

About the House

HOW TO GET RID OF HOUSEHOLD PESTS.

Insect life revives with the return of spring and careful housewives start their warfare on household pests early in the season.

Flies can be routed by a very simple process: Half a teaspoonful of black pepper, finely ground, should be mixed with one teaspoonful of brown sugar, then moistened with condensed milk. Flies will generally eat greedily of this mixture if it is placed where they can reach it, but it will be their last meal, for the least taste of it will poison a fly. If watched, they will often be seen to drop dead within a short distance of the plate which they have just left, and some of the greediest eaters do not live to leave the plate, paying a heavy price for their gluttony.

DEATH TO BEDBUGS.

For getting rid of bedbugs there is nothing more effective than scalding hot alum water. It will cleanse their haunts perfectly. Wash the floors and baseboards of the room as well as the beds. Take mattresses out-of-doors in the sunshine, and with a feather apply the following mixture: To one pint of turpentine add five cents' worth of corrosive sublimate. This mixture should also be applied to the bedside before putting back the mattresses. Wherever you see the vermin dip the feather in the fluid and salt their tails well; it will kill them instantly. As the corrosive sublimate is poisonous, be most careful to label the bottle and keep it out of reach of the children or ignorant persons.

POISON PASTE FOR SILVERFISH.

Housewives who are annoyed by silverfish and other insects which damage books, papers, clothing and other articles containing starch, are advised to spread poisoned paste upon bits of cardboard, and tuck these into crevices in bookshelves, back of mantels, under washboards, and in the bottom of bureau and bookcase drawers. A thin, boiled starch paste can be prepared by adding from 3 to 5 per cent. powdered white arsenic (poison) to flour and then using sufficient water to boil into a thin paste. This should be spread upon cardboard and allowed to dry. The preparation is poisonous to human beings as well as to insects and it must be used with the utmost care. Another remedy for this pest (if it can be applied) is pyrethrum. Sodium fluorid which is now recognized as one of the most efficient roach powders, will probably also be equally effective. It may be dusted by hand or applied with a powder-blower wherever the silverfish are likely to appear. Frequent handling and airing of starched clothing and similar objects will probably be sufficient to prevent injury, unless they are stored away in damp houses. If clothes are put away without starch, the pests will be less likely to attack them.

CLOTHES-MOTHS AND BUFFALO-MOTHS.

An annoying and destructive pest is the moth which attacks furs and garments and articles made of wool. It is the larva or worm which works disaster; the moth-miller merely lays

the eggs. Whenever possible, the miller lays its eggs on a spot or soiled portion of the garment, and for that very reason thorough beating, brushing and cleansing is one part of the "ounce of prevention" which is necessary. Airing the garments on a windy day is also advisable, but the sunning process so often recommended affords too many opportunities for the laying of eggs.

Garments which are to be remodeled in the fall should be ripped apart and the material washed or cleaned in gasoline. Badly soiled garments and the clothing of men and boys should also be cleaned in gasoline. Blankets should be washed.

Large overcoats and fur coats can be placed on hangers, securely fastened in the mothproof paper bags which come for this purpose, and hung out of the way. Other garments, blankets and shawls should be sprinkled with moth balls, wrapped in newspapers, then packed in cedar chests. The odor of printers' ink and of red cedar is obnoxious to the worms; so much so, that worms hatched in a cedar chest die within a few days.

Buffalo-moths, known also as "carpet-beetles," may be driven out by sprinkling pyrethrum powder in places frequented by them. Carpets of infested houses should not be tacked down, but placed so they can be examined frequently. Pieces of woolen cloth kept on closet floors act as traps to attract and collect the larvae. Infested clothing may be cleared of the larvae by shutting the garments in a tight box and subjecting them to the fumes of carbon bisulphide.

TO GET RID OF FLEAS.

One way to rid a house of fleas is to place a few drops of formaldehyde in the water when cleaning the floors. If the fleas are very numerous dip the broom into water containing formaldehyde when sweeping. Clean out all places where animals sleep. Fleas also multiply in dark places. It is said that if you keep some sheep about the yards and sheds they will pick up the fleas in their wool and the oil in the wool will kill them.

FOUR KINDS OF PIE.

