

Useful Receipts for the Shop, the Household and the Farm.

Frosted glass, useful for screens, etc., is made by laying the sheets horizontally and covering them with a strong solution of sulphate of zinc. The salt crystallizes on drying.

A teaspoonful of powdered borax dissolved in a quart of tepid water is good for cleaning old black dresses of silk, cashmere or alpaca. Butcher will remove fat spots. Soap and water will afterwards take out the grease stain.

Black shoes may be bronzed by a strong solution of aniline red in alcohol.

Four parts borax and three parts Epsom salts, mixed with three or four parts warm water to one part of the combined substances, is said to form an excellent fireproof wash for clothes. It should be used immediately after preparation.

Flaxseed and tallow are used in Germany as a staining for cushions. One part of tallow to ten parts of flaxseed are employed, the mobility of the greased seed rendering the cushion very soft and pliable.

Gold bronze for furniture is a mixture of copal varnish mixed with gold-colored bronze powder. The last is dissolved in alcohol.

The total number of strings in a piano, when properly stretched to produce the right tones, exert a pull of over ten tons; this explains why good pianos must be durably and heavily built.

To prevent moths in carpets, wash the floor before laying them with spirits of turpentine or benzine.

Straw matting should be washed with a cloth dampened in salt water. Indian meal sprinkled over it, and thoroughly swept out will also cleanse it finely.

In washing windows, a narrow-bladed wooden sash, sharply pointed, will take out the dirt that hardens in the corners of the sash. Dry whitening will polish the glass, which should first be washed with weak black tea mixed with a little alcohol. Save the tea leaves for the purpose.

Gray marble hearths can be rubbed with linseed oil, and no spots will show.

Splices of wintergreen or ground ivy will drive away ants; branches of wormwood will serve the same purpose for black ants.

Papering and painting are best done in cold weather, especially the latter, for the wood absorbs the oil of paint much more than in summer; while in cold weather the oil hardens on the outside, making a coat which will protect the wood instead of soaking into it.

Old paper can be got off by damping with salutaris and water. Go over all the cracks of the wall with plaster of Paris, and wash with a wash of weak solution of carbolic acid. The best paste is made out of rye flour, with two ounces of glue dissolved in each quart of paste; half an ounce of powdered borax improves the mixture.

An eaken color can be given to new pine floors and tables by washing them with a solution of copperas dissolved in strong lye, a pound of the former to a gallon of the latter. When dry, this should be oiled, and it will look well for a year or two; then renew the oiling.

Kerosene and powdered lime, whitening, or wood ashes will scour the wall with the labor.

Spots can be taken out of marble with finely powdered pumice stone mixed with verjuice. Cover the spots and allow the stuff to remain for twelve hours; then rub clean, dry and rinse.

Soapstone hearths are first washed in pure water and then rubbed with powdered marble or soapstone, put with a little oil of turpentine.

A strong solution of hypochlorite of soda is said to be excellent for cleaning silver.

Two ounces of common tobacco boiled in a gallon of water is used by the Chatham street dealers for renovating old clothes. The stuff is rubbed on with a stiff brush. The goods are nicely cleaned, and, strange to add, no tobacco smell remains.

Never use wrought iron instead of steel simply because it is more easily worked and cheaper than the latter; nor brass instead of gun metal in heavy machinery.

Shellac is the best cement for articles. Smoking the joint renders it black to match.

Barrels intended for alcohol may be rendered perfectly tight by applying inside a solution of 3 lb. leather scraps and 1 oz. oxalic acid in 2 lbs. water, afterwards diluted with 3 lbs. warm water.

A solution of chloride of iron will remove nitrate of silver stains from the hands.

Unbleached lime is excellent for cleaning small articles, such as jewelry, buckles, and the like.

Glass may be powdered to render it suitable for glass paper, by adding fine varnish, or by beating it in red hot and then suddenly plunging it in water.

To remove old paint, cover with a wash of turpentine, and then lime, slaked in water, to which one part pearlash is added. Allow the coating to remain for sixteen hours, when the paint may be easily scraped off.—Scientific American.

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