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## A Useful Hint.

Save the small pieces of laundry, toilet, and bath soap until you have a teacupful, then put them in a quart of hot water, and let simmer until dissolved, and you will have a jelly mass to wash or clean the floor with.

## When Knitting with Light Wool.

Light yarn intended for knitting should be kept carefully wrapped up. The ball in use should be hung from the arm in a bag or a basket made for the purpose, like a twine ball-box, with round handles, and the finished portion of the work should be protected by a piece of muslin basted over it to keep it clean.

## Removing Bruises from Furniture.

If the bruise is slight, soak the place in warm water, and hold a red-hot poker near the surface of the wood, keeping it constantly wet until the bruise disappears. This will occur in a few moments. If the bruise is large, an actual dent, wet the place with warm water as before directed. Then take a piece of brown paper, fold it six or seven times, soak in warm water, and place over the spot. Against the paper place a hot flat-iron, keeping it there until the moisture has evaporated. This process should be repeated until the surface is again level.

## Ironing Collars and Cuffs.

When the ironing of collars and cuffs is done at home, all goods should be dipped into cold starch nearly six hours before, and rolled tight until ready to iron them. Then rub off all dry starch, and quickly pass the iron over both sides. Press out all wrinkles, working up and down. When no moisture is felt, dampen a handkerchief, pass it quickly over the right side of collars, etc. Now reverse the iron, lift the point next to you, and rub the broad edge quickly back and forth from top to bottom of the goods. This is the secret of polishing. Lay the iron on the collar, catch one end, and pull from beneath the iron. This curls it into shape. This is also the method for ironing the cuffs, unless they are preferred flat.

## Pointers for the Home.

By rubbing a fresh lemon thoroughly into a soured sponge and rinsing it several times in lukewarm water, it becomes as sweet as when new.

Save all baking powder tins; they always come in handy as moulds, either for steamed puddings, jellies, or frozen desserts, and these dishes will always be served most attractively on your table.

Borax is a convenient thing to have on the kitchen shelf. Added to the dishwater in which dish towels are washed, it will help to keep them of good color. Moreover, by softening the water it tends to keep hands smooth and white.

## Plaster of Paris.

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