FOR BERKSHIRE RHUBARB PIE beat one egg until light, add a cupful of sugar, a cupful of finely sliced unpeeled rhubarb, two soda crackers rolled fine, one-half cupful of seeded and chopped raisins, a pinch of salt and two tablespoonfuls of butter. Mix well, pour into a pie plate covered with pastry, add a top crust, and bake slowly.

ONTARIO APPLE PIE is worthy of attention. Pare and cut into quarters or eighths (according to the size) sour apples that will cook easily. Select a pie plate having a rim, and cover with pastry which is not too rich. Arrange the sliced apples over the crust in circles, placing the slices in one layer, but very close together. Pour in enough cold water to half cover the apples, then sprinkle with enough sugar to sweeten. Sprinkle the surface with cinnamon, dust with flour, dot with butter and place at once in the oven to bake slowly.

LEMON PIE made by this old recipe is especially good. Mix together one cupful of hot water, one cupful of molasses, one cupful of flour, one egg, butter the size of a walnut and the juice and grated rind of one lemon. Pour the mixture into a pie plate covered with pastry and place over the top small squares of a sweet dough made with one small egg, one-half cupful of granulated sugar, butter the size of a walnut, one teaspoonful of baking powder and enough flour to make a dough which can be rolled and cut. Bake slowly. This quantity makes two pies.

DREAM PIE is all that its name implies. Bake three flat sheets of rich pastry, the size and shape of a dinner plate. With a fork prick each sheet in several places to keep them flat while baking. Make a filling of one pint of milk, one-half cupful of sugar, two egg yolks, two level tablespoonfuls of corn starch moistened with three tablespoonfuls of milk. Heat the remaining milk in a double boiler, and mix with the other ingredients. Cook for ten minutes, flavor with one teaspoonful of vanilla extract and allow mixture to cool. When ready to serve, spread the filling between the layers of pastry and cover the top sheet with a frosting made with two-thirds of a cupful of confectioners' sugar, enough water to moisten and a few drops of vanilla extract.

EARLY APRIL IN GREYSTONE.

The freshets are free and the ice is afloat,
And the stems of the willows are red in the air.
The crows in long companies echo their note,
And the little birds dare,
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Then a sudden cold night over hollows and hills

Lays a thickness of snow, for the inclines of day
And the meadows and bright multitudinous rills
To gather away . . .
As yesterday's beauty, returning, shall blend
With the morrow's new beauty—as I with a friend!

—Whitter Byrner.

EASY TRICKS

Turn Over

No. 22



The problem is to place a half dollar on the back of your left hand and, without touching it, make it turn a flip flop or somersault and land about where it started. A juggler or one having talent for that kind of entertainment may do this in the obvious way—but not without considerable practice. Here is a more amusing way.

Slap the left wrist, a few inches above the coin, vigorously with the right hand. The coin will obligingly execute the necessary flip flop. With a little practice the coin may be made to turn a series of flip flops, going into the air every time you slap your wrist.

Always hold the left arm stiffly and slap vigorously with the right. A gentle pat will do no good.

(Clip this out and paste it, with others of the series, in a scrap-book.)

Solve Mystery of Vanishing Whale.

The Colonial Office has purchased and refitted Captain Scott's old ship, the Discovery, for a long Antarctic voyage to investigate the disappearance of certain kinds of whales, says a London despatch. Why they are vanishing is no mystery, seafaring men declare. They say many varieties of whales are rapidly being exterminated by whale-hunting men, who can realize \$75,000 a ton for whalebone, whereas the price some years ago was only \$125.

Navigators of the Discovery will try to find if there is a possibility of conserving the supply by means of international regulations, based on a study of the habits of the mammals.

