

**HOUSE CLEANING MADE EASIER BY ASSEMBLING TOOLS IN ONE PLACE**



A Homemade Closet Is Inexpensive and Convenient.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

For generations housekeepers have taken pride in their orderly linen closets, well-stocked preserve and jelly closets, and their neat kitchen cupboards. While not so attractive to look at, the cleaning closet is just as important. By grouping together brooms, brushes, dusters, mops and all the many things needed in cleaning, and keeping the closet in order, the housekeeper need not waste time or take extra steps in collecting these things when she wants to use them. It is a more sanitary and tidy practice to store cleaning tools in a place by themselves than to leave them in a corner of the kitchen or pantry, as is often done, the United States Department of Agriculture points out.

The cleaning closet should be convenient to the whole house. Some times, especially in large houses, a good arrangement is to have a cleaning closet on each floor with a supply of the things most frequently used. If a built-in closet is not available, an old wardrobe may be fitted up. Sometimes the cleaning closet opens off the back hall or the combination laundry and washroom, which is found in almost indispensable room in many farmhouses. This, also, is a good place for it.

The cleaning closet should be ventilated by cutting holes in the door or by means of a transom. Shelves should be arranged for the cans and bottles of cleaning materials and other small articles, and there should be plenty of hooks at proper heights for brushes, brooms and mops. These should be hung so that the weight does not rest on the straws, bristles, or strings. The carpet sweeper, also, should be set or hung so that the weight does not come on the brushes.

**Good Tools More Economical.**

Well-made, durable tools are generally most economical in the end, though they may cost more at the outset. It is well, of course, to have a complete set of tools and materials for cleaning the many kinds of materials in the house, but this does not mean that a large collection should be bought lightly and stored in a closet.

views will not be used often enough in the ordinary house to justify their expense, or the storage room they occupy, and the housekeeper will do well to consider these points before buying.

The oily cloths used in polishing floors and furniture, especially if moistened with linseed oil, are a serious fire hazard unless kept in a covered fireproof container. A tin or galvanized iron can with close-fitting lid is good for this purpose.

Tools last longer and work better if put back in the closet clean and ready for use the next time.

**Care of Various Kinds of Mops.**

Once a week or oftener, if necessary, the box of the carpet sweeper should be opened over dampened newspaper, the dirt emptied out, and hair and lint cleaned from the brushes with a buttonhook, coarse comb, or old scissors. The mechanism should be kept properly oiled. A vacuum cleaner should be looked after in the same way, except that in addition the bag should be emptied.

Dry or oiled mops should be well shaken each time after use, and occasionally should be washed in hot soap-suds, rinsed in clear hot water, and dried as quickly as possible. Oiled mops may be renewed by pouring on a few drops of kerosene or floor oil and leaving them stand until the oil spreads through the strings. If too much oil is used, the floors will be darkened and a surplus of oil will be left on the surface.

Flax cloths should be washed frequently, because a little dirt comes out more easily and because dirty cloths often leave as much dust as they take up and may scratch highly polished surfaces. The oil in "dustless" cloths may be restored by adding to the rinse water a little kerosene or floor oil (about one tablespoonful to a quart of water), or by pouring a few drops of oil on the dry duster, rolling it tight, and letting it stand until the oil spreads evenly.

House cleaning often seems a hard task and it pays to plan the work carefully and to keep the home clean rather than labor to make it clean.

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DO WE GET A BUMP WHEN WE HIT OUR HEADS?

IF YOU would take something not quite as rigid as your head—a soft leather ball, for example, and jam it against the corner of a table, a distinct dent or hollow will appear. If you strike a rubber ball or any other resilient object against the same projection, the dent will appear only for a moment and the ball will then fill out and be as round as formerly. Why, then, don't we get dents in our heads instead of bumps?

The answer is that we do, but they fill up so rapidly that we do not notice them and are conscious only of the "bump" which appears almost immediately thereafter and remains for some time. This bump is caused by the operations of the body in repairing the injury resulting from the blow. An increased supply of blood is rushed to the spot and the surrounding veins become distended in taking care of this over-supply. Other healing fluids are also brought to the injured place to assist in rapid recovery and the presence of these, together with the blood, forces the skin to rise. A blow on the head will cause a larger "bump" than elsewhere on the body because the skin is stretched tightly over the skull and the intervening space is very narrow. Hence the skin must be pushed up further to make room for the healing agents which the body dispatches as soon as the brain telegraphs the injury.

A man having his hair cut noticed that the barber's dog had his eyes fixed on his master at work. "A nice dog," said the customer. "He is, sir." "He seems very fond of watching you cut hair." "It ain't that, sir," explained the barber. "You see, sometimes I make a mistake and snip a little bit of a customer's ear."

**SALT AND WATER IN COOKING**

Considerable Variation in Amount of Moisture Absorbed by Cereals—Table Will Help.

Cereals vary considerably in the amount of water absorbed as they are cooked, specialists in the United States Department of Agriculture state. This fact accounts for the thin oatmeal or the too thick grits which sometimes appear from the hands of an inexperienced cook. A cupful of hominy grits should be cooked in twice as much water as a cupful of Scotch oatmeal, and it requires twice as much salt as any other cereal. The table below gives the proportions of salt and water to use in cooking one cupful of cereal of the various kinds.

Cereal	Salt, Teaspoonfuls	Water, Cupfuls
Chen meal	1	2 1/2
Country grits	1	1
Country oatmeal	1	1
Cracked rolled oats	1	2 1/2
Cracked wheat	1	2

**Household Questions**

Young carrots are nice mixed with string beans or peas.

An old sheet will often make a nice pair of pillow cases.

Individual souffles of ham are nice for the punch supper.

Only water can be cleared by adding a few spoonfuls of cornmeal.

Buns will be nicely glazed if you brush them lightly with evaporated milk.

Little Freddie (looking at typewriter in his father's office): "What makes typewriters go, papa?"

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School authorities are forbidding teachers to have their hair bobbed. Also their skirts. This is bobber-ops.—Troy Times.

"You are charged with talking back to an officer," said the magistrate. "Have you anything to say?" "Not a word, your honor; I said too much already."

"Does your husband save anything for a rainy day?" "I'll say he does. From the way he hangs on to it, he must be expecting a flood."—Portland Advertiser.

Grandma of today might paraphrase the song and stick close to truth by singing, "Darling, I Am Growing Bolder."—Philadelphia Inquirer.