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rinsing water, too, would be all right, after the peroxide rinse. Perhaps someone else can send us some ideas. Of course, ordinary silk which has turned yellow or a bad colour, can be whitened by using an "un-dye"—especially fuji silk blouses and children's frocks and underskirts, which do get very dingy. I have seen these articles made perfectly new-looking and good again by this means. But I should be afraid to use it for such a delicate shawl a hundred years old!

#### Spilt Lavender Water

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I am wondering if you can help me, for you always seem to have a recipe for anything and everything. Well, my problem is this. I have a new red georgette evening dress, and I have been unfortunate enough to spill lavender water all down the front. I have tried sponging it with warm water, but it hasn't made any impression. I shall be most grateful if you can suggest something, as I have only worn the frock once. The cork came out of the bottle, hence all the trouble. I will look for the answer in *The Listener*.—"Mrs. W.H." (Spreydon).

I'm afraid I cannot be very encouraging in this case. I am afraid the spirit in the scent will have spoilt the colour of the georgette. However, you could try sponging the place with pure alcohol, or chloroform—get a small quantity from the chemist. Perhaps some reader will have a helpful hint on this subject.

#### Two Handy Hints

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I am just sending you a couple of hints. They are both my own experiences, and the results are first class, so I thought they might be helpful to some of our Daisy Chain.

First, about hair coming out in handfuls. Mine did, after an illness I had once, and all I used was warm olive oil. I just used to part the hair and rub warm oil into the scalp each night before going to bed. Of course, you can sometimes miss two or three nights, and then start again. Also wash the hair about once a week, as it must be kept very clean. Wear a little cap to keep the oil from the pillows. Whenever my hair begins coming out, I simply do this, and really, it is excellent.

And now, one more hint, about mildew on black georgette. When I was going through the clothes in my wardrobe one day, I was shocked to find my black georgette evening dress covered with spots of mildew. I might say that the dress was given to me by a friend. So you can well imagine how I felt when I saw the stains. The house was damp, but we had had no trouble before. Well, I just dabbed ordinary ammonia (the kind you clean serge with), on to all the mildew spots, and hung the dress on a coathanger in the sun. I only used the ammonia once, but I put the dress out in the sun three or four days running, and success was complete. The dress is still quite good, and has no more marks on it.—"Anon."

Thank you for a very interesting and helpful letter. Did you use the ammonia full strength, I wonder? Various brands of ammonia differ a little in strength, don't they? Still, one could soon try which was best. I have also heard that sponging with the water in which ivy

leaves have been boiled will remove mildew from dark material. Use any old tin for boiling, as the pan will not be fit to use afterwards; the leaves are poisonous, and it would not be safe to use an ordinary saucepan. Let the water become quite cold before sponging the mildew spots with it.

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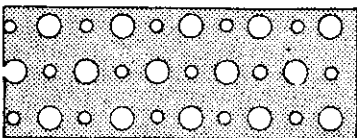
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