

his arms and ankles. One reason why, in spite of reason and torrid weather, picnic parties always have a dance on the lawn the moment lunch is over is to shake the ants out of their clothes. Nobody ever really assigned this as the reason, before; but everybody feels it, and they feel the ants, too; hence their antics. Man has no reciprocal love for the ant; it neither improves his food or his mood, and so the one-sided romance of misplaced affection in nature lies before the naturalist an unsolved riddle. It would be more interesting to know how this love for man developed and how to stop it than is all we are told as to the stratagems, plans, tricks, affections, caution and great courage of ants in other relations. The more ants we eat at our picnics, the more we find there the next time; the more we carry home in our clothes, the greater the supply remaining, and what we most want to know is, how to bring about a deficit in the ant crop."—Charles Dudley Warner.

**Cutting Glass With Scissors**

Mrs. C. G. wishes to know how to cut glass with scissors, as she has heard that it can be done. The only light I can find on the subject is this: "You can, if you know how, cut a pane of glass with an ordinary pair of scissors as easily as you can cut a sheet of card board. The secret consists in cutting your glass under water. Say, under water in an ordinary wash-tub, submerging glass, hands and scissors; under these conditions the glass cuts in curved or straight lines without crack or sliver. The density of the water kills the vibrations of the glass and it is vibration, and that only, which causes glass to break. If the least bit of glass projects above the water, the experiment will be a failure."—Pictorial Review.

**Some Reminders**

Tender feet are the cause of much suffering to women who do housework in hot weather. For this, the feet should be soaked in a bath of hot salt water, then have cold water dashed over them, dried, and well rubbed with witch hazel. For callous soles, rub well with cold cream, and in the morning dust the feet with talcum powder. This will make the feet less tender. After the salt bath, a rub with wood alcohol will often relieve the aching, burning sensation caused by too long standing. The cleanliness of the feet can not be too strongly urged, as much of bodily comfort depends upon their condition. A tight stocking is often the cause of discomfort, and in buying either shoes or stockings, it is well to insist on a perfect fit, rather than the fashion.

**Removing Stains**

To remove mildew from cottons, dissolve two ounces of chloride of lime in one quart of boiling water; add three quarts of cold water; Mildew may sometimes be removed from linen by wetting spots, rubbing chalk on them and exposing to hot sunshine. Diluted ammonia will take spots out of woollens.

It is very difficult to remove stains of milk or coffee from light-colored or finely finished materials. If the stained material is woolen or mixed goods, moisten with mixture of one part glycerine, nine parts water and one-half part household ammonia. Apply with brush and allow to remain half a day, renewing the moistening occasionally, then rub with a clean cloth and press the stained pieces between cloths. If the material is silk, use five parts glycerine, five parts water and one-fourth part ammonia; allow to remain six hours, then remove remaining dry substance by means of a knife; rub with

clean cloth, brush with clean water and press between cloths. To restore the finish to silk, brush lightly with a very thin solution of gum arabic, dry and press carefully.

**Gleanings**

Sneer not at old clothes; they are often made sacred by long sacrifices, careful folding away, and close darnings, that they may serve until some noble end is attained. If many an old coat or oft-turned dress could speak, what tales they could tell of the nobleness of the heart they have covered.

A true friend is he who not only shows himself a friend when the frowns of misfortune fall upon us, but, even when we treat him as a foe, builds friendship's altar higher and firmer with the very stones cast against him by our folly and perverseness.

Men of much will and little talent are often wedded to women of genius; their wisdom is a rebuke to the folly of their husbands, and is resented as such. A woman of a high order of genius will attend to all the duties of her position as far as possible and, if the cultivation of literature occasions discomfort to her family, she will uncomplainingly resign her tastes to their happiness. Women who neglect their family for the reading of trashy literature, claiming that they are superior to household "drudgery" have generally the smallest possible right to be considered literary women or women of superior talents. A really talented woman—one who has, by divine right, a message to be delivered to the world, will find her voice without neglecting her duties; or a mouth-piece will be furnished her. The message will be delivered.

Over-crammed students rarely turn out well; those who can not be crammed often do. It is better to be comparatively ignorant at twenty-five than a prodigy at ten. The most useful part of a man's education is not that learned at schools and colleges. The world is the university in which the grandest and most useful lessons are taught, and he who desires to be a man among men should not despise the paths which lie through the market places of mankind. The finest wisdom is that acquired by observation, reflection and the independent exercise of the well-trained judgment.

**Query Box**

Home Seamstress—See answer under heading "For the Sewing Room."

Several Readers—See answers to queries under other headings. Other recipes will be given later.

Mrs. D.—Gather the leaves of any highly-scented plant, such as lemon verbena, rose geranium, etc., dry, and put a few handfuls in the filling of porch pillows and sachets, and the fragrance will be lasting.

L. L.—Turpentine, or benzine will remove the paint or varnish from cottons or woollens; after saturating with either, scrape off the loosened substance, wash the article in soap-suds, rinse well and dry.

"Distressed"—For the tanned complexion, wash with a solution of carbonate of soda and a little lemon juice; then, to counteract the chemicals, wash with fuller's earth-water, or the juice of green grapes. It is claimed that the juice of ripe tomatoes rubbed over the skin will bleach it beautifully.

John G.—The size of different manufacturers vary considerably. The "15" collar of one maker may be 15 1/4 or 14 3/4 of another maker. Too large a collar makes the neck look scrawny, while too small a collar will not only be uncomfortable, but will set badly at certain points and strain the buttonhole. Some processes used by laundries to secure

proper results are very injurious to linen.

