

HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

Combined Suction Washer and Water Heater.



For the household which does not happen to be equipped with a laundry, a washer has been invented which will do away with much of the drudgery of the Monday morning washing. It is a combination of the suction washer and a stove, made entirely of metal, and dispenses with the annoyance of carrying water from the stove to scenes of washing operations. The advantage of having the fire under the wash water is that it enables the clearing operation to be done much more efficiently and quickly, and this business is facilitated by the force pump which is mounted on the top of the washer. It is only necessary to throw the soiled clothes in the heated water, and then a few minutes' pumping on the handle is said to drive the dirt from the fabric.

Cleaning Brushes.

When house brushes require cleaning put a sufficient quantity of tepid water into a flat pan to cover the bristles, but not the backs. To each quart of water add three tablespoonfuls of ammonia. Allow the brushes to soak for ten minutes, rinse in cold water until it is clear and then dry the brushes in the air, bristles downward. Treated in this manner brushes seldom warp. Never use soap in washing hair brushes. Take a piece of soda, dissolve it in warm water and stand the brush in it, taking care that the water only covers the bristles. It will almost immediately become white and clean. Then stand it to dry in the open air with the bristles downward, and it will be found to be as firm as a new brush.

To Wash Woolen Trousers.

Wash woolen or gray woolen trousers, if washed with care in two waters—ones soapy, the second clear, with a dash of blue in each—may look quite as well as when new. If washed quickly, dried quickly and pressed when slightly damp, not left to lie a day, but washed, dried and pressed at once. Trousers should be pressed upon the wrong side without making any crease, then turned upon the right side and the crease made as required with a slightly damp cloth, twice doubled, between the iron and trousers, put to air and laid away between the folds of a clean dust sheet. They will look perfectly new when again required for wear.

Rhubarb Conserva.

To each pint of fresh rhubarb, peeled and cut into small pieces, add one cup of brown sugar and let it stand for two hours. Add one-half cupful of seeded raisins and the juice of one lemon. Cook this slowly until the desired consistency is obtained. Place two young sweet or rose geranium leaves in the bottom of the tumbler and pour the hot conserva over them. This gives a very aromatic and pleasing flavor.

Bean Soup.

Boil the end of a ham with two quarts of beans that have been soaked for twelve hours or overnight. Soaking the beans tends to keep them whole until the ham is tender. They should not really boil, only simmer in plenty of water, so that when done there is a third more water than beans serve as a soup, with toast or crackers.

Bananas and Rhubarb.

A new way of using rhubarb is to stew equal parts of it and of bananas separately until nearly done and finish them together, with sugar and lemon to suit the taste. When preparing oranges and rhubarb allow only half the quantity of orange to a given quantity of rhubarb.

To Clean Bookbindings.

To clean calf bindings on books, wash them lightly with a soft sponge dipped in a mixture of a half ounce of the best glue dissolved in one pint of warm water and one teaspoonful of glycerin and a little flour paste. When dry, rub well with a chamole skin.

To Prevent Colors Fading.

Colored linens are so fashionable that it is well to know that delicate shades may be kept from fading by using plenty of pulverized pure borax in the water in which they are washed and rinsed.

TWO TENANTS FOR ONE HOUSE

How a Man's Club Gave Way to a Ladies' Aid Society.

"Young ladies," said the head of the Ladies' Aid society, "we are at our wits' end. Our quarters are altogether too small. We have no funds for building, and there is no suitable house to be had."

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IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Pitcher Joe Wood of the Boston Americans.



Photo by American Press Association.

Among the notable comebacks of the 1915 baseball season is Pitcher Joe Wood, "Smoky Joe," they used to call him, of the Boston Red Sox. For the past two seasons Joe has been of little use to his team, but his good right arm seems to have recovered its strength, and in the few games in which he has appeared he has been smoking them over with his old time skill and speed. Joe is a native of Kansas City, twenty-six years old and first broke into professional baseball as a member of the Hutchinson (Kan.) team of the Western association. In the fall of 1908 he was secured by the Boston Americans, and since then has played with that club. His best year was in 1912, when he was largely instrumental in winning the championship of the American league for the Red Sox and also the world's championship for the New York Giants. After that brilliant season Joe's arm seemed to weaken, and it is only now that he appears to be working as of old.

Yankees' First Baseman.

"Unless I am mistaken Walter Pipp of the New York Yankees will be the best first baseman in either big league in another year," said Umpire Billy Evans the other day. "He is a bit crude now, but he is learning rapidly and is a natural player. He has a good arm and can throw with unusual accuracy. Furthermore, he is quick in handling ground balls. He gets many wide throws by stopping off the bag, at the same time retiring batmen by knowing how to use his feet. He looks to me like a free hitter, a patient water at the plate and a great slugger when he hits a good ball. For his size Pipp can hustle around the bases with lots of speed, and he generally uses excellent judgment. Bill Donovan surely has picked up a coming star in his new first baseman. See if I'm not right."

Why the Cubs Win Games.

The Cubs owe their success in the National league race, according to W. A. Phelon, Cincinnati sport writer, so far, to their ability in cashing runs off the chances given. They have scored more runs for their hits and passes than any other club of the whole eight—and any time you get the runs you'll get the games. Pretty nice, these small score games and air tight pitching contests, but the boys who make the runs are the long distance winners. The Cub batting order is particularly well arranged to help the warriors around. Bresnahan seems to have caught the exact sequence that boosts in the tallies, for few batting orders have been as well arranged since the one that helped the Athletics to win so many days.

