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HOUSEHOLD.

Hints for the Laundry.

A practical laundress says:—

That all towels should be thoroughly dried before they are put in the hamper.

That clothes-pins are made much more durable by boiling for ten minutes before they are used.

That linen may be made beautifully white by the use of a little refined borax in the water instead of using a washing fluid.

That blankets should be washed in moderately warm water, in which has been put a teaspoonful of ammonia to each gallon of water.

That wash fabrics that are inclined to fade should be soaked and rinsed in very salt water, to set the color, before washing in the suds.

That calicoes, gingham, and chintzes should be ironed on the wrong side.

That a very hot iron should never be used for flannels or woollens.

That napkins should be folded with the selvedge towards the ironer.

That embroideries should be ironed on a thin, smooth surface over thick flannel and only on the wrong side.—'Michigan Advocate.'

Typhoid Fever.

We present a few facts that our readers ought to know about typhoid fever. While not the most deadly of diseases, modern medical practice having reduced the percentage of mortality to about six percent, it is extremely debilitating, and often attended by very serious and lasting complications. It is a germ disease, and is communicable so far as we know in only one way. The germ must be taken into the system in food or drink. The germs exist in drinking water, which has come in contact with the sewage of communities or old wells that have been tainted by being too near dwellings. The poison is mitigated by various acids, but it is surely killed by great heat. The best way to insure against the disease is to boil the drinking water. Milk and oysters are occasionally sources of infection. Remember that the germs must be eaten or drunk, and that a person who drinks only water or milk that has been boiled, and refrains from eating raw oysters or vegetables, is in about as much danger from

typhoid as he is from death by lightning. Immunity from the disease even during epidemics depends upon the exercise of a very small degree of caution.—'Collier's Weekly.'

Selected Recipes

Almond Cup Pudding.—Butter well and dust with sugar five or six small cups; fill three-fourths full with the following: Four tablespoonfuls of bread crumbs soaked in one cupful of hot milk, two tablespoonfuls of ground rice, same amount of sugar, three tablespoonfuls of blanched and finely-chopped almonds and two eggs well beaten. Mix all thoroughly, set the cups in a pan of water and bake in a brisk oven for thirty minutes. Serve hot with custard or lemon sauce.

Fig Pudding. One cupful of molasses, one cupful of chopped suet, one of milk, three and a quarter of flour, two eggs, one teaspoonful of soda, one of cinnamon, half a teaspoonful of nutmeg, one pint of figs. Mix together the molasses, suet, spice and the figs, cut fine. Dissolve the soda with a tablespoonful of hot water and mix with the milk. Add to the other ingredients. Beat the eggs light and stir into the mixture. Add the flour and beat thoroughly. Butter a mould and turn the mixture into it and steam for five hours. Serve with foamy sauce.

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