

paste with magnesia and carbon tetra chloride and plastered it over the marks as you advised. Imagine my delight when next morning on removing the plaster the marks were completely gone! A second application was necessary in some places, as there were pencil-like streaks which I had missed. It took me over an hour to cover the area, I might state. I did these with a very lighthearted feeling and the result is marvellous. Each time I go into the room I glance at the wall and can't believe it ever looked such a mess. Even my critical eye cannot see where the marks have been

Did you know that milk stains can be removed from woollen material by covering the garment with blotting paper and pressing with a warm iron? I had the misfortune to spill some milk down the front of a new grey costume and tried the above with a perfect result. My grateful thanks once again for your advice.

Mary.

Mrs. Nicotinus' Cake

Dear Aunt Daisy,

About two years ago you gave over a recipe for a fruit cake made with dripping and using only two eggs. I have made this cake consistently ever since, and it is so excellent and so sure that I feel inspired to write in and ask you to remind the Daisy Chain of it. My husband, who is quite fussy about the quality of the very little cake he eats, declares that this one is much nicer than any Christmas cake. The recipe was sent to you by "Mrs. Nicotinus," whose suggestions you have often put over the air. This is the recipe:—"One cup good dripping, creamed with 1 teaspoon lemon juice. Add 1 cup sugar, and cream again well. Add 2 eggs one by one and beat. Warm $\frac{1}{2}$ cup treacle with $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk, and add alternately with 3 cups flour sifted with 2 teaspoons baking powder; add 2 cups fruit and the grated rind of 1 lemon."—D., Wellington.

Stored Linen Mildewed

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I am feeling very upset, as I have just gone to my box of linens, which have been stored for a year, and have found them covered in brown damp stains. All my linen is unused, and I would be grateful if you could let me know how to get the stains out. This linen is pre-war, and impossible to replace.—F.F., Auckland.

What a heart-break! At least, it would be so if there were no remedy for mildew. But so many people have been successful with the chloride of lime method that I think you will too. Dissolve $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of chloride of lime in one gallon of water—it will take some hours. Then strain through a cloth, so that no undissolved particles may be left in the water, for these would weaken the fabric. Soak your linen in this strained water for perhaps an hour—or more or less, according to the mildew. Watch the linen—some pieces may get clean before others, depending on the material. Look at it often. Then rinse well in two or three waters, each containing a handful of washing soda—to "kill" the lime. Then wash and boil the linen in the usual way. People have told me that they have actually seen the mildewed spots fade

away as they watched them soaking. You would probably get the same result by soaking the linen in Clor-o-gene; but it is quite simple to make up the gallon of water as I have described. Don't forget the rinsing water.

For any coloured article which may not be fast, and would therefore bleach with the chloride of lime, try covering the dampened mildewed places with a thick plaster of starch paste, made with cold water, and with some soap added; or rub the place with soap before putting on the plaster. Leave the article out all night on clean grass, or on a towel. You may need to repeat this process, but generally once will do. Wash thoroughly afterwards. Some salt may be added to the starch paste.



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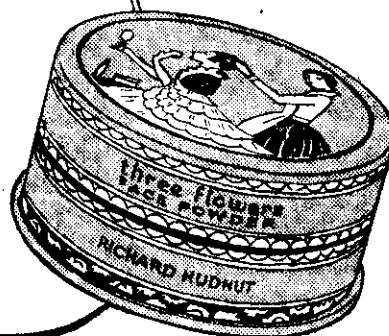
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