

Domestic

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To Give Wood the Appearance of Ebony.

Take 2oz of borax and 4oz of ebony, put this mixture on the fire and let it dissolve in two quarts of water until a perfect solution is obtained, then add one tablespoonful of glycerine. After mixing, add enough aniline black soluble in water, and the preparation will be ready for use.

To Remove a Dirty Mark on a Dress.

Anyone who is unfortunate enough to soil a new cloth costume should proceed as follows:—Take a piece of moist bread, and a little flour in a saucer; dip the bread in the flour and gently rub the soiled parts, taking fresh bread and flour each time. If properly done, a very bad mark can be removed.

Bad Bruises.

In the case of a bad bruise, the part swells and then becomes blackened. This discoloration is caused by the blood escaping from the small bloodvessels which have been burst by the blow. The moist heat of hot, wet flannels makes the skin yield to this extra rush of blood, and speedy relief ensues. A bad bruise on a joint, such as the ankle or knee, requires attention in its treatment at the time. Care should also be taken to prevent over exertion.

A Cheap Recipe for Lemon Cheese.

Take two half-penny stale sponge cakes, 1oz of butter, one egg, one good-sized lemon, one tablespoonful of moist sugar. Crumble the sponge cakes into a basin, grate the whole rind of the lemon, then add all the juice; mix in butter with a fork, add sugar and egg. Mix well together, then it is ready for use; place a small piece into ordinary tarts, and bake as usual. This will be found enough to make twenty to thirty lemon cheese cakes.

Oatmeal Biscuits.

Ingredients: 1lb of coarse oatmeal, 1lb of flour, 1lb of butter, 1lb of castor sugar, one egg, quarter saltspoonful of baking soda, about half a gill of cold water. Method: Mix oatmeal, flour, sugar, and soda together in a basin. Melt the butter, beat the egg to a froth, mix it with the water. Stir butter into the dry ingredients, and make into a dry paste with the egg and water. Roll out as thick as a crown piece, cut into rings with a tin cutter, and bake in a moderate oven on a floured tin for twenty minutes.

Keeping a Bottle Hot.

It is sometimes difficult to keep a baby's bottle hot at night. The following plan acts splendidly, and is worth trying:—Cover a hot-water bottle with flannel in which a pocket the size of a baby's bottle has been made. When going to bed, fill the water bottle with very hot water, and also the baby's bottle as usual, and put it into the pocket that has been made in the hot-water bottle cover. Cover the two bottles with a blanket, and when baby is ready for his food, it will be ready and warm for him. This plan may also be followed when baby goes out in his perambulator.

Time Savers.

It will be found that if a little hot water is put into cake tins directly the cakes are taken out, they will be much easier to clean than if they are left for some time to get dry and cold.

When separating the yolks from the whites of eggs, break them into a funnel, over a glass or cup, when the whites will pass through and the yolks will remain in the funnel.

When cleaning brass knobs or door knockers, protect the paint by a piece of cardboard, out of which a hole has been cut just large enough to allow the brass edges to clear. For a brass door knob slit the cardboard at the side, allowing the knob to pass through, and slip back firmly around the knob. You can then clean the brass without soiling the surrounding paint.

Teething.

The best way of getting over the troubles of teething is to begin early and build up the bodily strength by means of suitable food, fresh air, and as much undisturbed natural sleep as the child is inclined to have. The irritation of gums may be relieved by gently rubbing them with the finger, and giving the child a little cold water to drink. This is a simple plan of which very few people know the great benefit. A teaspoonful of water generally suffices, and it may be taken from the spoon or sipped from a tumbler, the latter really proving the more cooling and soothing. Many mothers think that because flour and cornflour make a stiff jelly when mixed with boiling water, they are more nourishing than milk. Yet it has been proved that neither of them contains anything which can help to build up the flesh, bones, and teeth of a baby, for it is not until the teeth are really through that a child can digest any kind of starchy food.

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HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne will celebrate the anniversary of his silver jubilee as Archbishop on September 29 next, and a meeting of prominent Catholic laymen was held recently to make arrangements for commemorating the silver jubilee. A few of the clergy were also present.

Very Rev. Dean Phelan, who presided, explained to those present that for some months past rumours had been afloat in regard to the matter. He desired to ascertain their opinion as to whether the celebration should take place at all, and, if so, as to what form it should take.

After some discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the Archbishop should be prevailed upon to allow the Catholics of the Archdiocese to commemorate the jubilee, but that the form of the celebration should be left to his own suggestion.

Very Rev. Dean Phelan said that prior to the meeting he had received offers of very generous support. He read a letter from Mr. Thomas J. Loughlin, of Ballarat, in which the writer said he hoped that Catholics outside the archdiocese would have an opportunity of assisting in the movement, and stated that he would be glad to subscribe £1000. Though no subscription list was opened, over £2000 was promised altogether, including £100 from each of the following:—Dean Phelan, Mr. D. Slattery, Dr. A. L. Kenny, Rev. M. Carey (West Melbourne), Rev. W. Quilter (St. Francis), Rev. W. Ganly (St. Kilda West), Rev. T. Lynch (St. Kilda East), and Rev. J. McCarthy (Clifton Hill). The wishes of Archbishop Carr will be consulted in the matter, and a further meeting will be held in the Cathedral Hall at an early date.

His Grace Archbishop Carr, however, declined the proposed testimonial in connection with his Silver Episcopal Jubilee, as will be seen from the following letter from the Most Rev. prelate, which has appeared in the papers:—Sir,—I was aware that a project was on foot to signalise the silver jubilee of my appointment to the See of Melbourne by the inauguration or completion of some large work of public utility. But until the project took concrete form, and found public expression, I could not, with propriety interfere. It is needless to say I am deeply touched by the flattering proposal, which, if allowed to proceed, would be an assured success. The works suggested are in themselves most laudable. Some, I understand, would wish to see the front towers of the Cathedral completed; some would prefer the foundation of a Catholic College within the University of Melbourne; and some would desire the establishment of a large permanent fund for the support of primary education. These are all admirable objects, the attainment of which is most desirable. But I wish them to stand on their own merits. When they are undertaken I wish them to be undertaken quite impersonally. The truth is that, a few years ago, on the occasion of the presentation made to me of the unnumbered title deeds of the Cathedral Hall, at a cost of £8000, I resolved never again to accept any manifestation of goodwill which would involve pecuniary sacrifice on the part of a most generous people. While, therefore, I feel most grateful for the esteemed kindness which prompted the proposal, I must decline to accept any personal compliment which would increase the demands made on our people for religious and educational purposes.—Yours, etc., THOMAS J. CARR, Archbishop of Melbourne, St. Patrick's Cathedral, May 18.

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