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If a woolen or vegetable oil soap is used with tepid water, then, before the fabric is rinsed, rub well with corn meal, it is excellent to make them smooth. As always should not be washed should be first rinsed and then washed in water. The fabric should be as rosewater, and half as much lemon juice may be added to it. The face and hands should not be washed just before going out in the weather, as the weather might be very cold. If it must be done, they should be well dried. Hard water should not be used; it can be made soft by dissolving a little borax in it.

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**Window Plants**

When liquid manure is used on window plants, it must be with caution, or results will be bad. If the plants are not growing, do not give them liquid manure, or if the plant is weakly, or newly propagated; but when a plant is making good growth, or when showing buds give the manure, and continue giving it through the blooming period. If the plants belong to the class that require to make a good growth before they go to rest, after the blooming period is finished, the manure should be continued until growth ceases, and then the manure should be withheld. Some plants can stand but very little liquid manure, and if given at all, it should be applied very weakly and only at long intervals. Most begonias, ferns, tropicums, some foliage geraniums and other leaves require this feeding. Remember that it must be applied to even small plants as require rich food only while they are in active growth. It should be the color of quite weak tea and be given about once a week.

In January, thrifty plants of most varieties begin to show signs of growth, and should be carefully nourished and protected from the cold. Our coldest weather and strongest winds come in January, and February. Plants should be watered very little during cold days, as wet soil and sap in the plants invite frost. Plants should not be watered at night during the winter, and at any time they do not take up moisture or require any water. Frosty weather. Plants should not be watered on cold nights or in very severe weather. In a very dusty room, one should always water the plants during the day in order to protect the leaves from the dust. A sheet made of cheesecloth will keep the dust from reaching them, and as it is very light-weight, will not damage the foliage or break the branches of tender plants. Pick off all dead or diseased leaves and burn them. Keep the top of the soil in the pots free from all kinds of litter falling from the plants.

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M. L.—To set colors in washable goods, before wetting the cloth soak in a water to which has been added a tablespoonful of ox-gall to each gallon of water. Emma S.—To remove tar from the goods, saturate with tarsopic, or rub it on the goods in warm water with the tar. When the tar congeals, the cloth can be washed. Substitute a cloth with coal oil and go over the tin or other kettle and the discolorations will be removed. Rub well with your fingers this cloth, then polish with a dry one. For filling the cracks with cold water. Press this paste into the cracks and joints while

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