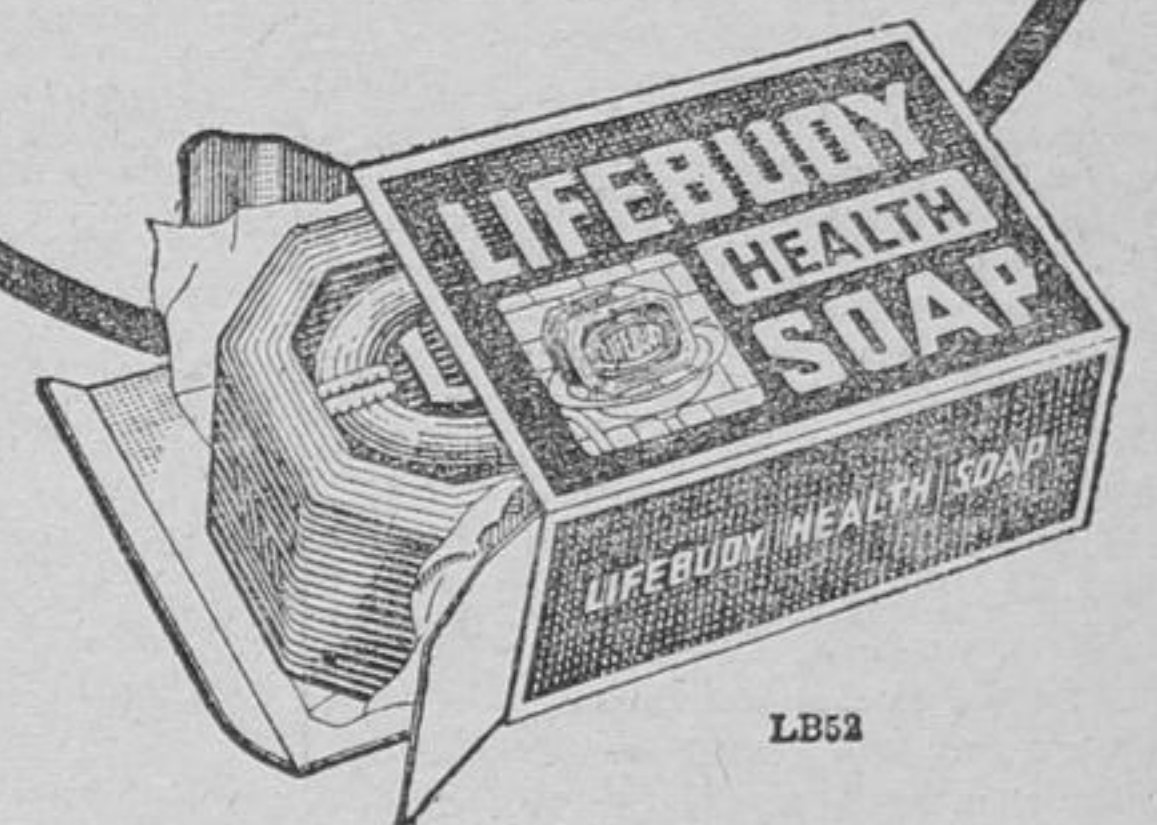
The venture recalls an agitation of ten years ago, when an authority on the industry declared: "This revolting butchery is without foresight or intelligence, and is carried on solely for the satisfaction of human greed. Apparently it will be stopped only by the extinction of the remaining whales."



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Soon One May Talk Across the Ocean.

Now that the British Government has appointed a notable committee of experts to act in co-operation with American experts in investigating the problem of wireless telephony over long distances and especially to make wireless telephony a commercial possibility between America and Gt. Britain, there are some enthusiasts here who see the day not far distant when passengers on the Atlantic highway can keep in touch with business interests on both sides of the big pond during the whole six days of the voyage, says a London despatch.

Much of the mystery of ocean travel, they argue, then will be over for the Atlantic lane will be the objective of telephonic communication from both sides. What is adding to the enthusiasm of veteran travelers too, is the possibility of being regaled with broadcast concerts from both sides of the water while a ship is at sea.

It remains to be seen whether British shipping lines will follow the example of having ocean going Follies as planned for the Leviathan. The French already have promised to provide theatrical troupes for some liners going to South America.

What evidently is stimulating the British seriously to take up wireless telephony is the success achieved in the United States. About two months ago attention was centred on wireless telephonic possibilities when the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Radio Corporation of New York through the Western Electric Company sent a message of considerable length at a pre-arranged time which was clearly audible to a big audience in London.

What also has centred public attention on the matter of communication with America is the frequency with which broadcast concerts from Ameri-

ca are clearly heard here, including the Yankee "twang," as it was described. At one of the big stations where an American jazz band concert was heard recently it was said later that there was no mistaking where it came from as the announcer had a nasal voice.

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