

HERALD HOUSEHOLD.

Some Nice and New Points in Laundrying.

DIRECTIONS FOR INSECTICIDE.

A Valuable Collection of Useful Domestic Recipes and Suggestions for the Housekeeper.

OW a beautiful lamp shade, almost rivaling a porcelain one, can be made out of large sheets of fine, thin Bristol paper. This Bristol paper will interest the Herald's lady readers. Cut the sheets to the shape of the wire frame, making a scalloped edge and bottom by placing a 25-cent piece on the edge and drawing a pencil around it. Then, when you have repeated this all along on both sides, cut half of the mark away.

Procure a number of beautifully colored leaves, either natural or embossed ones, and break off the stems close to the leaves. Now put a stem or vine all around the shade and join the leaves to it in a natural order, sticking them on with gum tragacanth. When you have completed the wreath let it lie under pressure for a few hours, then give the whole a coat of colorless varnish. When thoroughly dry join the shade together with gum, pressing it dry with a hot iron; then fasten it to the wire frame. This shade will give a soft, mellow light, and will repay the trouble to make it.

To Destroy Insects. Insects of all kinds, and most of the small winged tribe, can be effectually kept off by rubbing all the woodwork of the rooms, bedchambers, etc., with a solution of vitrol, the strength of which can be increased in obstinate cases by adding to it an infusion of colchicum, or bitter apple. It leaves no mark on the wainscots, etc., and can easily be done with a flat white-washing brush. Worms in wood, red ants, etc., will infallibly be destroyed if this is done.

The great objection to the common fly-killers in their unpleasing and general ugliness; papers in plates are far from ornamental, whilst the inartistic bottles, with openings underneath, through which the poor things crawl to their watery fate, are positively repulsive. Papers, nevertheless, are very efficacious; and it is, perhaps, not generally recognized that the higher they are placed the more flies they will attract. It is, therefore, quite possible to distribute one or two out of sight on bookcases or wardrobes. They should be slightly moistened and changed as soon as the water becomes discolored.

The painting with vitrol applies also to the prevention of wasps, bluebeetles, etc. Safes, pantries and larders washed down with the solution will be kept very free. Where the winged pests congregate in any number, and especially in their crawling state, certain destruction will be their lot if they are just touched on the back with a feather dipped in sweet oil. Crickets are destroyed in a very short time by means of roast apples and arsenic powder, thoroughly mixed, and slipped into the holes leading to their haunts.

The Egg Cabinet. This is a novelty in the house-furnishing line. In order to have fresh eggs the greatest care must be exercised in keeping them in such a way that plenty of air circulates about them, and the cabinet in question seems to fill the bill to a nicety. It is made of wood, the front, back and sides consisting of small round sticks set in an inch apart so as to give a perfect and thorough circulation of air on all sides. The interior is fitted with trays pierced with round holes into which the eggs fit securely. The top of the cabinet is fitted up with a beaded edge and ornamental carvings, and with the other portions painted and striped in various designs, proves not only useful but rather ornamental.

Chloroforming Baths. Says a New England housekeeper: "Do you know the secret of not having winter-clothing moth eaten? Get a whiskey barrel and have the top taken off and drive a large peg in the top for a handle to the cover, so that you can easily take it off. Then put in the bottom of the barrel a small open tin of chloroform. Put in your woolsens, and shut it up. If there are eggs innumerable, ready to hatch, the insects will die and do no harm. If you want a garment for an evening drive or a chilly day, take it out and use it, fold it and lay it back again, and nothing in the moth line will disturb it."

Nice Points in Laundrying. The sun is a great restorer and vivifier, but it should not be allowed to shine on either the pillow or underlain that is to be worn again. These are best aired in the shade. You may sun the sheets from off the bed, but not the night dresses. It will play havoc also with the delicate mauve muslins that are such favorite this summer, and permanently pale all light blues and rose-colored cottons. These must be dried in the shade. The country laundry will, perhaps, not understand this without repeated and weekly directions. Hanging suits and white cloths can have as much of the sun as they can stand, as possible, but white flannels, if you would not have them yellow, must be hung on the shady side of the garden. In city yards there is always a time in the day when there is a shade somewhere; in the broader bleaching grounds of country houses you will often have to stretch the lines in the shadow of a house or under a tree to secure this.

From England come directions about laundrying in rice water the delicate colored muslins that you dare not trust to ordinary soap and ordinary starch. Starch stiffening in muslins is very much out of date this summer, when dresses must be clear and crisp, yet hang in the softest folds, not stiff at all. Boil a half pound of rice in the cloth with two or three gallons of water. As soon as the rice is well drained of the water and wash the soiled muslin in it while it is hot, using no soap at all. The rinsing is done for the soft boiled rice, in a separate tin, rubbing the rice over the muslin, then rinsing them lightly in lukewarm water, they should preserve enough stiffness while remaining quite clear.

Ribbons placed between tissue paper and pressed will lose none of their lustre and will appear as good as new. A mixture, consisting of equal portions of chloroform and ether, will at once remove grease spots from carpets. A sick headache frequently finds relief by squeezing the juice of half a lemon in a teaspoonful of strong, sugarcane, black coffee and drinking.

To take ink stains out of linen take a piece of mouldy bread, melt it and dip the stained part of the linen into the tallow. It may then be washed without injuring the cloth.

To re-bronze gas fixtures, mix bronze powder with any transparent varnish, say amber, gum damar or copal, and apply. The mixture is to be done in a saucer, and in applying use a soft brush.

To test cheese press it with the finger tips. If it feels hard you may depend it is

OUR LITTLE PEOPLE.

Tales for Small Tots of Boys and Girls.

SHORT STORIES WORTH READING.

