

# HOME LIFE

Ted

I have a little brindle dog,  
Seal-brown from tail to head.  
His name I guess is Theodore,  
But I just call him Ted.

He's only eight months old today  
I guess he's just a pup;  
Pa says he won't be larger  
When he is all grown up.

He plays around about the house,  
As good as he can be,  
He don't seem like a little dog,  
He's just like folks to me.

And when it is my bed time,  
Ma opens up the bed;  
Then I nestle down real cozy  
And just make room for Ted.

And oh, how nice we cuddle!  
He doesn't fuss or bite,  
Just nestles closely up to me  
And lays there still all night.

We love each other dearly,  
My little Ted and me.  
We're just good chums together,  
And always hope to be.

—Maxine Anna Buck.

### Household Hints

It is a mistake, according to the veteran housekeeper, to have floors that are intended to be ornamented treated with anything but wax. To varnish or shellac a hardwood floor of any kind is a sacrilege that should not be permitted under any circumstances. Inevitable the best of them wears scrappy and blotchy after a while and then they have to be scraped and bleached—an expensive business, since it ought not to have been necessary at all. On no account must water be used on a waxed floor, as it will only roughen it without removing the dirt. Turpentine is the proper cleansing medium.

Slices of fried bread or ordinary toast spread with anchovy paste are delicious if covered with scrambled eggs. This is very nice supper dish.

One way of ridding the house of flies is to put into an atomizer some oil of lavender, slightly diluted. Spray it freely into the air. This, more over, leaves a delightful fresh odor in the house.

Let eyeglasses lie in alcohol for a few moments, then polish with chamomile. If the glasses are set into gold frames, a fine camel-hair brush will lift the dust from the edges and make them look like new.

Candles treated in this way will not melt and run down while burning. Make a thick lather of soap and water. Take one candle at a time and cover with the thick foam. Wipe off what you can with the moist hand and lay away to dry.

Marking linen is most conveniently effected by using a small stiff brush and a small copper plate with perforations corresponding to the letters required. This stencil plate is laid upon the linen and indelible ink is rolled into the cut-out spaces with a brush.

Once a week the whole inside of the refrigerator, from the ice chamber down should be thoroughly cleansed with a strong solution of warm soda water, then wiped dry with a clean cloth. The drain pipe should also come in for special notice while the cleansing is in progress.

A housekeeper who was closing her house for a long period packed her silver in dry flour, with the knives, forks and spoons kept together and arranged in layers, with flour between. She had tried the experiment before and found that the silver emerged perfectly bright and untarnished.

In washing blankets the advice of an old laundress is: Never rub soap directly on the blanket, but dissolve it in the water. When it is taken

from the last water hang upon a strong line, where a good breeze will strike it and pull in stretch in shape. Allow it to remain until dry, then pack it away until cold weather with plenty of gum camphor placed within its folds.

Vegetables not only contain stimulants but are capable of producing an intoxicating influence on those who depend on them exclusively for food, according to an investigator. He cites a case in which some young people of his acquaintance suffered from partial intoxication as the result of a purely vegetable meal.

Peanut lovers have noticed that the nuts are generally very much larger this year than usual, a fact which may be verified by the most casual glance at any stand where they are sold. They are also said to be much better in flavor, though there are some connoisseurs who declare that the small nut is the sweeter.

In pressing ribbons with a hot iron lay them between two sheets of manila paper and they will come out like new.

When coarse lawns and other cotton fade white, a dainty pink color can be given them by using the petals of an old artificial rose in the starch water, when laundered.

Flies will come down an open chimney and if it is desired to keep the house free from them it will be necessary to screen or close off in some manner the open fire place.

Ivory carvings that have become discolored may be restored by a very simple process. Paint them over with spirits of turpentine and expose them to the sunshine for two or three days.

When filling fir balsam pillows mix in with balsam generous wads of cotton batting, using two or three times as much cotton as balsam. It makes the pillow soft and light and prevents the balsam from breaking into small bits as it dries.

