

USEFUL SUGGESTIONS

Skillful laundresses know that to iron a starched article when too dry results in breaking the threads of linen, which, in a short time, makes the frayed edge, or the hole. They also know that hot water dampens the clothes more evenly than cold, and makes the garments more quickly ready for the iron.

Novelty zephyrs show many plaids, forming comparatively large squares of hair or a trifle heavier lines. Most of these are of a single color upon a white ground, though in some pieces there are two colors, red and green forming the plaid upon a white ground upon one piece. There are many stripes, formed of narrow hair lines and dotted upon white.

Copper has been almost altogether discarded by housewives as a material for cooking utensils, owing to its faculty for accumulating verdigris and the necessity for the most conscientious daily scourings.

As a matter of fact, however, copper is very durable, and is the best conductor of heat of all materials which it competes with in this line. It is, therefore, used to a great extent in hotel kitchens, where the best is always found to be the cheapest, and where economy of time and fuel must be carefully reckoned up.

Copper is now so abundant in America that it has become quite cheap, and is somewhat more in favor than it was some little time ago on that account. There is an objection to it, perhaps, in the matter of weight, but it outwears any number of granite or tin utensils.

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Rubbing with a green tomato and salt will take iron rust and mildew out of white fabrics.

Two or three lumps of sugar added to starch made with boiling water will make it stiffer and more glossy. A teaspoonful of turpentine added to every quart of starch, either hot or cold, will give a brilliantly polished surface, and prevent the irons sticking.

To preserve boots and shoes, and prevent their cracking, rub castor oil well into the leather and between the soles and uppers; let it remain on for twelve hours, then wipe with a cloth. The oil softens the leather, and greatly prolongs their wear. They will polish with blacking after the use of the oil. Boots that have become hard from contact with sea water may be softened in this way.

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