

Household Hints.

When a felon first begins to make its appearance take a lemon, cut off one end, put the finger in, and the longer it is kept there the better.

For a cough boil one ounce of flaxseed in a pint of water, strain, and add a little honey, one ounce of rock candy, and the juice of three lemons; mix and boil well. Drink as hot as possible.

To preserve eggs for winter use you will require one pint of fresh-slaked lime and one-

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half pint common salt to three gallons of water. Use a ladle with which to put them into the crock, cover with an old plate, and keep in a dry place. If fresh eggs are put in fresh eggs will come out.

Black calico may be washed nicely in suds, boiling hot, then rinsed in cold, blue water and starched in coffee starch. Black pepper added to the water will be found an improvement. After drying, dip in cold water, pass through the wringer, roll in a coarse towel, let lay two or three hours, then iron with very hot irons, on the wrong side, and the calico will look as well as when new.

In sweeping carpets use wet newspapers wrung nearly dry and torn to pieces. The paper collects the dust, but does not soil the carpet.

To take ordinary ink out of linen, dip the ink spot in pure melted tallow, wash out tallow and ink will come out with it. This seldom fails.

Cracks in floors may be neatly but permanently filled by thoroughly soaking newspapers in paste made of a half pound of flour, three quarts of water and half a pound of alum, mixed and boiled. The mixture will be about as thick as putty and may be forced into the crevice with a case knife. It will harden like papier mache.

For ingrowing toe nails, use equal parts of mutton tallow, castile soap and white sugar made into a salve. Apply until the swelling is down, then trim the nail in the centre.

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