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### Experience Extracts

#### The Waste-Basket Habit

A large waste-basket should be kept near the sewing machine, and it is easy to form the habit of dropping all scraps, ends of threads and clippings into it instead of allowing them to litter the floor.

#### To Remove Grass Stains

Remove grass stains from a garment by saturating the soiled part of the article in kerosene and then washing it in soap and water. If lard is rubbed into the stain and allowed to remain for several hours, and the article then is washed with soap and water, it also will take out grass stains.

#### Simple Cleanser for Suede Gloves

Light suede gloves may be satisfactorily cleaned at home with oatmeal. Put the oatmeal in a bowl and the gloves on the hands. Then rub the hands through the meal exactly as if you were washing them with soap and water. If any part is especially soiled, scour it thoroughly with a piece of white flannel dipped in the meal.

#### Silk-Washing Hint

To keep silk white after washing it, use lukewarm water and a pure white soap. Rinse it thoroughly. Then wrap it in a large cloth and let it lie for half an hour, and it is ready to iron. Do not expose it to the air as the air turns it yellow. Colored silk washed in this way will not fade.

#### Suede Restorative

When the nap on suede shoes or gloves gets packed down or soiled, rub the article lightly with sandpaper. This will restore its good appearance.

#### Cure for Ink Spots

Many mothers of school children would like to know a sure cure for ink spots on colored dresses of either cotton or wool. Here is a mixture which will take out the ink stains without injuring the color of the materials,—equal parts of alum and cream of tartar. Mix, moisten with water and spread it on the spots. Repeat until they disappear. Lemon and salt are excellent for removing spots from white goods, but will take the color out of colored materials.

#### Household Pockets

The fad of one excellent housekeeper is household wall-pockets. The material and size of these are suited to the room in which they are hung and the use they are put to. All are finished with a stout fac-

ing at the top. Attached to this are brass rings that slip over corresponding hooks on the doors or walls. This prevents tearing the material with nails and makes it easy to take the pockets down to be shaken or washed. Every closet door is furnished with a row of pockets, each the right size to contain a pair of shoes. Above this is a row for soiled collars, gloves, handkerchiefs, etc. Pockets in the back entry hold mittens, rubbers and slippers. Pockets in the kitchen hold dusters and cleaning utensils. This scheme helps to keep the house orderly and does away with much tiresome pick-ing-up.

An apron made like a clothes pin bag is handy to wear while picking vegetables such as peas and beans.

Peppermint will drive away red ants from the pantry shelves. Empty a part of a bottle of peppermint on each shelf.

Common coal oil works wonders in keeping mosquitoes out of the house.

A heavy, all-wool abdominal band, worn next to the body—on even the warmest days—when swimming, prevents chilliness on coming from the water, and is an admirable precaution against cramps.

J. C. M.

"It will be flat and stale by to-morrow," they said of the perfectly good half watermelon that was left. But it wasn't, for I melted a little paraffin in a jelly-cake pan, dipped the cut end into it, and put the melon into the cellar. Two days later when the watermelon was cut it was as fresh and had as good flavor as if it had been kept in its own green shell.

L. R.

A "church coin handkerchief" makes a nice gift. This may be made from any dainty handkerchief, with a pretty medallion sewed on one corner to form a pocket, and closed with a tiny button and loop or buttonhole. The coin for the collection can be slipped into this pocket and taken safely to church.

S. S. T.

To keep juicy pies from running over make two paper funnels and stick the small end in two places in the pie—two places in the top that have been cut. The juice instead of running over bubbles up into the funnels.

### RECIPES Canned Peas

Gather the peas early in the morning while the dew is still on them, shell immediately and put in clean jars, put one teaspoonful of salt on, pour water on till

jar is full, then drop rubber and lid on loosely, place in a wash boiler with false bottom in. Pour enough water on so that boiler will not boil dry. Boil one hour and fifteen minutes for quart jars, and two hours and thirty minutes for half gallon jars. Remove jars from boiler and seal while hot. Don't remove the top after taking jars from boiler. Next morning boil one hour and fifteen minutes for quart jars and two hours and thirty minutes for half gallon jars. Repeat the operation on the third morning. This recipe can be used to can corn, English peas, string beans, beets, squash, pumpkins, lima beans, tomatoes, carrots, parsnips, asparagus and succotash, (a mixture of lima beans and corn).

### Another Recipe for Canning Corn

To thirteen pints of corn add one and one-half pints of salt, mix well and let stand over night. Do not add water. Set the kettle of corn in large pan of boiling water and let it boil up for ten minutes and seal in glass jars. This will make five full quarts. When prepared for the table I put in crock, pour over boiling water and let simmer on back of stove, then put in fresh water until the salt was out enough to cook.

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