

A DICTIONARY OF LITTLE ECONOMIES.

The following directions for removing stains, spots, etc., must be used with exceeding caution. Chloroform, benzine, turpentine, kerosene, and gasoline are all dangerous substances unless handled with extreme care.

Sponge a grease spot with four tablespoonfuls of alcohol to one of salt.

Sprinkle salt over the soot on a carpet and sweep all up together.

Rub finger marks from furniture with a little sweet oil

Put a lump of camphor in an airtight case with silverware to keep it from discoloration.

Remove paint spots from a window by rubbing a copper cent over them.

Sprinkle salt over fresh claret stains.

Wash ink stains in strong brine and then sponge with lemon juice.

Hold a fruit-stained article over a bowl and pour boiling water through the cloth.

Rub egg stains on silver with salt on a damp cloth.

Use wood ashes on discolored tableware.

Clean steel knives with raw potato dipped in fine brickdust.

Rub brass with hot vinegar and salt and scour with fine ashes.

Clean a carpet with a broom dipped in a very weak solution of turpentine in hot water.

Cleanse grained woodwork with cold tea.

Scour ironware with finely sifted coal ashes.

Soak mildewed clothes in buttermilk and spread on the grass in the sun.

Wash rusty gilt frames in spirits of wine.

Wash oilcloth with a flannel and warm water, dry thoroughly and rub with a little skimmed milk.

Purify jars by soaking them in strong soda water

Wash blackened ceilings with soda water.

Rub white spots on furniture with camphor.

Rub a stove zinc with kerosene

Cleanse bottles with hot water and fine coals.

Remove fruit stains from the hands with weak oxalic acid.

Clean jewelry with prepared chalk.

Wash hair brushes in weak ammonia water.

Rub stained hands with salt and lemon juice

Remove ink from wood with muriatic acid, after rinsing with water.

Wash japanned ware with a little lukewarm suds.

Rub mirrors with spirits of wine.

Apply spirits of salt to ink-stained mahogany.

Use sulphuric acid, wash off with suds, for medicine stains on silver.

Remove oil stains from wall paper by powdered pipeclay moistened.

Use gasolene for removing paint.

Use jeweler's rouge and lard for rubbing nicke' plating.

Remove writing from books by a solution of tartaric acid.

Wash willow ware with salt water.

Clean hard-finished walls with ammonia water.

Rub whitewash spots with strong vinegar.

Rub soft-grease over tar and then wash in warm soda water.

Dip a soft cloth in vinegar and rub on smoky mica.

Sponge faded plush with chloroform.

Take paint out of clothing by equal parts of ammonia and turpentine.

To remove machine oil from satin use benzine. Be careful about having a light in the room, as it is very explosive.

THE history of invention is a medley of successes and failures. It has the world owes of its progress and prosperity to the inventor, its debts have seldom been paid to this particular creditor. No biographies of man can show so sad a series of misfortune, struggle, ostracism and poverty of appreciation as those of inventive genius. Sacrifice, patience, will power of the indomitable type, and an unquenchable faith in results have been peculiarly characteristic of inventors as a class. It is seemingly a law in the process of mechanical evolution, that, as in that of the organic world, the end to be reached is found over a rocky roadbed of sacrifices and penalties.—*Age of Steel.*

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