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In using the finger bowl, dip the tips of the finger into the water, rinse them quickly and dry on the napkin.

ALL AROUND THE HOUSE.

A New Process for Decorating Screens, Dadoes, Plaques, Frames, etc.

A new art process for the decoration of surfaces has been introduced which is calculated to attract interest, says Decorator and Furnisher. It consists in the drying and metallized treatment of leaves and plants, which are so prepared as to be fixed on grounds of various kinds and applied to fire screens, dadoes, plaques, picture frames and other suitable articles.

The leaves and stalks of plants, having been dried by artificial heat, are artistically arranged and fastened in place; they are next covered with a coating of gum arabic, a camel's hair brush being used for the purpose, and this coating is followed by the application of any of the metallic colors imported with the vehicle provided by manufacturers for their use.

Taking, for instance, a panel, the plants and leaves are arranged on it according to a set design. Leaves and branches will be found sufficiently supple for arrangement in any position. Some of the leaves may completely stand out from the ground, others be only slightly attached, and have their edges brought forward. The attachment is made with glue. The leaves and stems may be colored according to nature, or given a uniform tint.

Household Pests.

In response to offers of prizes, housewives from every section of the country have been communicating to Good Housekeeping, a household magazine, their remedies for various household pests. The remedies suggested by these correspondents for the buffalo bug are few in number and include naphtha, aqua ammonia, and the East Indian insect powder. One correspondent affirms that the man has not been born who can promise or show a sure death to the buffalo carpet bug. Naphtha is the most common remedy.

To any readers who want to experiment with aqua ammonia, which a housewife assures will kill all the pests on the list, except flies, it is advised to obtain a quart of aqua ammonia and a large oiler, and fill any broken places in the plastering and every crack, not forgetting the floor. It is claimed that this will not discolor paint, burn varnish or fade carpets. For rug-flea, bugs saturate the infested places. The fumes, it is said, will kill.

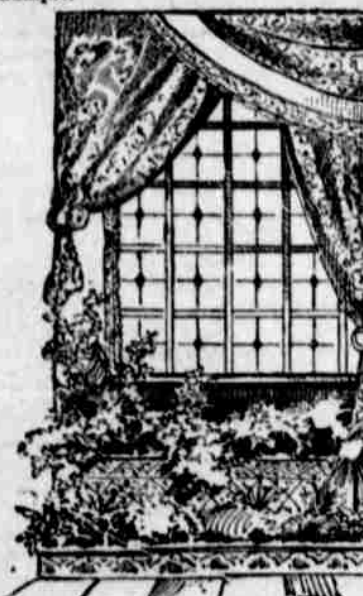
Judging by the number of remedies suggested for bedbugs, it would appear that these insects head the list of household pests. The remedies include Persian insect powder, alum water, corrosive sublimate, quicksilver, with white of egg; kerosene, salt water, borax, fumigation with sulphur and oil of sassafras. An Alabama correspondent advises the use of the oil from the red sassafras, to be applied with a feather or brush to the crevices and woodwork of the bedsteads infested.

Advocates of alum water advise that the alum be dissolved in water, one pound to two scant quarts of water; apply with a brush, boiling hot, to all the joints and crevices of bedstead, floor and mop boards. The quicksilver and egg are mixed together thoroughly with an old steel knife, one ounce of quicksilver to the white of one egg; this mixture is daubed on wherever the bugs are likely to appear.

A Pennsylvania correspondent who advocates the most common of remedies—i. e., corrosive sublimate—after making two or three applications of the sublimate finishes up with an application of quicksilver and white of egg.

A Handsome Window Arrangement.

Very attractive effects may be obtained by skillful treatment of the window upon a stair landing, for which the handsome arrangement shown in the cut may be taken as an example.



HANDSOME WINDOW ARRANGEMENT.

The window here represented is in stained glass hung with flowered silk looped with heavy cord ornaments and tassels. A box and tray of repousse brass filled with choice plants and ferns is placed against the dado of Japanese leather paper, which enhances the effect of flower and foliage. A pretty variation of this design could be arranged by the use of some of the various imitations or substitutes for stained glass, with cretonnes of good coloring for hangings, while a wooden box and tray in rustic work will appropriately replace the more costly brass.