To make jelly glasses take bottles the desired size and soak a cork in turpentine and tie tightly about the bottle where you want it cut. Set fire to it and when the blaze begins to fall plunge the top in cold water up to the cord and it will come off leaving a smooth edge.

Here is a delightful way of serving cantaloupes. Select small, firm melons and lay on ice until very cold. Cut in half and scoop out the seeds, then with a thin, sharp knife remove the melon from the rind. Cut the pulp into inch pieces, mix with bits of ice and put back in the shells, pouring over all French dressing. Arrange the melon halves on grape leaves.

So often when the house is being done, paint is spilt over the stone steps and is sometimes difficult to get rid of it. In this case make a strong solution of potash, and wash the steps thoroughly with this, simply leaving to soak in. After a little the paint will become quite soft, and can be washed off with soap and water; then thoroughly wash with cold water. Paint which has been on for any length of time will yield to this treatment.

A faded dress can be made perfectly white by washing it in boiling cream.

Tomatoes and milk, to be blended, must be brought to the same temperature and beaten together vigorously. There is less liability of curdling.

One garment should never be hung over another on the same hook. To do this would take all the freshness out of the undermost garment, and it would not improve the one which lay uppermost.

To keep moth and buffalo bugs from rugs and carpets sprinkle them well with salt, then wipe with a cloth dampened with warm water having spirits of turpentine added in the pro-

portion of a spoonful to every quart of water.

A gardener is responsible for this piece of advice. If plants are infested with insects, cut a potato in half, scoop out the inside and place it on the soil under the plant. The insects will gradually assemble in it.

Many an old faded carpet, that is not worn out, but that has become unsightly, goes to the dyer these days and comes back as good as new and usually more fashionable. A light colored Axminster carpet that did duty for several years in a parlor is now a rich maroon and covers the floor of a reception room.

Always put the sugar in a pie in the center of the fruit, not at the top, as this makes the paste sodden.

Keep the cake griddle in good condition by the vigorous use of sand-paper occasionally, using very little grease for frying the cakes.

Water should never be put on gilt frames. They should be wiped with dry cloth or chamois. This applies to all metal and lacquered goods.

A piece of soda the size of a pea in a quart of stewed rhubarb or gooseberries greatly reduces the amount of sugar required without impairing the flavor in the least.

Among the artistic materials in use for walls now none is more charming than the Japanese grass cloth, with its interesting handloom weave and attractive silk gloss. It is, of course, not expensive.

Roll all pieces of wrapping paper not good enough for further use that are usually thrown into the fire into hardtight balls. These will help along wonderfully in the kindling basket for the morning's fire.

Plenty of soap and cold water and no soda are the secrets of success in washing board floors and the wood must be scrubbed the way of the grain and not round and round, if you want to get the dirt off. Change the water often. You can't expect boards to be a good color if they are rinsed in dirty water.

### You Owe it to Your Mother

To treat her with the unvarying courtesy and deference you accord to those who are above you in rank or position.

To study her tastes and habits, her likes and dislikes, and cater to them as far as possible in an unobtrusive way.

Never to intimate by word or deed that your world and hers are different, or that you feel in any way superior to her.

To manifest an interest in whatever interests or amuses her.

To seek her comfort and pleasure in all things before your own.

Not to forget that, though she is old and wrinkled, she still loves pretty things.

To make her frequent, simple presents, and to be sure that they are appropriate and tasteful.

To remember that she is still a girl at heart as far as delicate little attentions are concerned.

To give her your full confidence, and never to do anything which you think she would disapprove.

To make her a partaker so far as your different ages will permit, in all your pleasures and recreations.

To lift all the burdens you can from shoulders which have grown stooped in waiting upon and working for you.

To bear patiently with her peculiarities or infirmities of temper or disposition, which may be the result of a life of care and toil.

To consult her and ask her advice in regard to whatever you are about to do, even though you have no doubt as to what your course should be.

To be on the lookout for every occasion to make whatever return you can for her years of sacrifice and planning for your happiness and well being.

To do your best to keep her youthful in appearance, as well as in spirit, by taking pains with her dress and the little accessories and details of her toilet.

Not to shock or pain her by making

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