

Caring for Furniture and Cleaning of Doorsteps

COSTUMES FOR TENNIS

GREEN VEGETABLES

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Making Sage Tea for Hair.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column: Will you kindly tell me the proportions in making sage tea to darken the hair. Do you use the water hot or cold? How much sage to the quantity of water do you use? ANXIOUS.

Make the sage tea in the same proportions as if making tea for a table beverage. Then dilute or strengthen as desired.

"The Game of Life."

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column: Will you publish in the columns of your valuable paper the recitation, "The Game of Life," or would you kindly tell me where or how I could get a copy of it? I do not know the name of the author. TIMES READER.

Bolton Hall is the author of the recitation "The Game of Life." It is too long for publication here. There is also a play by that name written by John Boishne. You can get a copy of it at a book store, or at the Congressional or the Public Library.

Gray Gloves With Evening Dress.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column: Is it permissible for a man to wear gray gloves with full evening dress? J. A. H.

Yes, it is permissible; but white gloves are better form.

Good Tonic for Falling Hair.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column: Please tell me something that will stop my hair from falling out. It has been falling out for over two years. It appears as though it grows, but it is short and then falls out by the roots. Please tell me something that will stop it from falling, and make it thicker. It is a little wavy and long, but so thin I can't fix it any way. It doesn't appear to be dead since I have been using your massage treatment every morning. It has made my hair a little oily, but not too much so, as I noticed before I massaged my scalp, my hair was very dry. It has but very little dandruff. Please

don't advise anything that will make my hair too oily, for I like it to be fluffy. Please tell me the best remedy you know.

Please tell me something that will make my eyebrows come out thicker and a shade darker, as they are lighter than my hair. A. M. G.

The following is a good tonic for falling hair: Tincture of nux vomica, one ounce; spirits of rosemary, two ounces; alcohol, two ounces. Apply several times a week to the roots of the hair. Vaseline applied each night before going to bed will thicken the eyebrows and darken them perceptibly in time.

Postage Stamp Flirtation Code.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column: Will you please print the postage stamp flirtation code? Mrs. V. R.

If a stamp is placed upside down on the left corner it means: I love you. Left corner crosswise: My heart is another's. Straight up and down: Good-by, sweetheart. Upside down on the right corner: Write no more.

In the middle, at the top: Yes. In the middle, at the bottom: No.

In the right-hand corner at a right angle: Do you love me?

In the left-hand corner at a right angle: I hate you.

Top corner at right: I wish your friendship.

On line with surname: Accept my love. Same, upside down: I am engaged. Same, at right angle: I long to see you.



The blouse shown in the accompanying drawing is one of the most approved models for tennis and other summer sports. The blouse from which the sketch was taken showed the new idea of having colored turndown collar and cuffs of rather sheer, white linen, the collar and cuffs being of pale blue, edged with tiny plaits of fringed hemstitched linen. The blouse was plaited at the shoulders, back and front, and was worn with a skirt of pale blue linen. This same blouse design is also very attractive in all-white, worn with a short white linen skirt.

To Whiten Your Doorsteps

TO keep a clean front doorstep (back one, too, for that matter, though usually the rear entrance is not of marble) is, or should be, the aim of every housekeeper. Truly, by nothing is she so quickly judged. The owner of a neglected-looking step receives scant consideration from the casual passer by, who knows not whether the soil that meets her disappointing eye got on five minutes or two days before. Therefore, constant vigilance is necessary.

It is not enough to give a thorough washing each morning, but a sharp watch must be kept to see that the ravages of predatory dogs and small boys are quickly repaired. White marble steps, while they may form the most imposing of entrances, may also be the most disreputable, if they can be so glisteningly white and so disgracefully stained and yellow.

If possible, when the wooden covering is first taken from the marble steps in spring they should be thoroughly cleaned by a professional. After that they can be kept in good condition by a daily scrubbing with lukewarm water and sandpaper. A little borax in the water helps to keep marble white. Always give the steps a good rinsing with fresh water, and dry well. In cleansing the steps do not neglect the ends under the steps. If, despite precautions, ugly stains appear, powdered borax will sometimes remove them. Sprinkle it on the scrubcloth after it is soaped and rub well. Rinse with warm water and dry thoroughly.

Another whitener for marble is, after the steps have been well washed and dried, to mix a little quicklime with some milk, and wipe the steps over with it. This should never be done, however, if the family is in the habit of sitting on the steps without cushions under them, as it will be apt to ruin delicate gowns.

An excellent whitener for marble is to mix one-half pound yellow soap, one-half pound common soda, six ounces powdered whiting, and one ounce powdered potash. Cut the soap in shreds and put it with the soda in an old saucepan; just cover with water and boil until dissolved, then add the whiting and potash, and let it all come to a boil. Put the mixture into jars and when cold use like soap to scrub any stains.

Proper Care of Furniture

THERE are many little hints the following of which will prolong the life of some valued piece of furniture or article of bric-a-brac far beyond its natural period of existence.

How many persons, for instance, think that when they place a good chair or table near an open fireplace, a register, or any warm spot, the heat will cause the wood and glue to dry, thus bringing about "dry rot" where the pieces are joined together? How many women do not lean carelessly against the back of some polished wood chair, quite oblivious of the fact that the sharp belt buckles they are wearing are making great scratches that can never be eradicated?

Then, too, there are the little suggestions on the care of ornaments, so seldom either known or carried out. For instance, probably very few persons, indeed, clean glass lamps, globes, window panes, etc., properly. Especially for the former, the best thing is to place pulverized pumice stone between the layers of a folded piece of soft muslin, and stretch around the edges to prevent the powder from spilling. Wipe the glass with this dry cloth, and it will become clean and sparkle almost instantly. Enough powder will remain on the cloth to be used many times without renewing.

Another good idea is to keep a wet sponge in the cabinet with ivory carvers or carvings. It will provide moisture that prevents cracking from dry heat. Of course, the sponge must be re-moistened occasionally.

Often, even valuable china is defective in the firing, and so it would be well to keep all such articles as lemon vinegars, etc., away from fine china, as in the event of its not being properly fired the acid will take all the paint from it. As a guard against accident, when a valuable vase is filled with flowers, it should first be filled with sand, over which the water should be poured. This will keep the vase from toppling over by adding to its weight.

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