French Fashions and Floral Designs.

The return to French fashions in house furnishing has revived floral designs for carpets, cretonnes and other upholstery and curtain materials. New carpets show graceful, irregular designs of flowers in pale tints, on very light grounds, of which cream and green are most popular. Cretonnes and glazed chintzes represent popular fabrics for upholstery and curtains in country houses, and are equally appropriate in any room from parlor to chamber.

Brilliant Window Decoration.

Painted designs may be executed on paper or linen in aniline colors that will appear semi-transparent against the light, even with several layers placed on each other, if the paper or linen is first dipped in camphor and allowed to dry. Decorator and Furnisher suggests ornamental forms thus colored and cut out as brilliant adornment for windows.

One Thing and Another.

Cut fresh lemons in thin slices and divide these into four parts. A good garnish for salads and made dishes. Fine table cloths and napkins should not be used so long as to become moulded. Vigorous rubbing will then be needed to clean them, and this wears them out.

Pour boiling hot water into the kitchen sink every day, and two or three times a week put a large lump of washing soda over the drain pipe and there will be no bad odors.

Twenty drops of carbolic acid evaporated from a hot shovel will go far to banish flies from a room, while a bit of camphor gum, the size of a walnut, held over a lamp till it is consumed, will do the same for the festering mosquito.

The Young People.

A small boy sojourning on the coast of Maine sent the following clipping to his father in Boston:

Examiner—What would you do in the case of a man with clammy sweats?

Budding Savitones—Advise him to give up clam.

The boy appended the following: "Dear papa, I thought you would appreciate the above, as you are having the sweat and I am having the clam."—Boston Journal.

A little girl in Lewiston who was ill the other evening called her mother to her bedside and said piously: "Mamma, I am awful sick. I just swallowed upward," and her mamma sympathized with her deeply.—Lewiston Journal.

"You seem to have quite a sum in your bank, Bobby," remarked the visitor. "Yes," said Bobby, "ma gives me ten cents a week for coming to the table with clean hands and face." "Ten cents is a good deal of money for a little boy to earn every week." "Yes, ma'am, but I have to do a large amount of work for it."—New York Sun.

A boy's description of having a tooth pulled expresses it about as well as anything we have seen: "Just before it killed me the tooth came out."—Exchange.

Moments of Torture.

She—Hush! Not another word.

He—Oh, don't decide now; don't, I beg of you. Take time to consider. Remember the happiness of a life—

"Do hush! For mercy's sake stop."

"Wait! I'll wait a century if need be. Like Jacob, I'll serve!"

She (after rushing frantically around the room and peeping into all the corners)—He isn't here after all!

"Who—whom? Oh, have I a rival—have?"

"Calm yourself, Mr. Nicefellow. I—I thought I heard my little brother in the room. Go on."—Philadelphia Record.

An Assistant Editor.



Citizen—I hear you are in the newspaper business, Uncle Rastus.

Uncle Rastus—Yes, sah; I do er journals' now. I be's write de stories.

Citizen—You do?

Uncle Rastus—Oh, yes; I keeps de flies offen de boss, sah.—Time.

Not Wholly a Superstition.

Mrs. Simdlett—Before going for your trunk, Mr. Newboarder, you might as well sit down to dinner. I will have an extra plate put on. Of course, I did not expect you today.

Mr. Newboarder—How many boarders have you, Mrs. Simdlett?

"Twelve. You will make the thirteenth."

"Thirteen at table! I will wait until supper time. I fear if the thirteen of us sat down to table one of us would die. You have only arranged for twelve, you say?"

"Why? What would the thirteenth die of?"

"Starvation!"—Philadelphia Record.

That Altered the Case.

Dr. Pillsbury (to patient)—My dear sir, all you need is plenty of outdoor exercise. Now, here is a little work that I would strongly advise you to read. It will teach you how to gain and preserve health. Its title is "Physical Culture for the Million," and—

Patient—But, doctor—

Dr. Pillsbury—Well!

Patient—I wrote that book.—Time.

