

may smart a little at first. Before going to the druggist, try these simple, effective home remedies. If no "good" results, no harm will be done. But they are all good. Try them.

Query Box

Jennie F.—Rub the white spots made by setting hot dishes on the table, with a flannel cloth wet with wood alcohol, rubbing vigorously and polish immediately with a soft, dry cloth or chamomile skin.

Mrs. F. J.—For covering the scratches on the furniture, take one quart of paraffine oil (not wax), ten cents worth of wood alcohol and one quart of good vinegar. Mix this well, and shake well before using. Rub the scratches well with this, using a woolen cloth. This will hide marks, stains and scratches, if properly applied.

J. L.—For the shoes that are subject to much wetting, mix a quarter of a pound of mutton suet, three ounces of beeswax, two ounces of resin, one gill of boiled linseed oil, and melt all thoroughly over heat. Apply while hot to the leather every two or three weeks. A little ivory black stirred into this will make an excellent dressing.

Chalice—For library paste that will keep, dissolve one ounce of alum in a little boiling water, wet up flour enough in the remainder of the water (one quart should be used) while cold to make a thin paste; stir in one teaspoonful of powdered resin, several drops of oil of cloves, mix and boil, stirring constantly until thoroughly cooked. Cover tightly in small jars and keep in a cool place.

Frances—Here is a formula for green soap, given by a beauty doctor: Three ounces each of green castile soap, water, alcohol and glycerine. Heat the water with the soap shaved in it until the soap is dissolved, then add the glycerine and stir again. Take from the stove and add the alcohol when it cools a little, stirring well.

Mrs. E. C.—For salted almonds, shell the almonds, pour boiling water over the kernels and let stand until the brown skins slip off readily, drain and skin quickly. This is called blanching them. For one-half pound of almonds, put one teaspoonful of butter in a shallow pan and add the kernels; put in a moderately hot oven, shake the pan often until the nuts are slightly brown, sprinkle lightly with salt and let remain in the oven until as brown as you wish, shaking frequently to brown them even. Treat peanut kernels the same way.

General Household

When cakes, pies, bread, etc., are scorched in the baking, take a common grater and grate off the burnt surface; this does not break the food as a knife will, and does not give a ragged surface.

When wishing to remove old paint from articles of furniture, make a solution of two pounds of sal soda and half a pound of lime to six quarts of boiling water. The lime must be unslaked. Stir until thoroughly dissolved, over heat, and let boil a few minutes, then remove and let settle. Drain off the solution and use as any other lye—this is caustic soda, and will eat the hands. The paint will soften, and can be scraped or scoured off.

When the floor rugs begin to roll up at the edges, turn the rug upside down and rub thick flour paste well into the wrong side (which is now uppermost) and keep flat until perfectly dry.

Lace and other curtains will stay clean much longer if flour starch is used than when stiffened with the corn starch. The flour starch can be

"blued" so as to make the curtains white or, if care is taken in making it, it will need very little bluing.

When the mattress has served as long as it will, empty the contents and wash the cover, patch all holes or thin places, and slip it over the new one. This will keep the new one clean and fresh, and it can be taken off and washed frequently.

For table linen, sheets, blankets, counterpanes, when washed, hang on the line with the two hem edges together, pinning firmly by this edge. This will keep them straight.

Take a box of the required size—a cracker box is good, and cover it with white or marbled oil cloth, tack-

ing the cloth on with brass headed tacks. Little brass clasps, or corner protectors are not expensive, and add to the attractiveness. This is handy.

Water-Proofing Footwear

A writer in the Scientific American recommends the following for rendering footwear water-proof. Heat in an iron vessel either fish-oil or castor oil, or tallow, to about 250 degrees Fahrenheit, then cut into small pieces vulcanized or raw India rubber, about one-fifth the weight of the oil, and add gradually, stirring with a wooden spatula until the rubber is completely dissolved in the oil; to give it color, add a small

amount of printer's ink. Pour into a suitable vessel and let cool; one or two applications of this is sufficient to thoroughly water-proof a pair of boots or shoes for a season. Boots or shoes dressed with this will take common shoe blacking with great facility. The above is not injurious to the leather, will keep out moisture and leave the material soft and pliable.

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Porter—"Bout fifty cents wuth, sir."—Boston Transcript.

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