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Captain John H. Gibbons of the Battleship Louisiana.



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FLAT-IRON FACTS

The best iron-stand is a brick. It is a non-conductor of heat, and far preferable on that account to the most elaborate open stand.

Irons that are heated on the top of the range or fire should be stood upon a piece of polished tin. They heat more quickly, and are kept quite clean. The lid of a biscuit-tin does admirably for this.

If you blacklead and polish very thoroughly the base and handle of your iron, it will keep hot much longer, for the polish keeps the heat from radiating off. Mix a little turps and methylated spirit with the blacklead to get a hard, brilliant polish.

The best iron-cleaner is a piece of wire gauze. It is better than sandpaper, for the dirt falls through the holes, and is not rubbed into the iron again.

KITCHEN KINKS

If silver is to be stored away for some time, pack it with dry flour; it will remain untarnished.

When making coffee spring a little salt on the coffee before pouring on boiling water, and the flavor will be wonderfully improved.

To keep cheese for some time, and prevent it becoming mouldy or dry, wrap it up in a cloth damped with vinegar and keep it in a dish.

To prevent the skin from discoloring after a fall or blow, take a little dry starch, moisten it with cold water and lay it on the injured part.

If flowers have come by post they will freshen up wonderfully if their stems are placed in hot water for a little while before arranging them in vases.

A SKEPTIC

We found the moving picture of the Haytian revolution very entertaining and instructive, but Gen. Zamor looked suspiciously like the colored hackman who drove us to our hotel the last time we were in Tampa, Columbia State