

PRACTICAL HINTS

BAKING POWDER

Mix together 2 ozs. of tartaric acid, 1 lb. of cream of tartar, 10 ozs. of bicarbonate of soda, and 12 ozs. of corn-starch or ordinary white flour. Sift five times or till well mixed. Put away in sealers or tight tins. For daily use place some in a smaller tin, as it is wiser not to expose the bulk to the air. In using this one may be sure it is pure, and need not fear to put in a little more than when baking with manufactured powders.—Mrs. M. DesBrisay.

TO WASH FLANNELS IN COLD WATER, GUARANTEED NOT TO SHRINK

Ingredients—1 tablespoon borax, $\frac{1}{2}$ in. of end of bar of Castile soap.

Shave soap and put with borax in 2 quarts of water and let dissolve on the stove. Let cool and add to 1 pail of cold water. Put garment to soak over night; in morning souse with a paddle and rinse in two tubs of cold water, put through tight wringer, shake and hang on coat-hanger to dry.

CARPET CLEANSER

Dissolve 1 bar of Ivory soap, cut fine, in 1 gal. soft water, add 8 ozs. sal soda and 4 ozs. borax. To this add 4 gals. cold soft water, then $\frac{1}{2}$ pt. pure alcohol and a little ammonia. This forms a jelly. After the carpets have been up, beaten and relaid, scrub with a stiff brush, using a good lather of this mixture. Scrape off with a shingle and wash up with a cloth and clean water. Do this on a bright, sunny day, and open windows to dry quickly, and the carpet will look like new. Half this recipe makes a large quantity.

WASHING BLANKETS

Dissolve 1 bar of laundry soap, cut fine, in $\frac{1}{2}$ gal. of water, add 2 ozs. borax. Retain a small quantity of this, which will form a jelly. While still warm add the remainder to a tub of cold water and soak the blankets in this over night. In the morning put them on the line and turn the hose on them. If any soiled spots are left rub with the jelled mixture kept for this purpose, and hose. If preferred one may rinse in cold water in tubs, but using the hose makes them soft and fluffy like new. This is an easy and excellent method of washing blankets.

CLEANSERS

If in sponging delicate materials a small quantity of fine salt be added to the gasoline used, no ring will be left around the moistened part, as is so often the case.

For slightly soiled lace waists, lace or light garments a block of magnesia is invaluable. Rub the magnesia well in over all soiled parts, roll in soft white cotton and lay away for several days. Shake well and the result will be surprising.—Mrs. M. DesBrisay.