

AROUND THE HOUSE

LITTLE POINTERS THAT ARE OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Grape Juice a Pleasant Winter Drink and Easily Made—Rug from Bits of Colored Silks and Ribbon.

A pleasant winter drink is grape juice, which can be easily made at home for very much less than is charged in the shops. To make a drink that will keep for two years in a dark place, add one quart of water to three quarts of picked grapes and cook until the grapes are broken up. Strain twice, once through cheesecloth, and once through flannel. Add sufficient sugar and boil, being careful not to make too sweet a syrup; one or two cupsfuls of sugar to two gallons of juice should suffice, according to the flavor of the fruit. Bottle it hot and seal securely. A mixture of two or more kinds of grapes gives the best result, Delaware and Niagara, and Catawba, Niagara and Concord being excellent combinations. A quart can be made for as low as ten cents, if the fruit is bought when it is at bottom price, and preserved quickly.

An entrée which is easy to prepare and seasonally just now is baked tomatoes. For this dish select six large, smooth, ripe, and round tomatoes. Put them in a baking pan with the stems down. Cut a thin slice from the smooth end of each, and take out as much pulp as possible without spoiling the firmness and shape. Mix the pulp and juice with bread crumbs, a little chopped meat—ham or lamb or chicken is the best—salt, pepper, a little butter, a quarter of a green pepper, and half a teaspoonful of onion juice. Fill the tomatoes with the mixture, replace the little lids, and bake for about three-quarters of an hour. Serve with garnish of parsley.

Probably everybody knows that very pretty rugs can be made from bits of colored silks and ribbon, but in case some one has a lot of "pieces" and does not know what to do with them, we make this suggestion. Select only bits of harmonizing shades, pink and brown, red and dull green and black, yellow and dark green, purple, black and cream color, and cut the pieces into strips of even width, sewing the ends together firmly. Roll into balls and send them to a weaver of carpets, with instructions not to use any discordant color for binding them together. You will be surprised at the soft, artistic effect of old scraps. A really charming portiere or couch-cover will be the reward of a little patience and very little expenditure.

The walls of a kitchen should be of varnished or painted plaster, or covered with a heavy glazed paper such as are used in bathrooms. A wainscot of tiles or varnished wood saves the plaster where it is likely to get many knocks, and should be protected at the base by a narrow baseboard, fitting tightly so that no cracks can admit objectionable visitors from the neighboring flats. Floors should be covered with a good linoleum, unless the architect has put in tiles, which are the ideal flooring. A painted wood surface would be satisfactory if it did not need constant renewing, as the use of scrubbing brushes and soap soon washes it off.

Governor's Sauce.

One peck of green tomatoes, six red or green peppers, half pint of grated horseradish, half pint of salt, four large onions, half pint of brown sugar, one teaspoonful of ground clove, one tablespoonful of ground allspice, one teaspoonful of white pepper, vinegar enough to cover the ingredients, making about two quarts.

Slice the tomatoes and sprinkle salt over them. Let them stand over night. In the morning drain off the liquor and put altogether in the preserving kettle. Add the seasonings and the peppers and onions, chopped fine. Pour over them enough vinegar to cover them well. Simmer the sauce for half an hour and put on and seal.

Use of Amber Combs.

Probably the newest decoration for the hair is the use of amber combs of all descriptions. Very light amber for very dark hair, dark amber for very light blonde hair, always seeking as great a contrast as possible. Furthermore, as to the style of the combs, all of them have the olive shaped tops. A large comb is used in the back with at least two side combs. Since the run on gold-mounted combs, and the consequently cheapening of the style has come about, the beautiful translucent amber comes as a welcome change, and it is universally becoming not only to blondes, but to brunettes.

Fine Mouth Wash.

A very fine mouth wash is made by combining: One ounce of tincture of orris, one ounce of essence of white rose, one ounce of alcohol, 20 drops of peppermint. Pour a few drops in half a glass of water and rinse the mouth thoroughly.

Breath Sweetener.

A simple breath sweetener is made by taking one pint of distilled water and adding to it one tablespoonful of pure borax, one ounce of liquid myrrh and five drops of thymol. One tablespoonful can be added to a glass of water. Use three times a day.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

Burning Off Paint Makes Insurance Void.

It seems that considerable danger to property exists in the practice of burning off old paint before re-painting. The question has long been a subject of debate in the technical journals, and now householders and the newspapers have begun to discuss it. Those of us who, with trembling, have watched the painters blow a fiery blast from their lamps against our houses, and have looked sadly at the size of our painting bill because of the time wasted on this preliminary work, are interested in the investigation by the Greenfield (Mass.) Gazette and Courier, which gives considerable space to the reasons for the practice, questions its necessity and suggests ways to prevent the risk of burning down one's house in order to get the old paint off. It says:

"There is a good deal of discussion among householders as to the desirability, in painting houses, of burning off the old paint, a practice that has grown very common of late in Greenfield and elsewhere. Insurance men are strongly opposed to this method. It makes void insurance policies for fires caused in this manner. Several houses in Greenfield have gotten afire as the result of this method, and in some places houses have burned as a result."

