

from a chemist. Grate 2 medium potatoes as finely as possible. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vinegar and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup salt. Stand for 10 minutes and add 1 gallon water. Soak articles in this for 20 minutes before washing as usual.

Two New Pairs

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I have often heard people talking about boiling odd nylon stockings to make them all the same colour. Well, I had four odd coloured ones which weren't any use as I couldn't make a pair out of them. I put them all in a small saucepan, covered them with cold water, put the lid on, and brought to the boil. I didn't know how long to boil so gave them five minutes. I had a look then, using a spoon, to see how they were doing. Oh, dear, they were all streaky! I plonked them back in the pot, put the lid back on and boiled for another 25 minutes. I then took them off, rinsed well and pegged them by the heels. They are dry now and I have two pairs of nylons, a lovely shade and not harmed or hurt by their hard boiling.

"Attentive Listener," Te Kauwhata.

A Worn Bath

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Would you advise me through *The Listener* the best means of repairing the inside of a porcelain bath which is worn through in places.

"G.H.M.," Kohukohu.

It will not be a very satisfactory job because the original enamel is baked on at a high temperature. However, here are directions: Thoroughly clean, then rub down with pumice stone or emery paper. Clean with turpentine and let dry thoroughly. Apply a coat of aluminium paint, or zinc-white paint, and when dry, two or three thin coats of white bath enamel. Put on evenly. Each must be perfectly dry before applying next. Should take about a week to harden properly. For the first time the bath is used, fill with cold water and leave for an hour or two. Can then be used normally.

Cleaning Concrete Paths

Dear Aunt Daisy,

A Link has asked for help in keeping her concrete paths clean and white. What I do is to take the blue water from the wash-tub after finishing the washing, put it in a bucket, and with a hard broom just give a good hard brushing. The concrete comes up quite clean. If the broom is not hard enough, I get down on my knees and do it with a scrubbing brush! I just do a little each day if there is a big area to be done.

"Auckland."

Another suggestion was to use a tablespoon of strong, concentrated English ammonia in a bucket of warm water; but several other Links have agreed upon the use of blue water regularly each washing day.

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