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ANILINE DYES—THEIR SOLUTION AND APPLICATION.

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The fact that nearly every druggist is interested in the sale of aniline colors must serve as my apology for the introduction of a subject which cannot be regarded as belonging strictly to pharmacy. The use of the so-called liquid dyes has now become quite extensive; and, more latterly, the solid colors have been in some demand for the purposes of domestic dyeing. Whether domestic dyeing can be regarded as a success is not the province of this paper to decide, but it may be that the absence of proper directions, or the unskilful preparation of the liquid dyes, have something to do with the failures of which customers so frequently complain. To remedy this a few practical suggestions are offered, which, it is hoped, will prove useful to the druggist and his customers—including the professional dyer, who, to judge from inquiries on the subject, is not always supplied with information as to the manner in which some of the more recent colors are to be applied.

In writing this paper I would acknowledge my indebtedness to various trade circulars accompanying colors of German manufacture; and also to contributions which have appeared, from time to time, in the technological journals.