

The census returns will show that Iowa has 1,450,000 population in 1890 against 1,277,000 in 1880.

The gain in the population of Missouri will be about 400,000. This means three additional congressmen.

It is to be hoped that the democratic convention of California will not give ballot reform as back an eye as the republicans of that state did.

It is now thought that the total population of the United States will be about 62,000,000 instead of 55,000,000 as first estimated by Superintendent Porter.

The press association members all over the state speak of the very respectable way in which they were treated by the people of Portland. Well, they are right. They were the recipients of that typical generous hospitality peculiar to the people of the union, and of which Portland's people are fine examples.

Prof Pickering, basing his conclusions on a series of photographs of the planet Mars in April, concludes that the southern temperate regions of Mars have just experienced an irruption of polar ice no less remarkable than that which will add the zest of danger to the navigation of our own North Atlantic.

The St. Louis Republic, speaking of the work of the democratic state convention of Iowa says:

The Iowa democrats have nominated a strong ticket on a very strong platform. On the tariff, on silver, on the force bill and the rights of the people to manage their own elections they speak with an emphasis that cannot be misunderstood. They enter the campaign with everything in their favor, and there is hardly a doubt but that they will hold the state by a larger vote than that by which they carried it in the last election for governor. The whole west is sick of the alliance between republicans and plutocracy.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

Rice, boiled very dry, is acceptably served with fish instead of potatoes.

Solled clothes should not be allowed to remain in the bed room. They taint the air and make it impure.

Sprained ankle has been cured in an hour by showering with hot water poured from a height of a few feet.

Common washing soda and boiling water should be used to rinse all the waste-pipes at least once every week or ten days.

If you are a tall woman arrange to have your work-table and ironing-board a few inches higher than they are usually made. This little precaution will prevent many a backache.

Fuel can be saved on ironing day by placing over the irons and old tin bucket or similar vessel bottom side up. You need a thick iron-holder, lined with paper, to handle them with when heated in this way.

Don't allow the broom to stand on the brush end when not in use; hang it on a nail by means of a ring in the top of the handle. Don't forget that a broom will last much longer if, after using, it is dipped in boiling water for a few minutes.

In changing feathers, always put them into new ticks, as the feathers will surely prick through washed ticks. I believe our grandmothers rubbed the inside of the ticks with hard soap, to prevent this, but I should prefer new ones. Old ticking can always be put to good use.

The easiest way to clean shoes or rubber overshoes which have become muddy is with vaseline. A little "swab" of flannel on the end of a stick is good for this purpose. Even if the vaseline touches the hands, it forms a coating over them, so that the task is not so unpleasant as it otherwise would be.

Painted furniture can be wiped off with a little milk and water, and look bright as new. Bamboo, rattan and reed furniture can be cleaned with a damp cloth. I do not believe in the use of furniture polish; it may do for a time, but better use a soft flannel with a few drops of kerosene for polished furniture.

All preparations for waxing floors are heated by setting the kettle containing the mixture into another containing boiling water. By this means the beeswax becomes incorporated with turpentine and other ingredients. No floor will be "sticky" if the wax is properly rubbed in. The best article for rubbing in oil or wax is a parquet brush, such as sold by manufacturers of parquet floors, and at large house furnishing stores.

The use of the tooth brush in connection with powders, washes, or other treatment of the teeth, should be gentle. Bleeding of the gums is always a danger signal. It shows that the skin has been broken, inviting the absorption into the system of any poisonous or foreign matters which may be present in the mouth. If the gums are very tender, a soft brush should be used, and used very gently, till they have hardened sufficiently to withstand more vigorous treatment. Even then, the liability to err is on the side of harshness.

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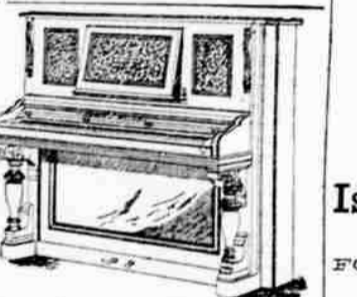
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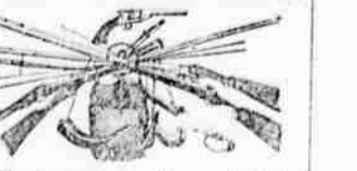
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