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HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Housewives often experience great difficulty in removing stoppers or lids that have become fixed.

Tightened fruit tin lids, crust stoppers, and mineral water screw tops are sometimes almost immovable. An easy plan to remove them is to take a piece of common sandpaper, and cover the lid or stopper. Turn sharply and the top will at once become loosened.

Chairs and sofas upholstered with leather will last much longer and look much better, if the leather is regularly revived with the following mixture, which cleans the leather, and at the same time softens it, and prevents its cracking. Take one part of best kerosene, and two parts of boiled lipped oil and shake well together.

Apply a very little of this on a soft rag, and afterwards polish with a silk duster, or an old chamois leather.

The daily turning over is not the only necessary attention for the proper treatment of a mattress. This operation itself is liable to strain the ticking, and pull the stuffing out of shape in course of time. To avoid this, handles may be seen to the sides, so that the unyielding surface of the mattress itself need not be grasped. These can be made from wadding or a cross piece of ticking, and sewn as firmly as possible to the sides.

When washing fine china dishes, do not place them one upon another after wiping them. Place plates and saucers together while they are warm is apt to crack the glass. Therefore, spread them out to cool before putting them in the closet. If necessary, some care to wash out glass thoroughly. Apply the water with a soft towel. Particular housewives use wash and wipe the glass with a fine dust from a non-resinous wood, such as box or bass wood, in the drying process. It cleans out the corners and crevices that cannot be reached with a towel. After wiping it, place the glass in a bed of the sawdust and allow it to remain about half an hour. Spread the sawdust out to dry after using it. If this is done it can be used any number of times. After taking the glassware from the sawdust, wash it off with a soft brush and polish with a cloth.

Few things clog a waste pipe so readily as lint. Old scrub cloths and wash cloths are apt to shed lint and spread. These going down the waste pipe will clog it. Before using a cloth, wring it out and twist around the joints. They attach to themselves all small particles that but for them would pass through to the sewer, thus in time clogging up the pipe. Well worn, hairy scrubbing cloths should not be used in a house where there is plumbing. Dish cloths, also, as soon as they become linty, should be destroyed. Washcloths are apt to become either wholly or partially stopped up where there is such lint from the articles washed in them. Because the waste pipe of the sink is large, tea leaves and coffee grounds are often disposed of by emptying them down it. In a household where the sink became stopped recently the plumbers, when they took the pipes to pieces, found the trouble due entirely to the gradual accumulation of coffee and tea grounds. Before the repairs were completed the plumber's bill amounted to a considerable sum.

Grass from dishwasher is also apt to accumulate in time and harden in the pipes. After pouring greasy water or anything that has greasy particles in it down the sink pour boiling water and soda after it. Cold water carelessly thrown down helps to harden the grease that has gone before it.



THE TUSSOCK MOTH.

What promises to be one of the most serious orchard pests that this province has ever had to contend with is just now attacking the orchards of Long Island and Grand Pre and has been seen by the writer to a less extent in many other parts of the valley, in Wolfville among other places. It is known as the "Tussock Moth" from the peculiar tufts or tussocks on the larvae or caterpillar stage in which the insect class its damage.

The caterpillars at the present time vary in size all the way from those just hatched and perhaps one-quarter of an inch long to those nearly full grown and more than an inch long. They are rather pretty creatures, or would be if one didn't know what mischief they were up to. They can be easily recognized by the two long black horns or tufts of hair at the head and one at the rear end; and by the four shorter tufts of white hair along the back. These are fat topped and look about like four sections taken from a scrubbing brush. The rest of the color varies considerably but in the most common form the predominant color is black with white stripes and other markings of yellow, and with the head and two spots at the rear end of the back of sealing wax red.

They feed on the leaves to a considerable extent but their most serious damage is done upon the young apples which they attack in preference to any other part and cut over the surface, sometimes eating off practically all of the skin.