Star Cueists Began Early.

A majority of the billiard players who have reached the first flight began play when in their early teens, while quite a few started in the knickerbocker period of their careers. Among the latter may be cited William F. Hoppe, holder of all the world's billiard championships; George Sutton, former 18.1 and 18.2 world's champion. Or Morningstar, former 18.1 title holder, and several of the former champions who have crossed the big divide.

Silk O'Loughlin's Voice.

There is gloom among the umpires because Silk O'Loughlin is said to have lost his voice. His famous "Ball hit" which came with a roar from his cavernous depths, is heard no more. He uses his hands in making decisions known. The other arbiters fear that if Silk could lose that once powerful voice of his what chance have they got to preserve theirs?

Navy's Best Athlete.

The sword presented by the Navy Athletic association each year to the best athlete at the Naval academy has been won by Midshipman Harvey E. Overesch of Indiana. Overesch was captain of the football team, playing a strong game at end, and was also a member of the first crew and guard on the basketball five.

POPULAR MECHANICS

Speedometer For Speed Control.

Speedometers, as a rule, only tell the motorist when he is exceeding the speed limit. They do not prevent his doing so, says the Scientific American. On commercial motor vehicles the speed question is often of greater importance than that of overloading, and one of the large speedometer manufacturers has hit upon the happy idea of combining the indicator of speed with an arrangement that will prevent the driver from going faster than the device has been set for.

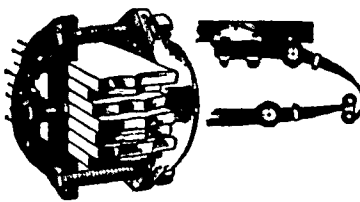
The device consists of a patent lock, which can be set at any desired speed from zero to sixty miles an hour. When the indicated speed is reached by the speedometer hand an electric contact is established which energizes a magnet contained in a small box through which the rod from the carburetor throttle passes. This rod is split within the case, and one end passes freely in a sleeve fitting tightly over the other end of the rod. Normally connection between the two is made by a pin that passes through an opening in the sleeve and free end of the rod. The closing of the electric contact when the speed limit is reached lifts this pin out of engagement and breaks the connection between the rod and the sleeve. The throttle thereupon closes slowly of its own weight, and no amount of manipulation of hand or foot control will be communicated to the carburetor. When the car has fallen below the speed limit, however, the speedometer contact is released, the magnet permits the pin to fall back into its place, and the throttle rod is continuous once more.

Securing Celluloid to Wood.

The best method is to scrape the wood and celluloid clean and then heat some grain alcohol to the boiling point. As alcohol boils at a relative low temperature and is very inflammable, it should be held at a considerable distance from the source of heat. When the alcohol has been warmed to the desired point it is applied to the under side of the celluloid with a small brush. The celluloid is then pressed down on the wooden strip to which it is to be secured and held tightly in place for about two minutes. It is said that nothing except fire will ever make the celluloid come off. The same method may be used for sticking celluloid to celluloid, celluloid to hard rubber and celluloid to glass.

Automobile Spring Oiler.

One of the most common and annoying of automobile troubles is squeaky springs, says Popular Mechanics. An oil box for supplying the springs with oil constantly and in the right quantity is made in two parts, which are clamp-



OIL BOX FOR AUTOMOBILE SPRINGS.

ed against the sides of the spring by means of bolts. The inner, or bearing, face of each half consists of fibrous material. This is kept soaked with oil, and in this way a constant and even supply of oil is applied to the side of the spring. The box is supplied with oil through openings in the sides.

Restoring Faded Writing.

To restore faded or effaced ink writing in old manuscripts moisten the writing with freshly made "sulpho-bydrate of ammonia" (SH, NH₃), and in a few moments the letters become plainly visible. A fresh solution in water is colorless, but turns yellow quickly when exposed to air. The surplus chemical is removed by washing with cold water, and the paper is then dried by slight heating or with blotting paper. If the writing again fades after this treatment a tannin solution should be applied. This process is only useful for restoring ink made with gallic acid.—Popular Mechanics.

Life Saving Parachute.

A life saving parachute has been patented in which a device that may be worn as a garment has a flexible overhanging and relatively wide skirt band secured to the body portion at a point near its upper end and beneath the arms of the wearer, and flexible stays are secured to the lower end of the body portion and to the outer edge of the overhanging band, so that as the wearer descends his downwardly extending legs will operate upon the stays to hold the band at its outer edges so the latter will expand and operate as a parachute.—Scientific American.

Reassembling—a Car Engine.

When reassembling the engine of an automobile after an overhauling, extreme care should be taken to replace the various valves, valve springs, spring washers, tappets, etc., with their respective cylinders. A good plan is to number each set by means of steel figure punches, and in this manner the engine can be reassembled properly.

To Harden Iron.

To make iron hard like steel heat to a bright red and rub well on an old horse hoof or horse hoof trimming, and heat as before and rub well in common salt, and heat again and plunge in cold water. The harder the article is wanted the higher it must be heated.—Blacksmith and Wheelwright.

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