Galaxy of Bright, Smart and Funny sayings by Sprigs of the Rising Generation.

ERHAPS Lady Jane was what you might call a cat aristocrat. She did not think the barn at all good enough for her baby. In deed, she over told us that he had one, but went about slyly, urring and looking very wise with her big yellow eyes. But it came to pass that one Sunday she was morn'ing, when her old maid, who drew a shrill squeal of delight and began hopping about on one fat leg. "Oh, doo-doo! I feel a komepin awful funny! It feel like an angel kitten. Tum and see." "So somebody did come and see. What do you think she found?" "There was Lady Jane, looking as contented, and there was a white kitten, not much larger and just the color of a big yellow catpawpaw. Harold named it Sunday on the spot, and, of course, the day upon which she had found it.

While he was gazing with much delight upon this fascinating object, Mamma Jane dragged it back into the furthest corner of the shoe drawer. There she sat looking at Harold with eyes of green fire, and giving him to understand in a delicate way that her baby was too young for company. So that is the way Sunday came into Harold's life, and this is the way the shoe drawer became a cat's cradle. How Harold gazed when, after a few days, he found Sunday's eyes were open! And how Harold laughed when the baby kitten began to try and wash her face, run after marbles and many other interesting things. But little Sunday's life was to be as short as merry.

This story, like many grown-up folks' stories, has a sad end. Just three months from that Sunday when Harold found her Lady Jane's baby died, and was buried over in the corner of the garden beneath some forget-me-nots. How very, very true they looked that day! I think it was Harold's tears which made them so.

He stood at the window yesterday and gravely watched the rain fall upon the forget-me-nots. "It's p'pos," he said very low to himself, "that somewhere way off in cat heaven there's an awful tummy little angel—Sunday." Perhaps! Who knows!

Our Boys. For bubbling laugh and curbsless glee And frolic and merriment, And drum and trumpet noise; In mischief still to take a part, 'Eve though it breaks a mother's heart Boys will be boys.

Is there a call for volunteers To break a roller of yokes At risk of corduroys, Or for a woman to the death? Boys will be boys.

When ruthless war stalks thro' the land, With bayonet and fire brand And walking machine, In front you'll find the youngsters then— The nation's boys are the nation's men! God bless the boys!

A Lilliputian Naval Fable. The amusing experiment of a lilliputian naval battle can be made with white chalk and the ordinary table vinegar, says Harper's Young People. Model, say, a dozen chips of chalk to the resemblance of ships, planning the bottoms evenly, and using matches for masts, smoke stacks and funnels. The rival forces you can distinguish by coloring the masts of ships with black ink, leaving your own white. Having placed them in a pan or plate close to an imaginary dividing line, pour a good quantity of vinegar between the chalk sticks. Instantly you will see an audible scuffling, like the hissing of shells in actual warfare, while ships, as if puffing up steam, will begin to move forward in slow revolutions, leaving behind them streaks of foam such as are observed in the wake of a motor launch from the dividing line. The dividing line they will have attained quite a respectable speed, bumping and colliding together in the endeavor to push one another furthest from the dividing line. The engagement often proves an exciting one. Of course, the side has won which has the larger number of ships nearest the center after the affair.

The chemical solution of this seeming mystery is quite simple. Chalk being largely carbon combines with the acid of the vinegar in carbonic acid—the same gas that causes the bubbles in soda and mineral waters. The gas rises to the surface of the vinegar in small bubbles of sufficient strength to cause the current which turns the chalk. Since the patriotic youth will want to see the American boats win, it will be well for him to remember that the best quality of chalk contains the largest proportion of carbon. It will also give an advantage to place the chalk carefully, so as to permit it to glide easily.

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There are blemishes in diamonds—so there are in the Encyclopaedia Britannica. The ninth and latest edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, compiled from five to twenty years ago, has become out of date, and on account of the rapidity of events, especially in the United States, it has become a work of reference comparatively old. Gladstone states that the world has made more progress in the last hundred years than in all the past ages. Therefore the world demands not an encyclopaedia that gives only the history of the past, but an encyclopaedia that chronicles the mighty events of recent years.

That is just what the "Americanized" Encyclopaedia Britannica does. What is this Americanized Encyclopaedia Britannica? It is the Encyclopaedia Britannica "Americanized," therefore modernized, and brought down to date, namely, 1890.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica says nothing about such men as Bismarck, Gladstone, Thomas A. Edison, Konstantin, Blaine, Cleveland, Henry Ward Beecher, Jefferson Davis, Benjamin Harrison, nor even General Ulysses S. Grant; in fact, nothing of the men who lived in the past few years, whose history is that of the world. The Americanized Encyclopaedia Britannica contains the biographies of not only the above great men, but also of thousands of others whose names will be handed down to posterity and cherished by it as great for all time to come.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica, compiled by Englishmen for the use of Englishmen, slight American subjects; as an illustration, the Encyclopaedia Britannica will tell you more about an insignificant English borough than a sovereign American State; lengthy details about my Lord Tomnoddy, but sadly silent about Ethan Allen, whose acts as leader of the Green Mountain Boys in capturing the first Fort (Ticonderoga) from the British in the War for Independence placed him in the front rank of liberty's heroes.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica no doubt is a valuable work for the dreamer, the theorist or the man of leisure who can devote plenty of time in looking up such abstruse subjects as the infinitesimal calculus, the catombs of Rome, or the dreamy time before the flood, but when it comes down to modern events, to use the latest slang, "it is not in it."

According to it (Encyclopaedia Britannica), Albany, the capital of New York State, is still an overgrown town of only 70,000 or so inhabitants. Denver is still a hamlet of 15,000, while Chicago is put down for the modest population of a trifle over 400,000.

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