

leave a ring round the place washed. Move the wool over rapidly; the benzine will sink in the cover and it will appear to have been spoiled, but the benzine will soon evaporate and leave the cover bright and clean. If the stain has been caused by any watery liquid, the colour of the cloth will be destroyed, and there is no effective remedy; but the cover may be improved by washing with glaire—that is, white of egg beaten up. But whichever treatment is adopted, be sure to wash over the whole cover with a quick movement, as much rubbing will only make matters worse.

Egg stains may be removed from leather book covers and similar materials by washing with warm water in which a little flour paste has been mixed. Wash the entire cover, using a clean sponge, but be careful not to rub the gold tooling or lettering. If the cover is of cloth, there will be some difficulty in getting rid of the stains; glaire must be used, and before beginning to wash dilute the glaire with an equal quantity of water. Use a sponge and work in a circular direction; do not rub much or the colour will come out and the surface will have a fluffy, frayed-out appearance. Egg matter that has become hardened will be difficult to remove.

The following method may be tried of removing some oil that has been spilt over a book and causes the letterpress to show through from each side of a leaf. Lay a sheet of blotting paper on each side of a leaf and gently rub a hot iron over it. By this means some of the oil will be removed. Continue this treatment for a considerable time. Another method is to get some benzine and wash the leaves, using cotton-wool. This treatment should not be carried out near a fire or in a very hot room. If the book is badly saturated with oil, the task is hopeless. It may be possible to remove the greasiness, but it will be impossible entirely to remedy the transparency of the leaves.