid and flexible is the thing.

A Handy String Ball

The woman who carefully preserves the twine used to tie up the tea and sugar that comes into the house saves herself many steps and some wear and tear of temper. One housekeeper's way is to take a strong cord (the kind used in hardware shops), long enough to reach from a moulding near the ceiling, to a couple of feet above a table. One end is fastened securely to a small empty spool, upon which, from day to day, the bits of string that come to hand are carefully wound. The other end is suspended from the moulding, in a corner of the kitchen, where it is at once out of the way, yet conspicuous. The plan commends itself for its simplicity. That string ball is a downright comfort to every member of the family.

An Attractive Salad.

Do you know what a very attractive salad can be made by using celery and red cabbage? Attractive to the eye as well as to the palate. Cut off the outside leaves of the cabbage, remove all of the stock and ribs and cut the rest into shreds. Then cut the best stalks of two heads of celery into inch pieces and mix with the cabbage in the salad bowl, heaping it a little in the centre. Around the edge of the bowl, in a manner to suit your eye for an artistic arrangement of things, put the fresh green leaves of the celery as a garnish. Over all pour a dressing made of a beaten egg, a tablespoonful of oil, the same of vinegar, a saltspoon of salt, red pepper as you like it, and just a grain of mustard. Let the salad stand, after it is prepared, for fifteen minutes or so before serving.

Try.

Try brightening silverware by rubbing it with oatmeal.

Try cleaning windows with chamois skin, or with a little alcohol.

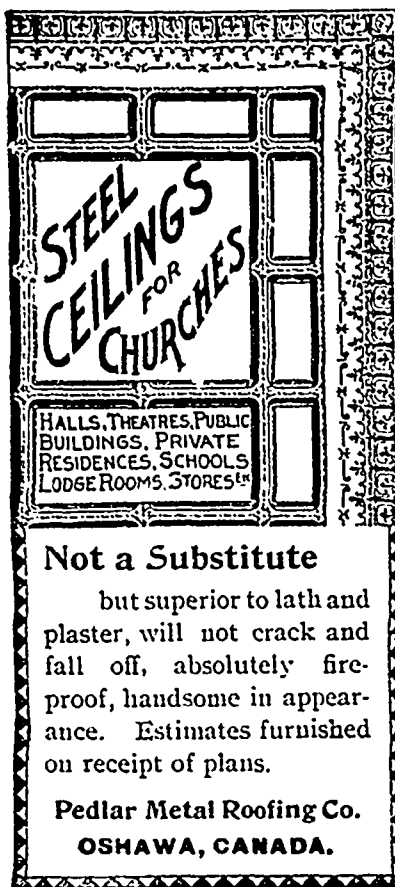
Try removing a window pane by applying a hot poker to the putty.

Try several thicknesses of carpet lining to make a soft floor covering.

Try hanging pictures so that the centre is on a level with the average eye.

Try to drive away ants with borax mixed with Persian insect powder.

Try washing red table linen in water in which a little borax has been dissolved.



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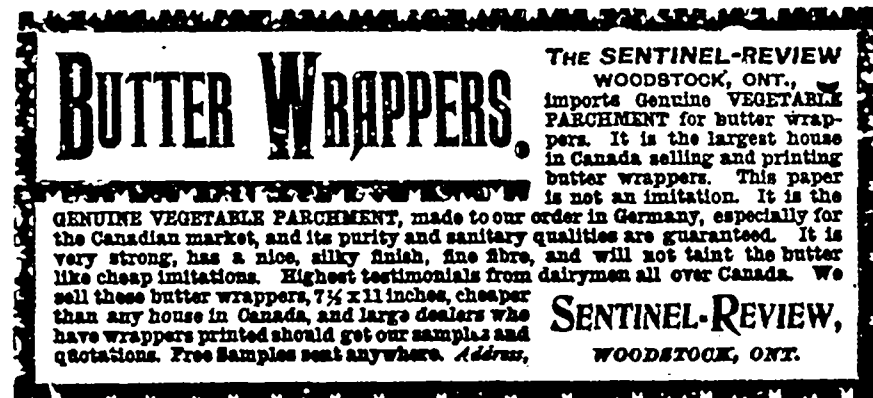
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