

::: HOUSEHOLD HINTS :::

BRAN water is excellent for stiffening coloured things, such as chintz and cretonne.

RUST can be removed from iron or steel by rubbing vigorously with fine coal ash moistened with oil.

KEEP medicines in a cool, dry, dark place. Light has a deteriorating effect on many medicines put up in solution form.

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ANY glass bottle can be cleaned simply by shaking a weak solution of salt and vinegar in it.

A THIN coating made of three parts of lard, melted with one part resin, and applied to stoves and grates, will prevent their rusting when not in use.

ONCE every week all house plants should be placed in a few inches of water so that their roots may absorb as much as they can. The leaves should then be washed with a sponge.

WHEN rubber rollers on mangles become greasy or dirty, clean them by rubbing with a rag dipped in kerosene or turpentine. Wash afterward in warm, soapy water, rinse, and dry thoroughly.

TO mend loose knife handles fill the opening in the handle with a mixture made from resin and brickdust, and then heat the tang on the end of the knife and press it firmly into the handle.

PLASTERED walls can be tested for dampness by taking a piece of gelatine paper, such as that used for chocolate-box wrappings, and pressing it against the plaster with a stick. If the paper curls, the walls are damp.

UPHOLSTERED moquette furniture can be freshened up in appearance by sponging with warm water and vinegar—half-gill of vinegar to one pint of warm water. Do not make too wet. Dry well by rubbing with a clean non-fluffy cloth.

AFTER constant use enamelled hot-water cans become yellow and discoloured inside, and if they are not cleaned thoroughly they sometimes discolour the water slightly. The best way to clean them and to render the interior quite pure is to moisten a cloth and rub it on a saucer containing some kitchen salt. Apply the cloth to the affected parts and rub thoroughly all over. Leave the salt on for a time and then rinse thoroughly and dry.

THE bars of a kitchen grate frequently become red with rust and consequently will not polish. It will be found, however, that if the following method is used the bars will polish smoothly, and no trace of rust will be visible. Place a small piece of soap in the tin with the stove polish. Fill a jug with water, adding a few drops of turpentine. First dip the grate brush in this water, and then rub in the polish until the soap lathers. Apply it swiftly to the grate bars and polish with a hard brush. A final polish may be given by means of an old piece of black velvet. This treatment will keep the rusty bars bright and shining when other methods have been found useless.

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