

## TO RENOVATE HATS.

How many of the HOUSEKEEPER sisters have about decided that they must wear old-fashioned hats or go without? Yet with a little work these same hats may become fresh-looking and stylish.

Hats are now worn so very low in the crown that our first step must be to alter that. To do this, measure two and one-half or three inches from the brim at a point directly in front or a little to one side, and commence ripping. Continue ripping until the top of the crown is reached. Most hats taper gradually toward the top, and you will probably find your crown too small to cover the hat. To remedy this, cut the braid where you began ripping, dampen to make it more pliable, and begin increasing the size of the crown by sewing the braid round and round. The braid must be held a trifle full to make it lie flat, but the necessity for this is easily seen when sewing. Continue widening till the crown fits the top of the head. Re-sewing hats may be done with the sewing machine, but if the work is new to you, you can more easily get the desired shape by hand-sewing, using fine thread and short, close stitches.

As to the brim, arrange that to suit your taste; almost any shape is fashionable, although one narrow in the back and gradually widening toward the front is most generally becoming. The shape of the brim can often be altered without sewing over, as when dampened it will take any shape you wish. If the outer row of braid is nicked or damaged, replace it by another row of what was left over when finishing the crown. If you want the brim to roll slightly, this may be accomplished by holding the last two or three rows of braid tight when sewing. Unless you are tired of the old shape and are determined to improve upon it, you had better leave it alone, for in this as in all else, without the determination to succeed, you can never achieve success.

We will now suppose the shape suits you. If the hat was white and is now yellowed or sunbrowned, your next step must be to bleach it. If you have an air-tight box or chest, screw hooks in the under side of the lid, and suspend your hat so that it hangs crown downwards; place a few smoldering coals in an old pan and sprinkle on sufficient sulphur to make a thick, black smoke. Too little sulphur will make a flame; be careful to use enough to make a smoke; close the lid, and in a short time the straw will be beautifully white. If no box is available, a barrel may be substituted, screwing the hooks into the bottom and inverting it over a pan of coals and sulphur. Be sure to dampen the hat slightly before "smoking" it.

Should your hat be a colored one, or if you wish it colored, instead of bleaching, you must dye it. Any of the Diamond dyes for cotton will color straw. The white or light-colored straws will take any dye, but other colors had better be freshened by a bath in dye as near like the original as possible, not forgetting you can color any hat black, which is the most desirable.

It is just as easy to choose headgear that will harmonize with your other apparel as not, if you only give the matter a little thought. I call to mind a young friend who because she admired a certain green lac straw, trimmed with green velvet and pink roses, purchased it, when her best dresses are a heliotrope and a dark red one; and when worn, neither the dresses nor the hat look well, they are so much out of harmony with each other. A tiny hat or bonnet on a tall woman looks ridiculous, while the reverse makes the wearer appear "top-heavy." Flowers of delicate hues are out of place near pale faces, and dark blue ones should never be worn by ladies with very light blue or gray eyes.

No one with a *retrouse* nose should wear a hat turning up in front. It may be worn off the face, but do not have it the shape I've mentioned. Ladies with thin faces generally find those most becoming which are worn low over the forehead. The arrangement of the hair has much to do with the becomingness of a hat or bonnet. A soft framing of waves or fluffy bangs to the face makes the hat above much more becoming than if worn with plain bands of hair.

I came near omitting some suggestions in regard to renovating hat trimmings. Velvet facings if soiled, may be brushed with gasoline, and when the gasoline has evaporated, dampen the back of the velvet and draw it slowly over a hot iron, which will take out folds and raise the pile, especially if a second person is brushing it while the steaming is in progress.

Feathers and tips may be redyed, and may be curled by shaking over a smoke made by throwing sugar on glowing coals, although curling by drawing each little frond over a

dull knife is successful. This process is more tedious than the former, but the curl stays longer.

Ribbons and silks may be cleaned by a gasoline bath, and when dry placed under a slightly damp cloth and ironed with a warm iron; never use a hot one on silk. If faded, use diamond dyes to make them "new."

Black laces, if not soiled, will look much fresher if dipped in strong coffee in which a few grains of gum arabic have been dissolved; then baste them on a piece of cloth, securing every point; tack the cloth to a smooth surface and let it remain till dry.

Artificial flowers may be improved. If they are faded, you may dye them, if you have the dye very strong and hot, and are careful to immerse them for only a second. Sometimes only the leaves of a flower are in fair condition and these may be made much more so by giving them a coating of gum arabic, and sprinkle slightly with diamond silver powder or bronze.

Now do not feel discouraged, you who have old hats, but set to work with a will. It takes longer to write some of the directions than it does to carry them out, and the average woman can accomplish almost whatever she undertakes. This is not written for those who have plenty of means, or for those to whom "time is money," but for that class whose brains and ingenuity must take the place of a full purse, and whose time has no money value, though they are the hardest of workers.

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