

Household Measures.

As all families are not provided with scales and weights referring to ingredients in general use by every housewife, the following information may be useful:

- Wheat flour, one quart is one pound.
Indian meal, one quart is one pound and two ounces.
Butter, when soft, one quart is one pound one ounce.
Loaf sugar, broken, one quart is one pound.
White sugar, powdered, one quart is one pound one ounce.
Best brown sugar, one quart is one pound two ounces.
Eggs, average size, ten eggs are one pound.
Sixteen large tablespoonfuls are a half pint, eight are a gill, four are a half gill, etc.

INDOLENCE is the rust of the mind, and the inlet of vice.

THE FOOL seeketh to pick a fly from a mule's hind leg. The wise man letteth out the job to the lowest bidder.

IN STROVE POLISH is mixed with very strong soapsuds, the lustro appears immediately and the dust of the polish does not fly around as it usually does.

TAKE three carrots and grate them; place in a vessel and cover with lard, without salt, if convenient; boil thoroughly, strain, and add sufficient beeswax to make a paste. This is a most invaluable ointment for cuts, burns, scalds, or wounds of any kind.

TO REVIVE old kid gloves, make a thick mucilage by boiling a handful of flaxseed, add a little dissolved soap; then, when the mixture cools, with a piece of white flannel wipe the gloves, previously fitted to the hand; use only enough to take off the dirt without wetting through the glove.

CLEANING GRAIN.—English exchanges describe a machine which has for its object the cleaning of wheat and other grain, by passing it between two discs, one rotary the other stationary, on the adjacent sides of which are set wedge-shaped projections on knives having roughened sides; when the disc is made to rotate the wheat grain is agitated and cleaned by contact with the roughened sides of the wedge-shaped projections.

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TO CLEAN OLD COMBS, place them in some vessel that will hold water, laying them flat, one on the other, until the vessel is full, lay on a board and a stone to keep them from floating. Now fill the vessel with water and slacked lime. Let them soak twenty-four hours, then take out one at a time, and with a fine broom brush lightly but thoroughly on each side. Next put them into the extractor, and throw out the water. Rinse them in clean water, and use the extractor each time. Then stand them up singly in the shade to dry. Two or three days will not be too long to dry them. Then cut out all the drone comb; and they are ready for the bees.

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