

painted the potatoes with the "enamel that supersedes enamel." I sat them on the dinner table with a tiny posy of flowers stuck on each one with a pin, and they looked really lovely, and gave us all the light we needed. Is this a new idea to you, or has someone already thought it out? I am missing your friendly talks in the morning, because of the power-cut—more than I can say. Wishing you all the best in your grand work, "Candlelight," St. Albans.

#### Indelible Pencil Stains

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Many years ago in Australia I, too, had some experience with indelible pencil stains. Children had been making ink with one, in a new bathroom. Tiles and enamel round the wash-basin were covered with it. A tube of toothpaste was also there, so just without thinking of results, I put some on, and rubbed it in with a toothbrush. Much to my surprise the stain all came off. This may be of some help to our "Link" in Christchurch.

A.T., Taranaki.

Thank you very much. I expect the marks would come off the glazed tiles more easily than from the knife handles. It probably soaked into the composition. Still, toothpaste is well worth trying—it has been used with great success to clean piano keys.

#### The Method Worked

Dear Aunt Daisy,

This is to thank you for your advice about my copper. Now I am able to give you the results, just 100 per cent. I filled the copper with cold water and added 2 table-poons of cream of tartar, stirring in well. Not needing to use the copper, I let it stand for a week, and then emptied it out, and found the copper was beautifully bright and shining—all trace of the soapy deposit had gone. I then cleaned it with hot soapy water with a dash of ammonia in it. Since then, I have always put about 2 tablespoons of ammonia in the copper-water and there is no sign of any more marks on my washing, and the copper looks so clean and shiny. I am most grateful to you for your helpful advice, and trust you will pass the information on to anyone else who has the same trouble.

F.B., Hastings.

#### Rusty Clothes Line

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I read in *The Listener* that a Daisy Chain Link was very upset about her rusty clothes line. Tell her my clothes line is of thinnish rope, and I have no bother at all. The pegs go on well, and there is no rust. "Another Link."

#### Dye Marks on the Sheets

Dear Aunt Daisy,

When washing the clothes to-day I put in a facecloth to boil with them, and did not notice the dye coming out of it until I was taking the clothes out of the copper. The red had run into some of the sheets and other things. I wonder if you could tell me what to do about it. "Lincoln."

Possibly the easiest and quickest way is to use a reliable dye remover—and follow the directions on the packet. Or you could use a bleach, such as a chloride of lime preparation. You can buy these, and follow the directions on the label; or you can make up a quick solution at home, the proportion being 2 teaspoons of chloride of lime to 1 pint of water. Strain it carefully through several thicknesses of muslin, and soak the stained parts in this till they come white again. Put a little vinegar in the rinsing water to kill the lime.



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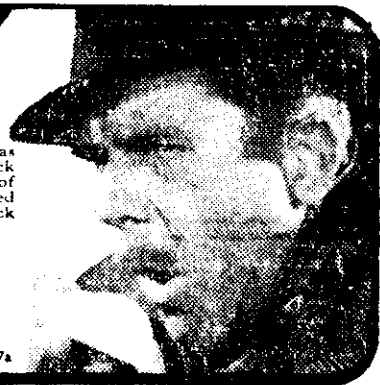
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