

The Bloomfield Times.

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FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

We invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

Household Hints.

If you have been pickling or handling acid fruit and have stained your hands, wash them in clear water, wipe them lightly, and, while they are yet moist, strike a match and shut your hands around it so as to catch the smoke, and the stain will disappear.

Wet the spots of iron rust on muslin or white dress goods thoroughly with lemon juice, then lay in the hot sun to dry. Repeat the same if the color is not removed by one application. When dry, rinse in clear, cold water. Lemon juice cannot be used on colored goods, as it will take out printed colors as well as stains. It will remove all kinds of stains from white goods.

To remove mildew, make a very weak solution of chloride of lime in water (about a heaping teaspoonful to a quart of water,) strain it carefully, and dip the spot on the garment into it; and if the mildew does not disappear immediately, lay it in the sun for a few minutes, or dip it again into the lime water. The work is effectually and speedily done, and the chloride of lime neither rots the cloth nor removes delicate colors, when sufficiently diluted, and the articles rinsed afterwards in clear water.

The white of an egg has proved, of late the most efficacious remedy for burns. Seven or eight successive applications of this substance soothes pain and effectually excludes the burn from the air. This simple remedy seems preferable to collodion or even cotton. Extraordinary stories are told of the healing properties of new oil, which is easily made from the yolks of hens' eggs. The eggs are first boiled hard, and the yolks are then removed, crushed, and placed over a fire, where they are carefully stirred until the whole substance is just on the point of catching fire, when the yolk will yield nearly two teaspoonfuls of oil. It is in general use among the colonists of South Russia as a means of curing cuts, bruises, and scratches.

At this season of the year, it is important for all householders to be on their guard against the insidious attempts of the various species of ants and the detestable cockroaches to invade the kitchen and pantries or store rooms. Sprigs of wintergreen will make the small red ants leave their cherished haunt. Borax powdered and put into the crevices where cockroaches abide will finally cause them to disappear; Scalding alum water is also certain death to cockroaches.

Mahogany.

A West Indian captain, about the beginning of the eighteenth century, had brought to London some logs as ballast for his ship, and gave them to his brother, Dr. Gibbons, an eminent physician, who was then building a house. The wood was thrown aside as too hard for the workmen's tools. Some time afterward his wife wanted a candle-box. The doctor thought of the West Indian Wood, and out of that the box was made. Its color and polish tempted the doctor to have a bureau made of the same material, and this was thought so beautiful that it was shown to all his friends. The Duchess of Buckingham, who came to look at it, begged wood enough to make another bureau for herself. Then the demand arose for more, and Honduras mahogany became a common article of trade.

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Warts on Cows' Teats.

The teats of cows are frequently covered with these troublesome excrescences to an extent which renders it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to milk them. When this is the case, prepare a strong solution of alum water, and give the diseased parts a thorough washing two or three times a day till the warts disappear. Common carrot juice is also frequently effectual in removing warts; it should be applied several times a day. Cutting out the warts is a cruel remedy, and besides it is not always effectual; but alum water, applied as above, if persevered in, will effect a certain, speedy, and radical cure.

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