

## USEFUL HOUSEHOLD RECEIPTS.

To remove substances from the eye, make a loop of bristle or horsehair, insert it under the lid, and then withdraw slowly and carefully. This is said to be never failing.

**TOMATO FRITTERS.**—Slice ripe ones; dip in a thick, rich batter; season with pepper and salt; fry like oysters. Or, they may be seasoned with sugar and almost any spice, and fried as before.

**THE PARISIAN** method of cleaning black silk is to brush and wipe it thoroughly, lay it on a flat table with the side up which is intended to show, and sponge with hot coffee strained through muslin. Allow it to become partially dry, then iron.

A VERY weak stomach which refuses to assimilate any other food may sometimes be taught to do its work properly by a diet of skimmed milk; one-half pint taken every four hours, with some lime water if necessary, is the amount prescribed.

**TAKE ONE OUNCE** of spermaceti and one ounce of white wax, melt and run into a thin cake on a plate. A piece the size of a quarter-dollar added to a quart of prepared starch gives a beautiful luster to the clothes and prevent the iron sticking.

All kinds of burns, scalds, and sunburns are almost immediately relieved by the application of a solution of soda to the burnt surface. It must be remembered that dry soda will not do unless it is surrounded by a cloth moist enough to dissolve it. This method of sprinkling it on and covering it with a wet cloth is often the very best. But it is sufficient to wash the wound repeatedly with a strong solution. It would be well to keep a bottle of it always on hand, made so strong that more or less settles in the bottom. This is what is called saturated solution, and really such a solution as this is formed when the dry soda is sprinkled on and covered with a moistened cloth. It is thought by some that the pain of a burn is caused by the hardening of the albumen; and this relieves the pressure. Others think that the burn generates an acrid acid, which the soda neutralizes.

**BREAKFAST PIE.**—Take cold roast beef, cut into thin slices about an inch and a half long. Take raw potatoes, peel them, and cut them into thin slices. Have ready, a deep dish, lay some of the potatoes at the bottom, then a layer of beef, and so on till the dish is filled. Season it as you would chicken pie, fill it with boiling water, cover it with a crust, and bake it.

**WARM WATER AND SOAP** are the best articles for cleansing the teeth. A piece of fine white French castile soap, and a moderately stiff brush are indispensable. Wooden tooth picks are excellent, but metallic pins should never be used. The best thing for the removal of the particles of food from between the teeth is untwisted or floss silk; it will go where a pick cannot reach, and no teeth are so closely joined but what it can be readily made to pass between.

**RICE SOUP.**—A nice soup for a luncheon may be made by boiling a teacupful of rice in a quart of water for about an hour, add pepper and salt to taste. Stir one egg well beaten in five minutes before removing from the fire; also add a small quantity of finely chopped parsley. This will make a cheap and good dish for a change.

Most people know the benefit of lemonade before breakfast, but few know how it is more than doubled by taking it at night, also. The way to get the better of a bilious system without blue pills or quinine, is to take juice of one, two, or three lemons, as the appetite craves, in as much water as to make it pleasant to drink, without sugar, before going to bed. In the morning on rising, or at least half an hour before breakfast, take the juice of one lemon in a goblet of water. This will clear the system of humors and bile, with mild efficacy, without any of the weakening effects of Congress water. People should not irritate the stomach by eating the lemon clear; the powerful acid of the juice, which is almost corrosive, infallibly produces inflammation after a while; but properly diluted, so that it does not burn or draw the blood; it does its full medicinal work without harm; and when the stomach is clear of food, has abundant opportunity to work the system thoroughly.