Reductions.

Dealer—Jake, mark those rockers in the window \$45.

Jake—Forty-five dollars! Why, sir, you offered one of them yesterday morning to a man for \$18!

Dealer—I know it, but I'm going to have a take off sale of a dollar a day on those rockers, and I expect it'll be at least two weeks before they're all gone.—Detroit Free Press.

Not Altogether His Fault.

In the police court.

"Prisoner, whatever may be said of your offense, I must add that the character of your accomplice is simply atrocious; he belongs to the very obscuring of society."

"But, your honor, what could I do? It was impossible for me to lay my hand on any decent man who would help me."—Boston Beacon.

No Danger.

Burglar—I have followed the profession of housebreaking for ten years and have never been arrested. I have a new job nearly every night.

Pickpocket—But aren't you afraid the police will get the drop on you?

Burglar—Not much. I live next door to the station house.—Hotel Mail.

The Correct Time.

Dumley (who has sold a watch)—You told me, Robinson, that if I would let you have the watch you would pay me in thirty days. It's a good deal more than thirty days now.

Robinson—Not by that watch; that watch loses twelve hours out of the twenty-four.—New York Sun.

Identified.

Belle—Introduce me to your Pittsburg friend, dear. I hate to see a girl want all the good things in life.

Neil—How did you know he was a Pittsburg man?

Belle—By his ironical smile and steel blue eyes.—Boston Budget.

Had Had Opportunities to Learn.

"My son," said the judge, blandly, to the youthful witness, "do you know the nature of an oath?"

"I think I do, sir," replied the little boy, timidly; "my father has been betting on the Detroit's this season."—Chicago Tribune.

A Case in Point.

"Be mine," he cried with voice surcharged with anguish. "If you refuse me I shall die!" That was forty years ago, and the heartless girl refused him. Yesterday he died. Girls, beware.—Binghamton Republican.

Birds Without Wings.

The most unhappy feature about being a jail bird is said to be its inability to fly.—Binghamton Republican.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

Why Many People Drink a Glass of Water Before Meals.

A writer in Scientific American having found relief from long continued dyspepsia in the practice now so often recommended of drinking a glass of water before eating, gives the following explanation of its action:

In the morning the stomach contains a considerable quantity of mucus spread over and adherent to its walls. If food enters at this time the tenacious mucus will interfere, to some extent, with the direct contact between the food and the stomach necessary to provoke the secretion of gastric juice. A glass of water, taken before breakfast, passes through the stomach into the small intestines in a continuous and uninterrupted flow. It partly dissolves the stomach, stretching and to some extent obliterating the rugae; it thins and washes out most of the tenacious mucus; it increases the fullness of the capillaries of the stomach, directly if the water is warm, and indirectly in a reactionary way if it is cold; it causes peristalsis of the alimentary tract, wakes it up (so to speak), and gives it a morning exercise and washing. Care must be taken not to give cold water when the circulation, either local or general, is so feeble as to make reaction improbable. We should not risk it in advanced age, nor in the feeble, whether old or young, nor should it be given in local troubles, like chronic gastric catarrh. In these cases it is best to give warm or hot water. The addition of salt is very beneficial. Such a time honored custom as drinking soup at the beginning of a meal could only have been so persistently adhered to because of it having been found by experience to be the most appropriate time. It does exactly what warm or hot water, with the addition of salt does, and more, in that it is nutritive and excites the flow of gastric juice.

Care of the Complexion.

The best soap in general for washing the face is pure white Castile, though some of the better kinds of toilet soap are equally good. Where there is a tendency to eruptions the pure Castile soap has a healing effect where most soaps will aggravate the trouble. When possible, use soft water to wash in, but as around the city this is impracticable, a few drops of ammonia added to hard water will soften it wonderfully. Apropos of rain water for the skin, an old lady, who at the age of 97 years had skin as soft as velvet, attributed it to the constant use of rain water in washing. Never use soap on the face during the day, but just before retiring for the night wash the face with a soft cloth in warm water, using the Castile soap liberally. After drying the skin, rub it with vaseline or cold cream; in the morning wash this off, using a very little ammonia or soap in the water.

