

ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

The Right Way to Launder Flannels.
Domestic Notes.

Cut fine a bar of good soap and add hot water. Let it stand on the range until dissolved, then add to it a sufficient amount of tepid water to make a good solution. If the garments are badly soiled, allow a tablespoonful of ammonia to two gallons of water.

Shake and brush the garments, then soak them for fifteen minutes in the solution. Do not rub soap on flannels and do not rub them, as this causes them to shrink by matting the fibers in the wool. Squeeze and press with the hands and when cleansed press the water from them and plunge them into clear water of the same temperature. Rinse in two waters, then put them through the wringer. Dry in a moderate heat. While drying stretch them into shape. When dry press with a warm (not hot) iron.

In laundering colored flannels if the color runs rinse until clear, allowing two tablespoonfuls of vinegar to two gallons of water for the last rinsing, as this will set the color.

Wash silk underwear in the same way; also wool or silk hose, wringing the latter in a towel and pressing between pieces of muslin.

For the Finger Nails.

Olive oil warmed and the nails soaked in it at night is one of the most efficacious remedies known. It prevents cracking, hardens without thickening them and prevents hangnails as well as ingrowing. But by itself olive oil will not be found good to apply to the skin—sweet almond is the best—so the olive should be used on the nails alone.

Every night the nails should be well rubbed with cold cream, just as the rest of the hand. It softens the cuticle so the flesh can be pushed gently back and the pretty "moons" plainly seen. Only a blunt stick of orange wood, which is chosen on account of its hardness, should be used on the nails. If there is a deposit under them, remove it with the brush or a bit of linen on the fingers of the other hand, never with a metal instrument.

Washing Fluid.

One can of chloride of lime, four pounds of washing soda; put the lime into a wooden bucket; dissolve the soda in one quart of hot water; when dissolved add to the lime; then add immediately four quarts of boiling water; stir continually for five minutes; then let settle. The lime will settle to the bottom; then dip the liquid out into a jug; strain through cloth, so as not to have any pieces of lime in it, as it will burn a hole in anything it touches. One cupful of liquid to every two pailfuls of water in the boiler.

Kitchen Hints.

On baking separate crusts for pies, prick them all over with a fork and they will not rise from the plate.

Put a little ammonia in the bean pot when you put it to soak, and it can be washed easily.

Add a little vinegar to the water when boiling meat to make it tender.

Instead of filling sticky baking dishes with water just turn them upside down over a pan of hot water on the stove, and in a short time they can be easily washed.

To Stop Nose Bleeding.

The nose bleeds either from injury or congestion. One remedy which is successful in many cases is to hold the arms high above the head until the bleeding stops. If this does not stop the bleeding, hold a piece of ice or a cloth dipped in cold water and wrung out tight between the shoulder blades and the back of the neck. Frequent bleeding of the nose is a sign of anaemia, and the child thus afflicted should be placed under the doctor's care at once.

Cure For Smoky Lamps.

A cure for a smoky lamp, provided the smokiness is not caused by dirt or any defect, is to place a teaspoonful of vinegar in the bowl with the oil. This will do much to improve the light, making it clear and brilliant, and will also do away with the unpleasant smoke and odor.

Dusting Furniture.

Instead of beating upholstered furniture on its own coverings lay thick cloths or towels over the stuffed parts. The thick clouds of dust that are bound to arise instead of flying into the room will go into the towels, which may be shaken out at frequent intervals.

Egg Gruel.

Excellent gruel for the sickroom is made as follows: Boil eggs till hard enough to grate; then boil good milk and thicken it with the grated egg, adding a little salt. This is excellent if the patient is nauseated.

FUN IN BREAKING DISHES.

"You ought to see one of those Russian weddings at the mining camps," said A. Sykora, a musician, recently. "The last one I played at was at Carbondale. A Russian miner, who had been here about a year, married a Russian girl who had been here about two months. Of course the wedding was a typical Russian affair. I played for sixteen hours. The celebrations lasted three days, and of all the feasts and drinking I never saw the like. All the miners in camp attended and had the time of their lives. It is a Russian custom for all the guests to break at least one dish with a silver dollar. Out here immediately after the last feast some one got up and slammed a dollar through a dish in the middle of the table. Others followed suit, and almost every dish was broken. Some fellows who had \$4 or \$5 broke four or five dishes. It was the greatest thing you ever saw, and when everybody had finished breaking up the dishes there was over \$300 on the table."—Des Moines Register and Leader.

Boston an Irish City.

Boston is proportionately the most Irish city in America. It has also more folk of Irish descent in it than Dublin, the chief city of Ireland. An Irishman can be counted on to vote. Of the vote of Boston politicians claim that 60 per cent is Irish. There is no approach to such a proportion among the greater cities of the United States or any other city of Irish population New England. Boston, besides, is one of the most foreign cities of the country, somewhat less so than Chicago, but just about the equal of New York. Of about 561,000 people in 1900 only 156,000 were of native parentage, and at least one-half of these were third or fourth generation descendants of the Irish. With the Italians and other Catholics, the Catholic vote of the city reaches well toward 75 per cent of the total.—Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston in Collier's.

A Word For the Youngest.

It is never safe to generalize from incomplete data, but a New York physician has drawn some interesting conclusions from an examination of the lives of seventy-four great men and women. In a paper read before the international congress on psychiatry, or mental diseases, the physician, a woman, said that comparatively few geniuses were the firstborn of their parents—in fact, only ten of the seventy-four whom she considered were the eldest children. In many cases the genius of the family was the last of thirteen children, Washington Irving the last of eleven, Franklin the youngest son in a family of seventeen and the youngest son of the youngest son of several generations, Daniel Webster and Wagner the last of seven, Rembrandt the sixth and Schumann the last of five.—Youth's Companion.

Simple Enough.

As the business world knows, Henry H. Rogers, the "gray eagle" of the Standard Oil company, is the sworn enemy of competition. His is one of the iron hands that have crushed competition in the oil industry. An old friend tells a characteristic story of the oil baron's attitude in such matters.

Rogers and this friend, so the latter says, were out walking when they came to a prosperous looking manufacturing establishment. The friend remarked: "I have been trying to get hold of that plant and can't. What would you do?" Rogers looked the building over a minute and said: "Build a plant next door and put him out of business; that's all."—Cleveland Leader.

Decorated Belgians.

The Belgians have the well established reputation of having a boundless love of decorations. On the faith of chroniclers more or less serious it is believed abroad that in this country every one's buttonhole is adorned with a ribbon of some sort. Statistics, however, show that from 1876 to 1900—that is to say, in twenty-five years—foreign orders were conferred on 6,285 Belgians. In a population of 7,000,000 that is not excessive. Portugal, with 601 decorations, has during this period shown herself most generous toward our compatriots. Great Britain has only decorated four Belgians during this quarter of a century.—L'Independance Belge, Brussels.

Real Cause of Colds.

The fact that colds are more common in winter than in summer is not due simply to the lower temperature. It is mainly because people spend less of their time in the open air. Dreading the chilly air, they remain indoors, the health is proportionately lowered, and they take cold easily.—London Cassell's Saturday Journal.

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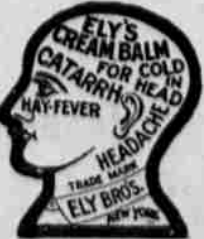
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