

HOUSEHOLD

HINTS

WHEN making ice-cream, add a pinch of cream of tartar and it will not crystallise.

WHEN suede shoes become shiny, dip a tooth-brush in vinegar and brush them well. Allow to dry and go over shoes with a stiff or wire brush.

REMOVE paint from glass by applying a paste of bicarbonate of soda and cold water. Leave a few minutes and rub off with a soft cloth.

WASH the bread bin with powdered borax and warm water to prevent bread becoming mildewed in warm weather.

WHEN making curry, add a thick slice of coconut cake to give it a rich, delicious flavour.

BEFORE putting elastic into underwear, wet it thoroughly and allow to dry. Elastic usually shrinks after it's washed and so this prevents a too-tight waist.

WHITEN tea towels, tablecloths and other linen discolored by food stains by soaking in boiling water and cream of tartar. A tablespoon of cream of tartar to every pint of boiling water.

GREASE the cup first when measuring golden syrup, treacle or honey. Every drop will run out and there there will be no waste.

RINSE nylon stockings, no matter how sheer, in a solution of one teaspoon gelatine, dissolved in a pint of boiling water. Allow solution to become just luke-warm before using. When dry, nylons retain their tension, are less prone to "snag". If ladders run, they go very slowly, are easily checked.

TO REMOVE beetroot stains from tablecloths, serviettes, etc., dampen the spot with cold water, also dampen two pieces of bread, placing a piece of bread underneath and on top of affected part of cloth, forming a sandwich. Leave to stand for some time when the bread will draw the stain out of the cloth. Wash in the usual way.

KNIT the same color sylko with the wool when making heels and toes of socks. This will reinforce them and make the socks last longer. Another knitting hint: use a tapestry needle when sewing up bulky-knit sweaters.

USE a spring clip peg to hold cottonwool when painting on iodine. No stains on the fingers, just release peg to dispose of cottonwool. Useful for other jobs where hands can become soiled.

ADD a little paraffin to the water next time you wash lino. Dirt and marks come off easily and the floor polishes up well when dry.

WHEN boiling corned beef, add a slice of lemon to the water. This gives a delicious flavour and helps tenderise the meat.

TO PREVENT sugar crystallising in home-made jams, add one teaspoon of cream of tartar to every gallon of jam.

WHEN cleaning aluminium saucepans, rub with lemon juice and water and they will regain their new shine.

ADD pineapple juice to peanut butter when it becomes thick. Easy to spread and a new delicious flavour.

AFTER washing long lace curtains, eliminate ironing by putting them through the wringer and replacing at the windows while still damp. The curtains will dry straight and even, need no ironing.

CUT the foot off one of your worn stockings, hem firmly and use it to encase small daughter's skirt. No better way of keeping the knife pleats "put".

IF you have a gastric attack, try eating raw, scraped apple cooked with cornflour and water (no sugar) to a smooth consistency. Most effective remedy.

TO AVOID damaging a plaster wall when hanging a picture, place piece of scotch tape on the wall and then drive nail through it. This will prevent small plaster pieces from falling out of the wall.

TO DOUBLE half a pound of butter, soak 1 level teaspoon gelatine, 2 tablespoons cold milk, heat over hot water until gelatine is completely dissolved. Warm butter very slightly to soften, but it must not become oily. Add dissolved gelatine, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt and half pint rich milk (not from refrigerator) very gradually, beating all together until the milk is taken up. Put aside to harden. This butter is for table use.

CLEAN carpets by mixing a teacup of ammonia and a teacup of turpentine in a bucket of water. Remove dust from carpet, then dip a cloth in solution and wring out. Rub carpet well all over. All dirt and grease spots will vanish.

RELATIVES SOUGHT

The Department of Native Affairs in Queensland is trying to trace any blood relatives of the late Mr. Fred Cowling.

It is believed that a brother of the late Mr. Cowling at one time lived at Grafton.

For some years, Mr. Cowling lived on the Tabulam reserve, before going to Ipswich in Queensland in 1952.

The Department is making the inquiries so that Mr. Cowling's estate may be finalised.

Anyone who may be able to assist is asked to write to the Director of Native Affairs, William Street, Brisbane.