

HOUSEHOLD.

About Patching and Darning.

The people in this world who get beyond the use of patches on garments are few and exceedingly foolish.

But not every one is able to neatly lay a patch or darn a rent who desire to do so, hence we advance a few helpful suggestions:

Next turn in a narrow fold on the four sides of the patch, lay it in place outside the worn part and tack fast.

Now the work must go on from the wrong side, by first cutting away the worn piece, leaving enough margin to turn in as for a hem.

Flannel may be mended in the same way as described, only that instead of the edges being folded in, leave flat, and instead of being tacked they should be herring-boned all round.

Sheets and similar articles that are worn thin by long use, and are too weak to patch must be darned.

When darning take quite half an inch extra on either side, and not just the very thin place itself and that only.

Waste In the Kitchen.

Waste in the kitchen is often very great from apparently trivial sources.

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Recipes.

CORN BREAD.—One pint of corn meal, one half cup of flour, one-half cup of molasses, one teaspoon of soda, one teaspoon of salt.

CORN MEAL MUFFINS.—One cup of flour, one cup of corn meal, one cup of sour milk, one teaspoon of salt, one tablespoon of melted butter, one teaspoon of sugar.

GINGER SNAPS.—One cup of molasses, one cup of sugar, two-thirds cup of lard, one-third cup of cold water, one tablespoon of soda, one tablespoon ginger, flour sufficient to roll.

SPICE CAKE.—One cup of sugar, one-half cup of butter, yolks of three eggs, one-half cup of sweet milk, one and one-half cups of flour, one-half cup of currants, one teaspoon of baking powder, spice to taste.

CORN STARCH CAKE.—One cup of sugar, one-half cup of butter, whites of three eggs, one-half cup of sweet milk, one teaspoon of baking powder, one and one-half cups of flour, one-half cup of corn starch.

SCIENTIFIC MATTERS.

To make whitewash that will not rub off, add a little white glue.

Coleman's mustard-oil is a good remedy for local rheumatism. It is used externally in friction twice daily.

The odour of vinegar may be lessened by filtering the fluid through charcoal. Its strength is not impaired by the process.

A few drops of acetic ether administered in water will, it is said, revive persons who have been made insensible by inhaling illuminating gas.

It is asserted that dynamos generate a larger quantity of electricity when worked in a closed chamber under increased pressure than when exposed to the ordinary pressure of the air.

The blood of the higher vertebrates has long been used for the manufacture of albumen which has a high market value.

Persons who are colour-blind are usually either red-blind or green-blind, and their infirmity is almost always confined to one colour.

Peacock green stain for wood: A green stain is produced by a solution of verdigris in nitric acid; then, by dipping into a hot solution of pearl-ash, the color may be changed into blue.

Every one does not know the proper way to put out a lamp that has no extinguishing apparatus. None of the cheap ones are thus provided, and they should be put out as follows.

Moles may be removed by cautery, by excision, by caustics, by ligature, by electrolysis. Of all these methods, electrolysis is the best, because it leaves very little scar and causes comparatively little pain.

Formula for camphor-balls, popularly regarded as a specific for "chaps" and abrasions: Spermaceti, two ounces; refined white wax, two ounces; almond-oil (sweet), a quarter of a pint.

Mr. Thomas Andrews has carried out a long series of tests on pieces of iron and steel submerged at the mouths of rivers, where the fresh water began to mix with the salt water of the ocean.

How To Drive.

To fit a horse for making a long journey successfully, and with safety to health, life, and limb, or to make a shorter distance speedily, and with like results, requires more skill and judgment than is ordinarily brought to bear in such cases.

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MEN AND WOMEN.

President Grey employs his leisure hours in instructing his little grandchild, Marguerite Wilson, in reading, writing, and arithmetic.

A newspaper was received the other day at the Boston Post Office, addressed "Mr. George H. Handel, care of the Handel and Haydn Society."

During the famous Repeal and Emancipation agitations at Cork, the late Wm. Hayes, whose death, at the age of ninety-one, was announced in London, was a conspicuous figure.

We observe the announcement of the decease of the aged Baroness de Forquet (before her marriage, Mlle. Josephine de Lavalette), who heroically effected her father's escape from the cells of those condemned to die in the Bonaparte struggle.

A good story of clerical wit is revived in the papers lately, the anecdote of old Bishop Mountain, of Durham, whose apt quotation of a Scripture text elevated him to York.

Lord Saverne, who has lately succeeded to the vast estates of the Earl of Aylesbury is probably the worst spendthrift in the ranks of the British peerage.

Mr. H. Rider Haggard, whose South African Romance, "King Solomon's Mines," achieved such a success, is a barrister by profession.

Mr. J. C. Forbes, R. C. A., of Toronto, has just returned from a four months' trip to the Rockies, where he has been sketching with a view to putting on canvas some of the most characteristic scenery of that region.

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Roman London.

In A. D. 50 Caesar founded Londinium, or Augusta. Eleven years later the Britons revolted under Boadicea, sacked the town, massacred the inhabitants, and burned every building, and the limits of the discoveries of the ashes of this conflagration, coupled with the discovery of walls of too great a thickness to be those of ordinary buildings, seem to define the extent of the first Roman London as follows:

fragment of the oldest London river wall. All this part of London was here marshy, for in Thames street, always a rich mine of Roman remains, we find that the buildings unearthed are almost invariably built upon stout oaken piles.

MURDERED EIGHT PERSONS.

The Poe Family Supposed to Have Been Killed by Their Neighbors.

It has been ascertained that the Poe family of eight persons, supposed to have been accidentally burned to death in Knox county, Tenn., a month ago, were murdered.

He says his mother was talking about the matter several days, and that it culminated during a night when Mr. Poe was absent from home.

The man and woman were at once arrested. A sewing machine, beds, and several other articles recognized as belonging to the murdered family were found beneath the house of the accused persons.

Bulgarian Affairs.

At the close of the last war between Russia and Turkey, the Turkish province of Bulgaria, the sufferings of whose Christian inhabitants under their Mohammedan rulers had brought on the conflict, was made a self-governing state, not wholly independent of Turkey, but bound to her by slender ties.

The Berlin Treaty ordered that the Prince of Bulgaria shall be freely elected by the population and confirmed by the Sublime Porte (the Turkish imperial government), with the consent of the Powers.

Prince Waldemar is the youngest child of King Christian IX. of Denmark. His sister, Alexandra, is the wife of the Prince of Wales, and his sister Maria is the wife of the Russian czar.

He Couldn't Wind It.

A New York judge who was trying a man for robbing a woman of her gold watch as she was stepping on a horse-car did a neat piece of cross-examination.

Not a Family Man.

"Gimme a couple o' tickets for the show," said a countryman at the box office. "Yes, sir; for the family circle?" "Sh!" warned the countryman, and then he whispered:

Natural That he Should.

"Mrs. Swellington Jones—Really, my dear, you owe it to your friends to get a new dress suit."

Mr. Swellington Jones—Well, if I do I shall have to owe it to my tailor.

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