

woollen material (old blanket or something similar) having no colour. Press in the usual manner with a damp rag; but, remove the iron and rag before it is dry and clamp the block down hard and leave until no steam is escaping. Only press the length of the block each time. Steam must be held in the garment without added heat. This is good also for sleeves, pleats and hems which you press on the outside, of course, making it lie nice and flat.

"Sunshine, Nelson."

Stained Rubber Sheeting

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Can you tell me how to get the brownish marks off the rubber sheeting used on my baby's cot under the under-blanket? Can it be washed in any special solution as the marks cover it completely?

"Grateful."

I asked a Plunket nurse about your problem, and am assured that this just cannot be avoided. Just keep the rubber sheet clean and aired, and covered up with the under-blanket.

Useful Breadcrumbs

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I heard you say breadcrumbs are useful to get crayon off wallpaper, and I thought maybe I could try the same remedy on my wool crepe frock, upon which my little girl had put a lot of lipstick. Whether it was the particular material or not I don't know, but I rubbed on the new breadcrumbs, and the lipstick just lifted off on to the bread, leaving not a mark or any trace of rubbing.

"Papatoetoe."

Quilted Pram Covers

Dear Aunt Daisy,

This letter is to tell you of an experience I had with my cream crepe-de-chene quilted pram cover. Like many other mothers I washed the cover and dried it very carefully between two towels in a shady spot. But alas, up came the yellow spots in the middle of each diamond, such as you have been speaking of lately. I was very upset naturally when I discovered this, so, not wanting to experiment and maybe ruin my cover, I rang our very helpful Home Science School and here is their tested and tried remedy:

Buy from the chemist four table-spoons (2oz.) of sodium per borate, add this to one pint of soapy water, then soak the article in this solution for half an hour. I did it in my sink as it is big and I managed to get the cover well into the water. Take out and rinse well and press as dry as possible with towels and dry carefully. I think this is quite easy for anyone to do, and not expensive—the sodium costing 10d or 11d per ounce. It will also remove sun-burn on covers, as a friend of mine has proved.

"St. Clair" (Dunedin).

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