# The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

To Wash Callcoes.

Calicoes, muslins, French lawn and cambrics are a source of perplexity and anxiety to many housekeepers. We have often heard the remark that such dresses, especially calicoes-which are much the cheapest-are only fit to wear while they can be kept decently clean without washing. That is too true, if they are washed as most are, without special oversight and direction from the mistress. Very few servants, if not emphatically cautioned, understand the proper mode of doing up such articles.

If left soaking in suds, or washed in suds which was used to wash the white clothes; if starched stiff and with common starch, or in flour starch; if hung in the sun to dry, and ironed on the right side with a very hot iron, it is not strange they are not thought suitable for use after once having been washed and ironed. But if carefully treated in the laundry, dresses of either of these materials should continue to look fresh and new till thoroughly worn out.

Black or white cotton or linen dresses are thought very difficult to cleanse and do up because the color "runs" and settles in the white, and the same complaint is made of stone, slate, brown or maroon colors. But by a few precautions and a little extra care in the first washing there need be no further trouble with any of these colors.

Before washing black and white cotton or linen dresses, or any of these dark colors, first dip them in salt and water, and hang in a shady place to dry. Two coffee cups of salt to eight or ten quarts of cold water is the proper proportion. When dry put them into a light suds, not very hot, and wash as usual. A little salt in the rinsing water is desirable. After washing once in this way they can ever after be washed without these precautions. No colored goods should be allowed to soak at all, either in suds or rinsing water. Let this work be done as speedily, with as little delay when first begun, as is consistent with being well done.

An easy way-and we have tried it successful in washing the fine colored lisle and cotton hosiery of dark and medium colors now so much used-is to put black pepper into the suds when hot, let it stand till the water is cool enough to wash colored goods, and then put them in and wash as usual; rinse in one spoonful and a half of pepper to a pailful of water. The pepper does not affect the suds at all, but sets the color, and we are told that it is equally effective with all cotton or linen fabrics, light or dark. We have tried only on hosiery, and not on any very light colors.—
Mrs. B.

### The Use of Corn.

A Virginian writes in praise of corn, not only as the best food for laboring men, but for domestic animals of all kinds. He states that the usual rations for a negro laborer, for a week, is one and a half pecks of corn, three pounds of bacon, and a little molasses. They thrive on it, and mules, as a rule, have only corn for grain, but they live longer and do more work than Northern horses that feed on oats. In this part of the country dogs ars fed almost exclusively on cornmeal, and they not unfrequently eat corn in the ear, while wandering curs devour it on the stalk. Even cats eat cornmeal stirred up with water, as is the case of chicken feed.

### Saratoga Potatoes.

Take the number of potatoes required, peel them, and out them in very thin slices; wash and wipe as dry as possible; fry them the same as you would crullers; when well browned place into a colender with a skimmer, and sprinkle a little salt on them while hot.

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