

HOME LIFE

Toilet Preparations

Violet toilet water is compounded with these proportions: To fourteen ounces of alcohol add half an ounce each of essence of rose and essence of cassia with one.

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An old beauty recipe calls for half a teacupful of fine oatmeal to be gradually stirred into a pint of boiling water, using a double saucepan for the purpose to prevent any possibility of burning. Let boil till clear looking; then strain through a cloth, boil again, and once more strain. To this add enough rosewater to make it pour easily, and about an ounce of glycerine. This may be perfumed in any way you like, and is recommended to rub into the skin to prevent roughness. Bottle and shake well before using.

The best toilet preparation in the world is plain hot water. Drink a glass of it every night if you want a good digestion, a good sleep, and a clear complexion. Put a bag of it to your feet when you have a cold, to your back when you have a backache, or at the nape of the neck when you have a headache or feel sleepless. Bathe the eyes with it when they are inflamed. Soak the feet in it when they are tired. Soak the hands in it before manicuring.

What to Wear

For Women—Guests as well as hostess should wear at a large luncheon simply the best afternoon gown they possess. The hostess should wear no hat; the guest a dressy one, with white or light gloves. In summer, a thin dress or light silk, or organdie,

a flower-trimmed hat, white gloves, thin dress shoes, and a bright parasol are suitable.

For Women—At an evening performance, full dress, jewels, and white gloves. For an afternoon performance dress appropriate for luncheons, receptions, etc. For men—If the performance is in the evening, full dress must be worn. If in the afternoon, frock coat, gray trousers, and so on, as before described.

For Women—White duck or linen skirts, thin white waists, large shade hats, flower-trimmed; shoes not too light for damp ground; a dressy parasol; wash gloves. A light wrap or jacket should always be carried. Wear nothing that may not be readily laundered, as there is always risk of grass stains, mud stains, and so on.

For Men—White ducks, flannels, or a light business suit; straw hat, negligee shirt, four-in-hand tie, heavy gloves. For an informal affair, it is best to dress as simply as possible, as guests will have most of the work to do themselves.

Good Liquid Dentrifice

A good liquid dentrifice is made by dissolving one ounce of powdered castile soap in one pint of water, and then adding three drams of powdered borax, five drops of oil of nutmeg, and two ounces of honey water. If gums are spongy, an excellent tooth-powder is made by combining one ounce each of cinnamon and bicarbonate of soda and two drops of oil of cinnamon. This is also a good tooth powder for general use.

How to Whiten the Teeth

At times, in spite of all one's efforts there is an increase of tartar on the teeth, making them look yellowish instead of polished and pearly; and the best of tooth powders seems then to lose its efficacy. To remedy this, dip an orange-wood stick into fine wood ashes, and rub the teeth both on the inner and outer surfaces, when the tartar will disappear as though by magic. The operation should not be repeated too frequently, as it is apt to be hard on the gums.

To Prevent Loose Teeth

Tannic acid, two drams, tincture of iodine, one and a quarter drams; iodide of potassium, fifteen grains; tincture of myrrh, one and a quarter drams; rose water, to make one pint. Mix one teaspoonful with two table-spoonfuls of warm water, and use as a mouth-wash night and morning.

Why They Lost Their Homes

The daughters thought it beneath them to work for a living, but were bound to dress well.

They drew their money out of the savings bank to put into some "wild-cat" scheme, and lost it.

They did not do business in a business way because they were dealing with relatives or friends.

They did not know that giving full power of attorney to an agent or lawyer put their property at his mercy.

They put off payments on everything possible because it would be so much easier to pay tomorrow than today.

They signed important papers without reading them or knowing their contents, just because they were asked to do so.

The extravagance of children who had not been trained to economize or to take care of their pennies swamped the home.

Through lack of honest ambition and a disposition to interpret too literally the text, "Take no thought for the morrow."

The mania to make an appearance beyond their means caused them to

mortgage their property and ended in bankruptcy.

They feared that the people with whom they had dealings would think them suspicious if they asked them for a receipt for money.

When the shoe began to pinch, they "really did not see where they could retrench." Habit had made luxuries seem necessities.

They ran accounts at the stores instead of paying cash, did not realize how rapidly bills were running up and never knew how they stood.

RECIPES

Lemon Toast

Beat yolks of six eggs well, add three cups of sweet milk; into this dip slices of bread and fry brown in hot butter; then pour over them this sauce: Beat the whites of the six eggs to a froth, adding a large cupful of sugar, and the juice of two lemons; beat well, and add two cups of boiling water.

Fruit Butters

When tired of the various evaporated fruits, which so many use in the winter, when they are simply stewed, try putting them through a fine wire sieve and making butter or marmalade, adding any spices or flavoring liked. Prepared thus the children like it on their sandwiches for the school lunch. Peach and apricot butter are nice without the addition of any flavoring, but either spices or lemon juice and rind improve dried apple butter.

Cracker Jack and Popcorn Balls

Melt a cup each of granulated sugar and molasses with a half cup water and boil until it threads or hardens in cold water. Pour it hot over a pan of nicely popped corn, quickly flatten it out on the bread board, pass the rolling pin over it firmly, and cut into the desired shapes with a knife. To make popcorn balls, after pouring the hot syrup over, press with the hands into balls. A little butter on the hands will help to prevent sticking.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS

Carpets and rugs can be thoroughly cleaned by being hung over a clothes-line and having the garden hose turned upon them. This will do no harm to any carpet. Dry in a shady place.

One housewife just home from Paris has found an excellent way of boiling eggs. She places a napkin ring in a saucepan partly full of hot water and sets the egg small end up in the ring. She then punches a hole in the top of the egg and lets the water boil around it. The gas in the egg escapes while the egg is cooking, which makes it much better in flavor.

One sometimes wonders why the gas burns unevenly—very low at one side and with a long boot at the other. Examine the burner and you will find particles of dust in it. Run a bit of cardboard through the tip and it will burn much more evenly.

A French housewife does not add flour to her gravy which she prepares from the savory drippings of roast meat. The jellylike particles that float in the beef drippings should not be strained off with the rest of the sediment, as they are both appetizing and nutritious.

Mix equal parts of hydrochlorate of cocaine, powdered opium, and menthol, with just sufficient glycerine and gum arabic to form a stiff paste. A piece the size of a pin's head to be placed in the tooth-hollow, and kept in position with cotton-wool is very good for toothache.

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