"It is undoubtedly true that when a house has been painted over and over again there comes to be an accumulation of paint in bunches. If new paint is put on top of these accumulations it is almost sure to blister. To burn it off is the quickest and cheapest and perhaps the surest method of getting rid of this old paint."

"The Gazette and Courier quotes certain old patrons to the effect that accumulations of paint are unnecessary. These old-timers lay the blame partly on the painter who fails to brush his paint in well, partly on the custom of painting in damp weather or not allowing sufficient time for drying between coats, and partly to the use of adulterated paints instead of old-fashioned linseed oil and pure white lead. The paper says:

"Many of the old householders say that if care is taken at all these points it is absolutely unnecessary to have paint burned off. They advise that people who have houses painted should buy their own materials, and to have them put on by the day, so as to be sure to get good lead and oil. Of course the burning off of paint greatly increases the cost of the job."

"The trouble householders everywhere have with paint is pretty well summed up by our contemporary, and the causes are about the same everywhere. By far the most frequent cause of the necessity for the dangerous practice of burning old paint is the use of poor material. The oil should be pure linseed and the white lead should be real white lead. The latter is more often tampered with than the oil. Earthy substances, and pulverized rock and quartz, are frequently used as cheapeners, to the great detriment of the paint."

Painters rarely adulterate white lead themselves and they very seldom use ready prepared paints—the most frequent causes of paint trouble. But they do often buy adulterated white lead because the property owner insists on a low price and the painter has to economize somewhere. The suggestion is therefore a good one that the property owner investigate the subject a little, find out the name of some reliable brand of white lead, and see that the keg is marked with that brand."

The linseed oil is more difficult to be sure of, as it is usually sold in bulk when the quantity is small; but reliable makers of linseed oil can be learned on inquiry, and, if your dealer is reliable, you will get what you want. Pure white lead and linseed oil are so necessary to good paint that the little trouble necessary to get them well repays the house owner in dollars and cents saved."

Hunters Mauleo by Lioness.

A fight between two hunters and an infuriated lioness is reported from British East Africa. Messrs. Lucas and Goldfinch left Nairobi on a shooting expedition, and when five miles from the town the lioness was observed.

While the men stood at the edge of the thicket the brute pounced on Mr. Goldfinch and threw him to the ground. It bit him on the thigh before Mr. Lucas lodged a bullet in its neck.

Maddened by the wound, the animal turned its attention to Mr. Lucas, whose horse it felled and then planned the rider to the ground, inflicting lacerations on his face and biting his right arm. He was saved by Mr. Goldfinch, who, sitting up, rolled the lioness over with a well-aimed shot.

The beast was about to spring on its victim again when another discharge from the same weapon proved fatal. The wounded men were taken back to town, where they received medical aid.

Floating Exposition.

Three hundred British firms have contributed to an exhibit of goods which is displayed on the lower decks of a former military transport, and will be sent from London to different parts of Canada, the West Indies, South America, South Africa, India, China, Japan and Australia. The voyage is expected to last 12 months.

Swallowed by the Sea.

During 1905 there were wrecked, burned and foundered at sea 297 steam vessels, of a net aggregate tonnage of 253,611, and 296 sailing vessels of 214,600 tons.

WORST FORM OF ECZEMA.

Black Spots All Over Face—Affected Parts Now Clear as Ever—Cured by the Cuticura Remedies.

"About four years ago I was afflicted with black spots all over my face and a few covering my body, which produced a severe itching irritation, and which caused me a great deal of annoyance and suffering, to such an extent that I was forced to call in two of the leading physicians of my town. After a thorough examination of the dreaded complaint they announced it to be skin eczema in its worst form. They treated me for the same for the length of one year, but the treatment did me no good. Finally my husband purchased a set of the Cuticura Remedies, and after using the contents of the first bottle of Cuticura Resolvent in conjunction with the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, the breaking out entirely stopped. I continued the use of the Cuticura Remedies for six months, and after that every spot was entirely gone and the affected parts were left as clear as ever. The Cuticura Remedies not only cured me of that dreadful disease, eczema, but other complicated troubles as well. Lizzie E. Sledge, 540 Jones Ave., Selma, Ala., Oct. 28, 1905."

Serve as Illuminants.

The fire-flies of Jamaica emit so brilliant a light that a dozen of them, enclosed within an inverted tumbler, will enable a person to read or write at night without the least difficulty. Indeed, it is an expedient to which many resort. These flies are in size as large as a common hive bee, and perfectly harmless. Their appearance in unusual numbers acts as a harbinger to the natives, and is an indication of approaching rain.

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

Practiced What He Preached.

Rev. Denis P. O'Flynn, of New York city, used to say that priests ought to die poor and he practiced what he preached. Aside from a valuable library given to the Paulist fathers he has left no discoverable estate—no money in bank, no money in the rectory. "He died as poor as the proverbial church mouse," says his assistant, Father Corrigan. "What little insurance he carried will barely cover the funeral expenses. He never saved a penny for himself. After keeping the house on his meager salary he gave away all he had."

Plumage of the Bluebird.

