

the hips, as this will cause the placket to pull apart.

If thin about the neck, lay a piece of thin sheet wadding between the lining and the outside, when fitting a tight waist; tacking it to the lining, and thus fill out the hollow places. If the form is very full, take up a tiny dart diagonal from the armhole toward the top of the second front dart, having it almost straight across the lining.

Cloth and velvets must be cut with all the pieces running one way, or they will shade differently. Goods having a "nap" must have all the pieces cut running one way, either up or down.

In basting, always stretch the front of the shoulder seam little as the back of the form naturally rounds a trifle more or less.

Query Box

L. L.—Brandy contains about 50 per cent alcohol.

Mysie—It is said that the gum on the back of the United States postage stamp is made from the sweet potato, as being the most harmless preparation for the purpose.

Mrs. S.—For the linen waist, use hot starch to which has been added a tablespoonful of sugar. The sugar will cause the linen to retain its stiffness a longer time.

Traveller—For the sleeping car, a dark silk or sateen kimona to sleep in, a change of collar and cuffs, and the usual toilet article are all you will need for a one-night journey.

Annie R.—Vegetable ivory is made from the ivory nuts, the fruit of a species of palm which grows in South America. The trees require at least fifteen years' growth before they bear fruit of a quality suitable for commercial purposes. For industrial purposes, the tusk of the elephant, the hippopotamus, the walrus, the narwhal, and the sperm whale are used. The best ivory is that which comes from near the Equator.

Tottie M.—Mud stains are sometimes hard to remove from silk. Try rubbing the stain with a soft, clean piece of flannel; if this does not remove it, dip a piece of soft linen in alcohol and rub the stain with that. Mud stains are sometimes removed by rubbing the stain with the cut side of a potato.

Annie R.—For cleaning the bath sponges, mix half a cupful of salt

and three tablespoonfuls of sal soda, and pour over this one gallon of boiling water. Soak the sponges in this until it is cold, then wash in soap suds, rinse well and dry.

Housewife—To remove the paint spilled on the floor, rub over the spot a coating of equal parts of lime and sal soda; let the coating stay on for twenty-four hours, then wash with warm water. Hot vinegar will sometimes remove paint from window glass, especially if it is fresh.

Mud or Dust Stains

A reader recommends this for removing mud stains from white silk: Rub on the stain a little white soap, then cover with gasoline and let lie for some hours, then rub carefully between the hands, rinsing in clean gasoline to remove any streak or sediment, then hang to dry out of doors. The gasoline may be poured off of any settlements and bottled for use again, but it is best to use it only for colored things.

For washing a white plume, or any feathers that are soiled, give a bath of gasoline, dipping up and down until clean, then rinse in clean gasoline, shake dry and leave out of doors until the fluid is evaporated. Gasoline must never be used where there is a particle of fire or flame. Shake the plume often while drying.

Many spots that look like grease spots are simply the lodgement of dust on a damp spot. One of the very best cleansers for spots is good castile soap and benzine or gasoline. Keep in a safe spot a bottle of good benzine, naphtha or gasoline, and a piece of good castile soap. When spots are first discovered, make a lather of the soap, and with a soft tooth brush and a clean, soft flannel rag, apply the mixture of suds and fluid to the spots, and this will cleanse them. In careful hands, there are few things better as cleansers than the above named fluids.

Housekeeping Helps

Sponge cakes have heavy streaks near the bottom when the stove has been jarred, or slamming of the oven door soon after the dough has been put in the oven. Anything that quickly chills the stove will cause the same trouble. It is the same with cakes containing butter.

Bread made with compressed yeast should be sponged in the morning. If allowed to remain over night, unless a very small quantity of the yeast has been used, the yeast will outgrow itself, die, and the bread will be heavy. Made from dried yeast, it must be sponged at night, or it will be heavy. With dried yeast, sponge, then, when light, give a thorough kneading, and put into pans to rise, baking when raised to double the bulk of the kneaded dough.

Meat Stews

One recipe will answer for all sorts of meats. Cut two pounds of meat into cubes of one inch; put them in a hot pan, and shake the pan over the fire until each piece of meat is thoroughly seared; put two tablespoonfuls of either butter, oil or suet into a sauce pan and add two tablespoonfuls of flour and mix thoroughly. Add one pint of stock or water and stir until boiling. Add a level teaspoonful of salt, a bay leaf, a slice of onion and one teaspoonful of kitchen bouquet. Add the meat, cover the saucepan and cook slowly, just below the boiling point, for two hours. Garnish the dish with squares of toasted bread or with dumplings.

To make the dumplings, sift one

pint of flour with one teaspoonful of baking powder, and half a teaspoonful of salt, two or three times. Then add to the flour sufficient milk to just moisten the flour. Mix quickly. Drop the dough by teaspoonfuls all over the top of the meat fifteen minutes before it is done; cover the pan; put it over a moderate fire and cook the dumplings slowly for fifteen minutes. Do not lift the lid during this time. Then dish the dumplings around the edge of a platter and put the meat in the center. Garnish with finely-chopped parsley.

Irish stew is a light stew garnished with potatoes; the neck of mutton, cut in even-sized pieces is the best for this purpose.

Brown fricassees and ragouts are made according to the first recipe, browning the meats first. Garnish a fricassée with sweet potatoes or corn fritters, or squares of toasted bread and guava jelly.

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