

with the boiling water, and stir until well blended. When cool, add the buttermilk and soda, baking powder, and salt, then the eggs well beaten. Put two tablespoonfuls of vegetable fat in a baking dish, and let it get smoking hot. Pour the batter in and bake in a quick oven.

Oatmeal Cookies—One and one-half cups sugar, one cup shortening, two eggs, one cup sour milk, one teaspoon cinnamon, one-half teaspoon cloves, one teaspoon soda, one teaspoon baking powder, two cups oatmeal (ground), two and one-half cups flour, one cup raisins. Drop from spoon about one inch apart.

Things Worth Knowing

When the sewing machine belt becomes loose put a few drops of castor oil on the band, run the machine a few minutes and you will find the belt tightened. This is much easier than cutting and re-adjusting the strap.

If you let the butter cook while melting it the food to which it is added is liable to have an unpleasant taste. A good way is to melt it over hot water.

Lay a magazine (a small thick one) on your kitchen cabinet or cook table. When removing a vessel from stove set on the magazine, then tear off as many leaves as are soiled. Repeat until magazine is used. You will find this to be saving on your dish cloths.

To Preserve Eggs—To three gallons of rainwater add one pint coarse salt and one pint unslacked lime. Put in jar in which you wish to keep the eggs; allow to dissolve, stirring occasionally for three days. Then it is ready for the eggs, either all at once or as you wish to get them. This is a sure way to keep eggs for winter use. Keep jar in the cellar; cover to keep dark.

Place saucer of charcoal in refrigerator to purify and keep things from "tasting like each other."

Renovate Pillows—First wash them, contents and all, then take the bag from a vacuum cleaner and after ripping the end of each pillow, after it is washed, fit it tightly on the cleaner and turn on the electric current. The air thus created rapidly dries and livens the feathers. In a surprisingly short time they are as light and fluffy as new.

Oilcloth Wall Covering—Table oilcloth is an excellent wall finish to wainscoat height. Put it on over the painted wall, using the width of the oilcloth, which is one and a half yards wide. Use a cheap picture molding as a finish. In its place a narrow oilcloth border might be used. The oilcloth base can be wiped every week with a damp cloth, and after five years of wear will look well.

Never use sal soda to open a sink. It leaves a thick coating on pipes and constant use will clog them.

To prevent lard or butter from spattering when potatoes, eggs, etc., are dropped into it to fry, sift a very little flour into the fat just before they are put in.

Household Hints

The housewife who finds the washing of the bread mixer an unpleasant task should pour a little boiling water into the mixer and cover with a towel until the particles of dough become dislodged. It will be only a few minutes when she will be able to wash the mixer without the usual effort.

Moths will keep away from turpentine. When you go away for the summer it might be well to rub the inside woodwork of the piano with turpentine—it will obviate the danger of moth-eaten felt.

To prevent the coating on the in-

side of the coffee pot, fill the pot half full of water and add a tablespoonful of baking soda. Boil about fifteen minutes. If this is done once a week the coffee pot will always be bright on the inside.

If the running water has left a yellow stain in the porcelain bath tub or bowl, use spirits of salt. Rub on with a cloth and then wash in the usual way.

Odds and Ends

Save the old black stockings for cleaning dark clothing. Men's coat collars will not look shiny if rubbed occasionally with a black stocking saturated with grain alcohol.

If the leather traveling bag is so soiled it seems impossible for use, try rubbing it with a cloth dipped in spirits of wine. This will effectually remove all soiled spots from leather.

When the meat grinder or any

cooking appliance requires oiling use glycerine. This will not impart an unpleasant odor or taste to the food as other lubricants are liable to do.

Soap jelly, which is preferable to soap in washing delicate fabrics, is made by shaving half a pound of soap and pouring over it one quart of boiling water. Boil until soap is dissolved and pour into a vessel where you will have it ready for use.

Have you ever tried chopped raisins in fudge? They not only improve the flavor, but through their moisture they will keep the fudge fresh for several days.

Suet can be kept for weeks if you add plenty of flour while chopping it and cover the top with flour before setting it away.

If your black kid gloves have become worn at the finger tips mix a few drops of olive oil with the same

quantity of black ink and apply with a soft brush.

It will be an economy in fuel if when using the oven for baking, the vegetables are cooked in the oven at the same time. Place vegetables in covered vessel.

After you have worn shoes awhile wash the soles and expose to sun until perfectly dry. Remove all dust and give the soles a thick coating of varnish. When this is dry give a second coat and again expose to the sun. The same process may be repeated at a later date. You will find that the soles will outwear the uppers of your shoes.

A small funnel will prevent the flooding of the refrigerator when cleaning it if the hot water is poured through this into the pipe. Some housekeepers use a funnel for filling the tea kettle through the nozzle instead of taking a chance on burnt fingers, when filling it in the usual way.

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