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## HOME AND FARM HINTS



### Making Your Own Black Polish.

NOW that black polish is unprocurable I have found this an excellent substitute. Melt as much floor polish as desired, then stir in enough soot to make it black.—Margaret.

### Rubber Teat for Lambs' Bottles.

IF you prefer to bottle feed those motherless lambs and find the one and only teat is useless, try making one from any reasonably soft rubber. Fold a piece of rubber in half and cut the edges to a point; sew down the cut side with a few stitches, making sure not to have too large an opening at the tip. You'll find it very successful if you make it come well down the neck of the bottle as you can, then hold it firmly on.—Whiteywood.

### Making Working Clothes Last Longer.

NOW that working shirts and trousers are so hard to procure for our farmer dads and brothers, try putting the shirts and trousers through the starch water on wash days after you've finished the household goods and you'll find the dirt comes out next washday with the starch and saves wear and tear by rubbing so much.—Joe.

### Furniture Reviver and Window Shine.

MIX equal parts turpentine, olive oil and vinegar. Shake well before using. Use a soft, clean cloth for putting on, and another for polishing. For window shine put equal parts of kerosene, methylated spirits and water in a bottle. Shake well each time before putting on duster. Rub well over windows and a brilliant polish will result.—Billiam.

### New Use For Beechams Pills.

HAS anyone ever tried giving sick hens and chickens Beechams Pills? It acts like a charm. Hold the bird's head up, open the beak wide and drop the pill well back on the tongue and the bird will swallow it. I have given young chicks, just fully feathered, a half pill and completely cured moping.—Christabel.

### To Soften Shoe Polish.

SHOE polish has been rather a worry to many country people, especially where there are a number of children going to school. Sometimes the lid has been left off and the polish becomes hard. In order to make it moist again, run a little vinegar over the polish, put the lid on and leave for a while. You will find it has become quite as moist as when first opened.—Betty.

### For Your Cracked Hands.

HERE'S a hint for land-girls whose hands crack and get very sore when using spades or other tools. Get a match box or a small tin, fill it with some clean petroleum jelly and put it in your over-all pocket. Rub it on your hands while you work. I have used it and found it very good.—Land-girl.

### A Use for Old Gumboots.

NOW that gumboots are so scarce, and we are revising all the old pairs, here is an idea for those that are past mending. Cut off the tops at the ankle, for the men to use as leggings, then slit the top of the foot straight down for a short distance. These make quite good "goloshes" to slip on over slippers or light shoes, for little jobs like feeding the fowls where it is not worth changing to something heavier. Your feet will keep warm, and even if the gumboots are holey it is surprising how they protect your shoes.—Lavender Moon.

### A Substitute For Matches.

THIS idea might appeal to Dad some evening when he is getting short of matches. Make two holes in a tobacco tin (at the sides) and one small hole in the centre of the lid. Pack the tin tight with cotton wool soaked in kerosene, and push a little of it through the hole in the lid to form a wick. Light up, and there you are. It is amazing how long the lighter burns. It would be interesting to note how many evenings before it needs renewal. Ours is made from a two-ounce marmite jar with an ill-fitting lid.—Pine Cone.

### To Renovate Artificial Flowers.

BLOW or brush all dust off them. Iron anything very crushed, make some stiff boiled flour paste, paint over all petals and leaves, then, while quite damp, carefully put all the petals in place, smoothing them with finger and thumb. Lift up any that have gone flat, using a little more paste on finger if too dry. Put on clean paper and place on rack to dry. If you have any water colours they can be retinted and made like new.—M.S.C.

### Handy Hearth Brush.

TAKE a piece of very thick rope about 2 ft. long and double it, leaving the two ends loose, and bind tightly about 6 ins. with coloured raffia or string. Then unravel the loose ends of the rope and dye them to match the handle. This makes a very useful and ornamental hearth-brush.—F.H.P.

### For Children's Lunches.

OWING to the shortage of sugar to make jam I was glad to recall this fruit paste for children's lunches: mince 1lb. each of raisins, dates, apricots (soaked over-night) figs etc., mixed with malt.—Mum's War Effort.

### Eats His Greenstuff Now.

COULD not get the youngest to eat lettuce—it always seemed to choke him, no matter how I served it, until I hit upon the idea of chopping it finely and mixing it with his mashed potato. This way he eats it without any trouble. A little parsley is good and enjoyed by all this way too.—Lituka.

### Spring Cleaning Hint.

IF you have any linoleum that has become stiff and dry, restore it to its original fresh, pliable condition by giving it a linseed oil treatment. Have the oil warm, and go over the floor with it, using it freely. Leave for a few hours so that all the oil can be absorbed into the lino.—Cornish Pixie.

### Easier Marmalade Making

AS this is the season for marmalade, I would like to pass on this hint. Instead of cutting up the orange and lemon peel, try rubbing the fruit on a coarse grater. The resultant marmalade looks very nice and it certainly saves a good deal of time.—Babs.



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