

Like many things, this pest can be got rid of by cleanliness, and just now, when everything is coming into life, is the very time to set to work to destroy the obnoxious and cultivate the beautiful.

Place dishes of charcoal or quick lime in sink-cupboards or other damp corners.

If a cellar bottom is of earth and has boards laid down to walk on, have them all carried out-of-doors and thoroughly cleaned and dried. After thoroughly cleaning the floor, sprinkle it with a solution of copperas, open doors and windows and let the sun and wind reach the farthest corner.

If a cellar is damp and musty, it is well to add a little copperas to the lime which is used in whitewashing the side walls.

If there is no wire netting over the cellar windows, neglect it no longer, for damp, foul air in a cellar will quickly permeate through the entire house and endanger the health of the inmates.

HOUSEKEEPER.

Treatment of Damp Shoes.

Damp shoes should be cleaned and rubbed with vaseline as soon as they are removed. Then they should be filled with oats and set aside. In twelve hours the oats will have absorbed the dampness and the leather will be as soft as when new.

To get comfortably fitting shoes buy them in the afternoon when the exercise of the day has spread the muscles of the feet to their largest extent.

"Answer the children's questions when they ask them," pleads a lover of children. The questions of an intelligent child are the effect of the educational forces with in him. To deny a child food when he is hungry is to deny nourishment to his body; to deny him the knowledge demanded by his questions is to refuse food for the growing mind. (1)

(1) Very sound advice indeed. Sala, in one of his papers, "Breakfast in Bed," is worth reading on this point. A hasty, "Don't bother," does more harm in repressing a child's "I want to know," than any one can remedy in many a long day. Eu.

