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The Home

Hearthstones, if painted with two or three coats of white enamel, will only require to be wiped with a damp cloth when soiled.

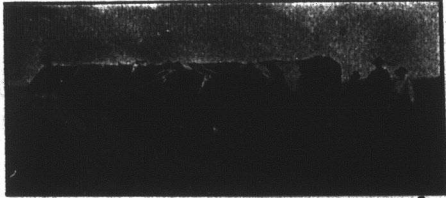
Varnished paint can be kept looking as bright as though freshly done by soaking in water some time a bag filled with flaxseed, and then using it as a cloth to clean the paint.

Never rinse white lace in blue water under the impression that this will improve the color. Real lace should be finally rinsed in skim milk, which will give it the soft, creamy tint so much admired.

A mixture, composed of equal parts of turpentine and linseed oil, will remove white marks on furniture caused by water; rub it in with a soft rag and wipe off with a perfectly clean duster.

When cleaning grates, add half a dozen drops of turpentine to the black lead, stir well, and a beautiful polish will be the result when finished. It also keeps stoves from rusting when not in use.

Iron rust on marble can be removed by rubbing with lemon juice. Another help for it and other stains, is to mix one ounce of finely powdered chalk, one ounce of pumice stone and two ounces of soda; mix with water and rub the mixture over the stains until they disappear.



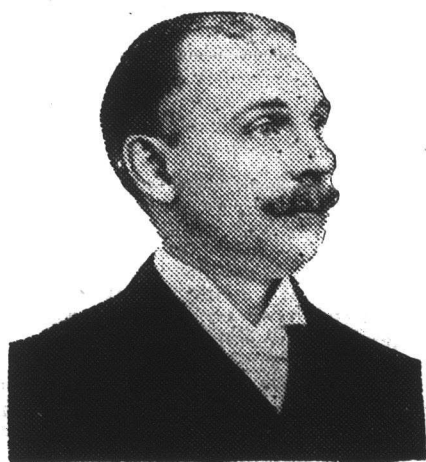
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An excellent polish for floors is made of half a pound of beeswax, shaved, and put into a gallipot and covered with turpentine; stand by the fire to dissolve. When using, put some on a flannel and afterward brush with rather a stiff brush, such, for instance, as a scrubbing or boot brush.

Wall paper that has become bruised or torn off in small patches and cannot be matched, may be repaired with ordinary children's paints. Mix the colors till you get as nearly as possible the desired shade, and lightly touch up the broken places, and at the distance of a foot or two the disfigurement will be quite unnoticed.

A Hint in Cleaning Brassware.—To clean Indian or other brass trays much engraved, nothing is superior to plain spirits of turpentine rubbed on with a soft rag and carefully rubbed off with a clean duster. By this method no powder, etc., is left in the engraving or carving of the brass, which is often the case when paste is used. Turpentine is much better than lemon juice for brass.

To wash embroidered linen, make a strong suds of some white soap and lukewarm water—castile soap is best—and wash the pieces carefully in that. The washboard should not be used. Rinse them immediately in lukewarm water, then in water slightly blue, and then hang them to dry; when half dry, lay them smoothly on a clean cloth, doubled or laid over a piece of double-faced white canton flannel, and press them on the wrong side with a hot iron until they are dry. The embroideries are fringed, and fringe out carefully with a comb.

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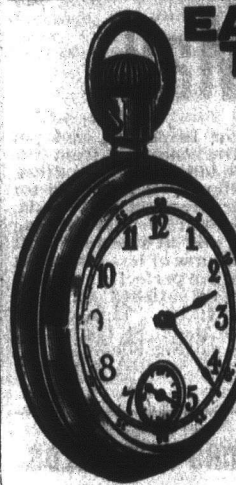
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