A few drops of the spirits of camphor added to the wash water twice a week is good to whiten the skin.

Many women who are in the country for the summer lose much benefit of sun and fresh air through fear of getting tanned if they go out except at certain hours of the day. If before going out they will powder the face well the danger is much lessened. Baby powder is very nice to use for this purpose, but if this is not at hand magnesia or even flour will do very well. There are few things more painful, and seemingly so slight, as sunburn, and the best remedy for this affection is the old-fashioned one, invariably recommended in the country, of using plenty of buttermilk. Bathe the parts affected liberally and often, allowing the liquid to dry on, and do not rinse it off. It is very cooling and relieves the smarting instantly. Cream is also used for this purpose, but it is not any better than the buttermilk.

SOCIAL ETIQUETTE.

Helps and Hindrances to a Successful Dinner Party.

There are many whose wealth and position entail upon them a certain amount of entertaining. Having, perhaps, no special motive for giving dinners, they invite people to their homes because it is rather expected that they should.

At all events, people must eat to live, and may as well make that necessity as agreeable in the performance as possible; so the question is, what constitutes a pleasant dinner? First and foremost, of course, the meats and drinks; for if failure in these things can make up for it. But supposing that part to be perfection, the next thing is perhaps not to let the dinner last too long. "Linked sweetness long drawn out" is all very well; but one may have too much of a good thing, and there is sometimes a sensation of thrill and dom felt at dinner parties which is anything but conducive to brilliancy, or even cheerfulness, and although it may happen that one's neighbors are exceptionally agreeable, that is not invariably the case, and when it is not, conversation is apt to flag and to require superhuman efforts to make it go at all.

A clever hostess will always try to invite such guests as are in harmony with each other; but it is impossible to manage this sometimes, so that allowance must be made for the human lumps of lead who have to be asked, and also for the electric sort of beings, who carry with them an atmosphere charged with elements of storm and disturbance, and who at an over long dinner become irritable and argumentative, while the leaden ones seem to grow heavier the longer they sit. The hostess herself, of course, one of the greatest helps or hindrances to a dinner. Self possessed and quiet, dressed becomingly to suit her own style, and above all never flurried or disturbed, but with eye and ear on the alert, she is charming, even without beauty of feature, and her influence over the table is great, even when the party is so large that conversation is practically a series of tete-a-tetes. She can and will, when one of the pauses occurs—which always does occur some time during the dinner—prevent the traditional "angel" being too slow in passing, by finding some topic to start her guests upon again, or some lively remark to make them laugh.

As regards the guests, it is impossible not to feel at times that such sacrifices have been made at the shrine of policy as to spoil the real brilliancy and pleasure of the party. People are not asked solely because of the value they represent, either in the way of riches or rank, when it may be that they are the dullest of the dull, without one spark of intellect to brighten their heavy personality or enliven their neighbors. However, we must take things as they are, and as society is now constituted it is not feasible to "weed out" all bore or unattractive people from dinners or any other social gatherings, but those who entertain do well to bear in mind that wit, humor, talent of some sort, or greater factors in the success of a dinner party than mere gold, if the possessors have nothing else to recommend them.

Avoid Fault Finding.

Be careful not to cultivate a disposition to find fault or depreciate. Indiscriminate praise is nauseating; but, on the other hand, indiscriminate condemnation is irritating. A man or woman of the world ought to have good appreciation and good depreciation—that is to say, a keen sense of the merits of a thing and an equally keen sense of its faults, with the good taste to speak moderately either way.

A Question of Time.

Another story about land speculation in the west is worthy of relating. It happened that a land scheme was organized at Los Angeles, and many San Francisco people entered heartily into the enterprise. Among the subscribers was a traveling salesman, whose business chance to take him to the town in which he had purchased his lot. Desiring to experience the novel sensation of a landlord, he determined to survey his property. The plans were got out, and to his horror he found that the lot he had purchased was situated one hundred yards from the shore, and that the Pacific ocean was at present in full possession of his claim. This was too much to be borne. He went back to San Francisco and sought the agent who had so badly tricked him. That official received him with bland urbanity and listened to his explanation with an amused smile. "My dear boy," said the agent, after he had finished the recital of his wrongs, "your land is all right. At present, it is true, the ocean covers your very desirable lot; but consider, sir, the Pacific ocean is receding from the coast at the rate of two inches a year, and in about 800 years your property will be the finest in the state. Good morning." The agent is living yet.—Philadelphia Times.

