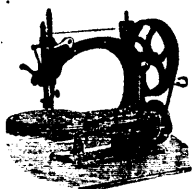


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TO CLEANSE GLASS.—To give glass great brilliancy, wash with a damp sponge dipped in spirits, then dust with powdered blue or whiting, tied in a thin muslin bag, and polish with chamois cloth.

SCORCHED LINEN.—Take an onion and macerate it well to extract all the juice, and to this a few shreds of soap, an ounce of fuller's earth, and half a tumbler of vinegar. Boil these together for an hour and allow the mixture to cool. Place it on the scorched part, and do not remove it until quite dry.

TO REMOVE INK SPOTS.—Wash the place with cold water without soap, and apply a solution of dilute muriatic acid; any chemist will give the proper proportions. This will only do for white materials. Ink may also be removed from white cotton by dipping it in milk; but this must be done immediately.

ADVICE TO COOKS.—A writer in "Sylvia's Home Journal" says I must impress well upon my readers that the secret of a well-cooked dinner does not consist so much of the ingredients as of the manner of using them. Good results are only obtained by the following rules: Put whatever you wish to cook on the fire early, so as to give it plenty of time to cook thoroughly. Watch it constantly, and, above all, always cook on a slow fire, which will at the same time effect a saving of coal.

TO WASH WHITE LACE.—Cover a bottle with fine flannel, tightly wrapped round it two or three times, and sewn on, wind the lace quite smoothly round, fastening with a stitch every now and then. Make a good soap lather in a deep basin and stand the bottle in, shaking it well and pressing the lather into the lace. Rinse in the same way with clean cold water, put the bottle in the sun to dry; when nearly so, lay it in a basin of water with a small quantity of borax to stiffen it. If to be ironed, this must be done on two or three thicknesses of flannel, the edges and raised parts being picked up with an ivory pin.—Girls' Own Paper.

FOR WEAK EYES.—An exchange gives the following recipe—"Bathe the eyes in soft water that is sufficiently impregnated with spirits of camphor to be discernable to the smell—a teaspoonful of spirits of camphor to a tumblerful of water. For inflamed eyes use milk and camphor, adding a little more of the camphor than above." An excellent lotion, commended by a leading Boston oculist, is a solution of ten grains of borax in the official "camphor water" (not the "tincture of camphor"). This is safe and beneficial as an application in any slight weakness or inflammation of the eyes due to exposure or weariness.

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