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Systematic Spring Cleaning.

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The men folk of certain families look upon the perennial spring cleaning as a species of prolonged and aggravated will also ease a stiff lock or door handle.

"washing day," which stands in their unids, for general discomfort, not only in unpunctual meals carelessly prepared, in the home. But we are rapidly pro-

Though many housewives prefer to do every room being more or less dis-mantled at the same time, there is a good spring house cleaning with efficacy and comfort to the family.

Cleaning the Parlor.

Is many houses the parlor is perhaps injured in any way. one of the biggest jobs in house-cleaning, be ause of the many pictures, curies and frigile ornaments, almost priceless to the possessor as mementos of friendship and travel, which if broken can never be replaced. These call for special and personal attention, there being very few sor-vants who, even if they had the time, could be trusted to dean them. They should, of with all the furniture, which should be the roughly beaten and dusted before it is removed, unless it be a heavy piano, which should be well covored over.

Cleaning Painted Woodwork.

Light coroner painted woodwork should be dusted lightly with a brush. The great secret in cleaning paint success-The water used may have a little gold gallons. dust or number cleaning agent dissolved in it. Black painted woodwork can be very easily closured and brightened by kerosone or oil and turpentine. This good housewife in the bright apring days

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could also be applied to light paint work if very dirty. The hinges of creaking doors should also be attended to at this

Furniture Polish.

A good polish for varnished furniture but in the simultaneous upheaval of the is equal parts of vinegar, sweet oil and sitting room and other comfortable nooks spirits of turpentine: the furniture may be washed first with warm water and gressing, if we have not already fully soap. The little white spots which come attained thereto as yet, toward a more on varnished furniture may be removed methodical fashion of managing these by holding a hot dinner plate over them matters, greatly minimizing, if not all for a few moments. For unvarnished together doing away with, the need of furniture of dark wood a coarser oil, enduring any discomfort, even if the mixed with turpentine, does very well; housekeeper be scantily provided with besides improving the appearance and extra help during the process of spring cleansing it, it also preserves the wood and strengthens it. Chippendale or inlaid mosaic furniture should be frethe whole house as quickly as possible, quently cleaned with oil, which preserves it from cracking and keeps the inlaid parts from becoming loose and protruddeal to be said in favor of a gradual ing. Anyone who is fortunate enough accomplishing of the work. A lady I to possess olive-wood tables or boxes knew used to take one room at a time, should have them frequently wiped over Shredded Wheat Biscuit Chocolate waiting sometimes two or three days, as with olive oil. Cane chair bottoms may convenient, before attacking another be not only cleaned but made more room. In this manner she managed her springy and clastic by washing with hot water, using, if they are dirty, soap also. thoroughness, and with very little dis- The chair should be turned upside down and well soaked. Dry it out in the wind and sunshine, and it will be as firm and nice as when new, unless it is broken or

Cleaning Floors and Carpets.

IT is much easier to spring-clean a room with a carpet square than one completely covered with carpet, though the latter method gives least trouble during the rest of the year. Stained borders to floors, or even entire hallways stained a dark oak color, require constant attencourse, be all removed from the room tion to be kept nice, and are, moreover, before the carpet is taken up, together really rather expensive, requiring, to present a nice appearance, to be so often wiped over with linseed oil and turpentine, or kerosene. Carpets are brightened and the colors wonderfully renovated by being sprinkled with salt before sweeping. A more thorough method of cleansing them is, after having them thoroughly beaten and freed from all dust and grit, to secure them with tacks fully is to do it very quickly and use only and scour quickly with a new broom in a little water, rinsing it as soon as count soft water to which oxgall has been in clear water, and letting it dry quickly, added in the ratio of a pint to three

Exterminating Insects.

ALL insect life is more prolific in hot rubbing with a rag dipped in either countries, and therefore it behooves the

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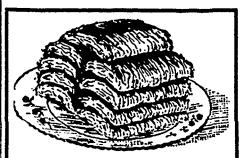
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to use preventive measures, always more satisfactory than remedial ones. One of the best insect exterminators known is alum water. Put the alum in hot water and boil it until dissolved; then apply with a brush to all cracks or lurking-places of the pests. Ants, cockroaches, bed-bugs and other creeping things are killed in this way, and, not being poison, it has not the disadvantage of being in any way dangerous to use where children are playing about. Little red ants, it is said, will not travel over wool, so that a piece of flannel laid on a pantry shelf will keep them away; branches of sweet fern scattered around will also help in this. A good way to catch them is to sprinkle sugar on a sponge, and when it is full of ants drop it into boiling water. A few drops of oil of lavender sprinkled about a bed is a good thing to keep off fleas. Hellebore, sprinkled over the floor at night where cockroaches are troublesome, will kill those who eat it, and their dead bodies may be swept up in the morning.

Jelly.

One-third box Cox's gelatine, } cup cold water, ½ cup boiling water, ½ cake Baker's chocolate, ¾ cup Shredded Wheat Biscuit crumbs or Granulated Wheat-Shred, ½ cup sugar, pinch salt, 1 pint milk, 1 egg. ½ cup cream whipped, ½ teaspoon vanilla. Put the gelatine to soften in cold water, dissolve in boiling water and strain. Put the milk, Shredded Wheat Biscuit crumbs, and chocolate to scald, and cook ten minutes after the milk is scalded. Then add the sugar, salt, and egg, beaten together, and cook three minutes. Take from the fire, stir in the gelatine and flavor, last stir in gently the whipped cream and pour into a mould wet and cooled in cold water, and set away to harden in a cold place. Serve with cream and sugar.

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