Easily Remedied.

Among the theatrical properties was a figure of a colossal elephant. In each leg was placed a boy, whose movements were carefully contrived to imitate the action of the real animal. Immediately after its introduction on the scene, and while the Bluebeard, ungallant slayer of female beauty, was fretting and ranting on his back, the under prompter ran into the green room, seeking the manager, with consternation in his face. On finding him, the poor prompter exclaimed: "Oh, Lord, sir, the right leg of the elephant has got blind drunk and is boxing on the stage with the left, which is fast asleep all the while, dreaming about nothing at all, and Mr. Abomilique doesn't know what to do with the beast."

"Return instantly," was the mimic monarch's command, "discharge the two fore legs and put the hind ones in their place."—Detroit Free Press.

A Fireman's Picnic.

Jobson—Halloo, Dobson. See the piano factory fire last night?

Dobson—Yes. Firemen worked like beavers.

Jobson—No, they didn't; they had a regular picnic.

Dobson—I don't see how you make that out.

Jobson—Weren't they playing on the pianos?—New York Sun.

A Nice Legal Question.

Magistrate (to Uncle Rastus, who has been unfortunate again)—Your name, prisoner?

Uncle Rastus—Must I giv' my name, sah?

Magistrate—Certainly.

Uncle Rastus—Well, now, yo honah, I done understand frum de lawyer dat nobody am compelled to say nuffin wot has er tendency ter convict hisself.—Life.

His Choice of a Story.

Young Featherly (indulgently)—Bobby, would you like to sit on my knee and have me tell you a story?

Bobby (who isn't stuck on Featherly's stories)—Er—yes, please.

Young Featherly—And what kind of a story shall it be, Bobby?

Bobby—A short story, please.—The Epoch.

Not Complete Yet.

A genius has invented a fatiron which, by the expansion of heat, rings a little bell when it is hot enough for use. It will not give complete satisfaction unless the bell also rings a few seconds before a man sits on it, when his wife thoughtlessly places it on a chair for a minute or two.—Norristown Herald.

Marine Euphony.

Gorgonson—It tires me dreadfully to come on board with the man wopes.

Mr. Sprays. Cawn't you invent some easiah way?

Skipper of Gorgonson's new yacht—Certainly, sir; we'll hoist you aboard with the donkey engine hereafter, sir.—Time.

Two of a Kind.

Buyer—How much are these trousers, Mr. Solomon?

Mr. S.—Well, mein friend, vo are just givin' dose pants away.

Buyer (tearfully)—Thanks—thanks! I'll take this pair.

[Exit rapidly with trousers.]—Life.

A Dull Evening.

Miss Ethel—Did you have a pleasant time at the Wabash party last night, Clara?

Miss Clara—Not very, Ethel; I wasn't feeling at all like my usual self. I danced but four times, and only went in to supper once.—The Epoch.

Why Not Ask Her to Come Around?

Clarrissa writes: "What effect has kissing on the lips?"

Kissing on the lips has a very pleasant effect, Clarrissa, we assure you. If there is anything else Clarrissa wants to know she should not hesitate to ask.—Lowell Citizen.

Why She Went Home.

First Guest (at summer health resort)—You are going home early this season, Mrs. Canton.

Second Guest—Yes, I have to go, for my health.—Cartoon.

A Triffo Mixed.

An economist exclaims that three cigars a day will supply a family with meat. The economist has evidently got his facts mixed. He means cabbage.—Binghamton Republican.

Suggesting a Cure.

Smith (deaf)—What's the matter, Jones?

Jones—I've got the headache.

Smith (who mistakes it for the toothache)—Why don't you have it filled?—Arcola Record.

End of the Sine Family.

A Cincinnati man named Sine has died childless. In other words, he died and left no Sine.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

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