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Household Hints.

The candles for your entertainment will burn slowly and steadily through the evening if they are kept on the ice all day.

The cloths used in waxing floors or polishing furniture should be kept in a covered crock as long as clean, then, instead of letting them accumulate in closet or store room, burn them immediately, since vegetable oils are so liable to spontaneous combustion.

Pickle bottles and jars that smell of onions will be quite sweet and odorless after being left out of doors for three or four days filled with sand or garden mold.

Frequent washing with soap will dim the surface of a mirror. The occasional use of alcohol is recommended, but for frequent washing, damp newspaper with a polishing with chamois skin will keep mirrors and table glassware in good condition.

To break a glass jar or bottle quite evenly, soak a piece of string in turpentine, and tie it round the glass just where you wish the break to come. Then fill the glass or bottle up to that point with cold water, and set fire to the string. The glass will snap all along the heated line. By breaking off the top of a broken or cracked decanter it may, if the base be intact, be converted into a useful sugar basin or fruit dish.

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