

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

SATINES and other soft cotton goods have a newer look when gum arabic is used in place of starch. They should be washed and rinsed quickly and dried in a shaded place.

To set the color in black or dark hosiery, calicoes, cambrics, etc., put a large tablespoonful of black pepper into a pail of water, and let the articles lie in soak for a couple of hours.

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HOW TO COOL A CELLAR.—A great mistake is sometimes made in ventilating cellars and milk houses. The object of ventilation is to keep the cellars cool and dry, but this object often fails of being accomplished by a common mistake, and instead the cellar is made both warm and damp. A cool place should never be ventilated, unless the air admitted is cooler than the air within, or is at least as cool as that, or a very little warmer. The warmer the air the more moisture it holds in suspension. Necessarily, the cooler the air the more this moisture is condensed and precipitated. When a cool cellar is aired on a warm day, the entering air, being in motion, appears cool, but as it fills the cellar, the cooler air, with which it becomes mixed, chills it, the moisture is condensed, and the dew is deposited on the cold walls, and may often be seen running down them in streams. Then the cellar is damp and soon becomes mouldy. To avoid this, the windows should only be opened at night, and late, the last thing before retiring.

There is no need to fear that the night air is unhealthy, it is pure as the air of midday, and is really dryer. The cool air enters the apartment during the night and circulates through it. The windows should be closed before sunrise in the morning, and kept closed and shaded through the day. If the air of the cellar is damp, it may be thoroughly dried by placing in it a peck of fresh lime in an open box. A peck of lime will absorb about 7 pounds, or more than three quarts of water, and in this way a cellar or milk room may soon be dried even in the hottest weather.

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