Emma K.—This is probably the formula you wish: Gather the geranium leaves and fill a pint jar with them, pressing down lightly, and cover with glycerine; let stand three or four days, or until the fragrance is extracted from the leaves, then press or squeeze out the glycerine and bottle. A few drops of this added to the bath or wash water imparts a delightful fragrance. Fragrant rose leaves, the foliage of lemon verbena, and other scented plants may be treated the same way for the toilet.

**Contributed Recipes**

Preserved Cranberry with Citron—Cook three cupfuls of citron, peeled and cut into dice, in water until tender. Add two cupfuls of picked-over cranberries and weigh the mixture; then add three-fourths pound of granulated sugar to each pound of fruit, and the juice of one lemon; simmer until the fruit looks clear and rich, bottle and seal. For palatable sweets for immediate use, two cupfuls of sugar should be added to four cupfuls of the fruit.

Ripening Green Tomatoes after Frost—Before the first frost kills the vines, gather all the tomatoes that are full-sized, and wrap each in newspaper; lay away in a dark closet and look at them every few days, using the ripening ones for soups, or for sauces. If put in the sunshine, they will rot.

Baked Peppers with Eggs—Select the bull-nose variety of peppers, remove a slice from the stem end; scoop out all seeds and white membranes, rinse in cold water. Stuff with a forcemeat made of seasoned mashed potatoes, or boiled and creamed carrots, cauliflower or cabbages. Clip a little from the ends so they will stand upright in a buttered baking pan, but not enough to allow the contents to drop out. Set in a hot oven and bake twenty minutes, baste with melted butter and a little water. Then draw the pan out of the oven and drop carefully on top of each pepper an egg; dust with salt and pepper and put back in the oven to become set, but not overcooked. Serve on rounds of toast. These are nice for luncheons.

Baked Egg Plant—Wash, but do not peel; put in a deep pot of boiling water and cook until tender—about half an hour; remove from the water and cut a slice from the top, scoop out the pulp carefully, chop the pulp, season with salt, pepper, paprika, two tablespoonfuls of chopped parsley, half a pound of cooked and minced ham; fill the shell, sprinkle with cracker crumbs mixed with egg yolk, and bake in oven for half an hour. Garnish with nice ripe tomatoes, sliced.—Eden M. Schultz, Illinois.

**For the Laundry**

White silk ties, blouses, handkerchiefs, scarfs, are all washed in the same way. First wet them in cold water to which a little borax has been added; then wash them in a lather of warm (not hot) suds made with castile or other vegetable oil soap, handling lightly and rubbing if necessary gently between the hands. Do not twist in wringing, but gently squeeze with the hands; rinse well in clear water, then pass through slightly blueed water, fold in a clean cloth and pass through a wringer. Let get nearly dry, and iron on the wrong side with a moderately hot iron—if too hot, it will scorch or yellow. Small articles may be dried by rolling in a clean white cloth. For colored silks, do not use the borax, or bluing. If there is doubt about the fastness of the colors, soak in salted water for a few minutes, but the salt must be carefully washed

out with clear water before washing in the suds. Do not rub soap on any delicate material.

Several soaps are on the market with directions not to boil the articles washed, as there is no need. For colored goods, or articles not specially desired to be kept snow-white, the soaps are very good; but there is nothing like a good scald to whiten dingy clothes and remove foreign materials.

Among the worst stains and the hardest to be removed are those made by sauces and pickles containing patent vinegars; the chemical properties refuse to disappear by any ordinary method. In order to remedy this, tell your chemist what kind of material is stained, and with what, and he can generally give you a preparation to destroy the stain. What will take the stain out of linen will ruin silk. It is best to get the right remedy rather than try your own.

Remember that flour starch is one of the best "suds" in which to wash white or colored linens or cottons. No soap, and no starch. Just wash and rinse and hang out.

**A SATISFIED SOLDIER**

Colonel H. N. Renouf at the Old Guard banquet at Delmonico's emphasized the importance to an army of a good commissariat.

"You have perhaps heard," he said, "of the company of privates that a patriotic lady entertained one Memorial day at dinner.

"It was a good dinner, and at its end a pretty maid servant entered with a superb dessert. 'Desert, sergeant?' she said to the stalwart young soldier at the head of the table. 'Desert?' the sergeant answered. 'When I can get eats like this for nothin'? Nixie! Not me!'" —Louisville Times.

**PRESSED HARD**

**Coffee's Weight on Old Age**

When prominent men realize the injurious effects of coffee and the change in health that Postum can bring, they are glad to lend their testimony for the benefit of others.

A superintendent of public schools in a southern state says: "My mother, since her early childhood, was an inveterate coffee drinker, had been troubled with her heart for a number of years and complained of that 'weak all over' feeling and sick stomach.

"Some time ago, I was making an official visit to a distant part of the country and took dinner with one of the merchants of the place. I noticed a somewhat peculiar flavor of the coffee, and asked him concerning it. He replied that it was Postum. I was so pleased with it that, after the meal was over, I bought a package to carry home with me, and had wife prepare some for the next meal; the whole family liked it so well that we discontinued coffee and used Postum entirely.

"I had really been at times very anxious concerning my mother's condition, but we noticed that after using Postum for a short time, she felt so much better than she did prior to its use, and had little trouble with her heart and no sick stomach; that the headaches were not so frequent, and her general condition much improved. This continued until she was as well and hearty as the rest of us.

"I know Postum has benefited myself and the other members of the family, but in a more marked degree in the case of my mother, as she was a victim of long standing."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.