Of the male bluebird Thoreau said: "He carries the sky on his back." To this John Burroughs added, "and the earth on his breast." The bird's back, wings and tail, chin and throat are a vivid blue, while his breast and flanks are a chestnut brown and his abdomen a dirty white. The female is very much duller in coloring, often having a reddish tone that extends from the middle of her back over the shoulder. The Seminole Indians say that the male bluebird once flew so high that his back rubbed against the sky, which imparted to him its own azure tint. Returning to earth, his wife so admired his new coat that she determined to have a like one for herself and the next morning flew away to get it; but the day proving somewhat cloudy, the color given to her dress was not so brilliant as was that received by her mate."

Russian Epicurean Coffee.

This coffee is made of a quantity of coffee, fruit and cognac in an open bowl. The coffee is first laid in the bowl and a quantity of finely chopped apples and pears make a second layer. The whole is then covered with cognac, which is lighted, and there remains a highly aromatic and delicious syrup which is the epicurean's idea of Russian coffee. At first this appears a strange drink, but it soon becomes very popular. The idea of using fruit with coffee seems to be confined to the Russians, but it suggests interesting possibilities for experiment.

Bedstead Silencer.

If a bedstead creaks at each move of the sleeper, remove the slats and wrap the ends of each in old newspapers. This will prove a complete silencer.

For a Tough Steak.

To make a tough steak tender spread the steak with olive oil instead of beating it to bruise the fibers, which lets the juice run out into the fire. Let it remain an hour or so before cooking. Broil quickly so that each side will be thoroughly seared, then prop up your broiler so as to be a little farther from the fire, for the slower heating through. That cooks the inside juices without losing them. Melt a small piece of butter in two tablespoonfuls of vinegar and pour it over the steak while hot. This makes an appetizing gravy. Lemon juice can be used instead of vinegar, if preferred.

Much of Australia Unexplored.

Australia contains more unexplored territory in proportion to its size than any other continent.

Some one says that the voice of conscience is but an in-voice.

Money refunded for each package of PUNAM FADELESS DYES if unsatisfactory. Ask your druggist.

A man can make mistakes far more easily than he can make good.

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The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. Its great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

Cultivated by the Scholars.

It is stated that nearly 8,000 school gardens exist in Austria, not including the sister kingdom of Hungary. They are connected with both private and public schools, and are used for purposes of practical instruction in horticulture and tree-growing, and often contain botanical museums and bee hives.

School for Policemen.

There is a policemen's college in St. Petersburg to train applicants for the force. It consists of a museum combined with the school, where the pupils make themselves familiar with the tools of criminals—jimmies, drills, chisels and contrivances for robbing collection boxes, a special field of Russian thieves. The Russian passport system is studied in detail. The duties of the dvorniks, a sort of assistant police are taught. They keep watch on the residences, report on the habits of tenants, their visitors, examine the papers of new-comers, and direct them to report themselves at the police station.

Tired, Nervous Mothers

Make Unhappy Homes—Their Condition Irritates Both Husband and Children—How Thousands of Mothers Have Been Saved From Nervous Prostration and Made Strong and Well.



Mrs. Chester Curry Mrs. Chas. F. Brown

A nervous, irritable mother, often on the verge of hysterics, is unfit to care for children; it ruins a child's disposition and reacts upon herself. The trouble between children and their mothers too often is due to the fact that the mother has some female weakness, and she is entirely unfit to bear the strain upon her nerves that governing children involves; it is impossible for her to do anything calmly.

The ills of women act like a firebrand upon the nerves, consequently nine-tenths of the nervous prostration, nervous despondency, "the blues," sleeplessness, and nervous irritability of women arise from some derangement of the female organism.

Do you experience fits of depression with restlessness, alternating with extreme irritability? Are your spirits easily affected, so that one minute you laugh, and the next minute you feel like crying?

Do you feel something like a ball rising in your throat, and threatening to choke you; all the senses perverted, morbidly sensitive to light and sound; pain in the abdominal region, and between the shoulders; bearing-down pains; nervous dyspepsia and almost continually cross and snappy?

If so, your nerves are in a shattered condition, and you are threatened with nervous prostration.

Proof is monumental that nothing in the world is better for nervous prostration than Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; thousands and thousands of women can testify to this fact.

Ask Mrs. Pinkham's Advice—A Woman Best Understands a Woman's Ills.

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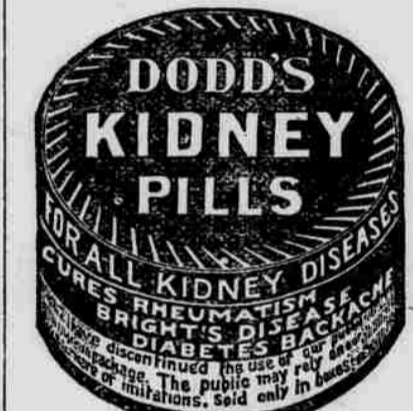
"For eight years I was troubled with extreme nervousness and hysteria, brought on by irregularities. I could neither enjoy life nor sleep nights; I was very irritable, nervous and despondent."

"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended and proved to be the only remedy that helped me. I have daily improved in health until I am now strong and well, and all nervousness has disappeared."

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