

RECIPTS FOR DYING.

† All apparatus used in dyeing, such as kettles, pans, &c., should be perfectly clean and free from rust. All articles to be Dyed should be well scoured, and thoroughly cleansed from all dirt and grease.

All articles should be dipped into warm water before putting into any Dye. This precaution ensures the Dye equally and prevents their becoming streaked.

Always use water sufficient to cover the goods well. —Soft water is to be preferred.

SCARLET RED.—Take soft water sufficient to cover the cloth or yarn you wish to color, bring it to a boiling heat in a copper kettle, then add one ounce and a half of cream of tartar for every pound of cloth; now boil a minute or two, and then add two ounces of powdered lac, and three ounces of madder compound (the lac and compound must be previously mixed in a glass or earthen bowl) boil five minutes; now wet the yarn in warm water and wring it and put it in the dye; boil the whole nearly an hour; take the cloth or yarn out, and rinse it in clean cold water.

STOCKING YARN OR WOOL, TO COLOR.—Between a Blue and Purple. For 5 lbs. Wool—Bichromate of Potash 1 ounce; Alum 2 ounces; dissolve them and bring the water to a boil, putting in the wool and boiling one hour; then throw away the dye and make another dye with Logwood Chips 1 lb. or extract of Logwood 2½ oz., and boil one hour. This also works very prettily on silk.

N. B.—Whenever you make a dye with Logwood Chips either boil the Chips ½ hour and pour off the dye, or tie up the Chips in a bag and boil with the wool or goods. To take 2½ ounces of the Extract in place of 1 lb. of the Chips, is less trouble, and generally the better plan. In the above recipe, the more Logwood that is used the darker will be the shade.

SILVER DRAB.—For 5 lbs. goods—Alum and Logwood of each half an ounce; boil well together, then dip the goods 1 hour; if not dark enough add, in equal quantities, Alder and Logwood to suit.

GREEN.—On Wool or Silk with Oxe Bark.—Make a strong Yellow Dye of Yellow Oak and Hickory Bark, in equal quantities, add Indigo Compound ¼ fluid ounce at a time, until you get the shade of color desired.