Just now the only remedy that seems to offer hope is to spray the affected trees thoroughly with Paris green, using a pound to a cask with plenty of lime to prevent burning. I think I should be inclined to use a heavy mixture (that is to add the vital as well as lime) for this will stick to the leaves and fruit better than the plain lime. And if rains follow it will no doubt be necessary to spray again. Of course the remedy is going to be of little use if the worms are on the surface of the apples to destroy the worms and that is where one advantage of the Bordeaux will come in.

The insects pupate on the leaf and the female adult insect, when she emerges, is wingless like the female of the earlier worm. But she remains on the leaf and the eggs are deposited there in a loose sheet covered with a frothy, white substance. Here the eggs remain until next season, about July 1st, when they hatch. These eggs, which are quite conspicuous in the winter and may easily be gathered and destroyed. And this was done last year by several orchard owners about Grand Pre, whose orchards, as a result, are fairly free from this pest.

Spraying and collecting the eggs are therefore, at least with our present knowledge, the most hopeful methods of combating this insect, and I would urge all orchard owners to examine their apple trees carefully and see if the young apples are being eaten and if so spray at once with Paris green at the rate of one pound per cask. Of course the remedy of this year must not be confused with that of the green fruit worm which occurs somewhat earlier and which consists usually of a single hole of greater or less dimensions gnawed into the apple.

F. C. Sears.

DELICIOUS SUMMER REFRESHMENTS IN CURA.

A drink called "matrimony" is one of the many surprises a visitor to Cuba encounters when he enters a refreshment parlor, says a writer in "Lash's Weekly." He be bachelor or bachelorette, he loses no time in ordering, and this is what he gets: A glass one-third filled with chopped ice, with a sprig of crushed mint and some sugar, over which is poured an equal mixture of the pure juice of fresh pineapples and the juice of oranges, with just a dash of lemon, and all topped with little squares of curv'ng paste or thick jelly, which, by being mangled for the purpose, are hollow and float like cherries. "Matrimony" is rather expensive, costing almost double the price of other refreshing drinks, but a customer is generally willing to risk ten or fifteen cents more on a beverage with such an alluring name. The Cubans have also what they call an "America"—chopped ice, juice of two lemons, sugar to taste, half a glass of pineapple juice, and filled up with ginger ale. How these very excellent mixtures received their odd names dates back to the Spanish American war and the American occupation of Havana.

Cafes are found everywhere in Havana as they are in Paris, and while the tables are not on the sidewalk, as in the latter place, the cafes all open to the street, the sides of the buildings literally rolling up like curtains or falling like screens. In these refreshment places are piled high with fresh fruit of every description and also green coconuts. Many drinks are made with native fruits like the guambana or sour soap, and the anona, or acet, and the sorotesa or star apples. These fruits are also made into ice-creams, which are very good and quite unlike anything in the ice variety in America. Lemonade in Cuba is invariably flavored with cinnamon, and the addition is a pleasing one to the average taste. Tamarind paste

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LEMON MARMALADE.

Take any number of lemons—six make a nice quantity—slice them very thin, only putting out the seeds. To each pound of sliced fruit add three pints of cold water, let this stand for twenty-four hours. Then boil it until the clips are tender, pour into an earthenware bowl, and allow it to remain till the next day. Then weigh it, and to every pound of boiled pulp add one pound and a half of lump sugar. Boil the whole together until the syrup jellies, and the clips are transparent. In taking out the pipes be careful to leave all the white pith in, as that gives taste and making syrup.

Make Hay While the Sun Shines

There is a lesson in the work of the thrifty farmer. He knows that the bright sunshine may last but a day and he prepares for the showers which are so liable to follow. So it should be with every household. Dysentery, diarrhoea and cholera morbus may attack some member of the home without warning. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which is the best known medicine for these diseases, should always be kept at hand, as immediate treatment is necessary, and delay may prove fatal. For sale by W. A. Warren, Pharm. B.