

divorce in the United States:—The statistics of the Census Bureau are simply shocking. The revelations are nothing less than appalling. The extent of the divorce evil is so great as to strike at the roots of social system. I myself am writing and speaking constantly on this subject, and I am in sympathy with any effort to check the growth of divorce in this country. The Government figures show that divorces are multiplying about three times as fast as the population. They disclose that one marriage in twelve ends in divorce. The figures are the more striking when considered by the side of the figures for Canada, for instance, where the number of divorces is relatively small. Divorce is becoming so prevalent that marriage is getting to be little better than a system of free love.

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By MAUREEN

A Good Deodoriser.

An excellent deodoriser for a sick-room is to burn some coffee grains on an iron skillet or plate. When the smell of coffee is disagreeable an unpleasant smell may be removed from the room of the invalid by rolling up a newspaper into a tight wad, lighting it, and carrying it through the room. Be careful in doing this that you do not set fire to yourself or allow the paper to blaze up alarmingly, as it is apt to give the invalid a nervous shock.

Warts.

That so many people go through life with these unsightly spots on face, neck, and hand is surprising, when they can be so easily and safely removed. Warts are simply an overgrowth of flesh covered with a hardened skin of two varieties, hard and soft. For home treatment there is a safe remedy, a simple one within the reach of all. It is this: Several times a day moisten the spots with water and rub them with a piece of washing soda. This removes them and no scar remains—that is, to stay. Frequently a little white spot appears after the wart is gone, but that will soon wear away.

A Home-made Dentrifice.

A simple tooth powder that is excellent for using on children's teeth may be easily mixed at home. Take one quarter of a pound of precipitated chalk, a half-pound of powdered orris, and one ounce of powdered camphor. Rub the camphor to a smooth paste with a little alcohol and mix it with the other two ingredients. This should be kept air-tight, only a little being taken out for immediate use.

Spots on Wall-paper.

The spots that find themselves on wall-paper more frequently in summer than at any other time, can be quickly and easily removed by making a stiff dough of flour and water. Knead the dough thoroughly and break into small pieces. As each piece is used it should be doubled in on itself so there is a clean surface at each rub. When one piece is soiled throw it away and take a fresh one. Always rub the paper in one direction, and do not go over the same surface twice.

Fatigue.

Fatigue lowers all the faculties of the body. It puts a chasm between seeing and acting. It makes a break, somehow, between the messages that come into the brain from the outside world and the messages that go out. It destroys will power. It is a condition which, in the nature of things, we cannot avoid. But it is important to know how to deal with it if we wish to keep away from important blunders. The only thing to do with fatigue is to get rid of it as soon as possible. Important questions must not be decided when one is fatigued.

Cleaning Tinware.

If new tinware be rubbed over with lard and thoroughly heated in the oven before it is used, it will never rust afterward, no matter how much it is put in water. For badly stained tinware borax produces the best results. If a teapot or coffee-pot is discolored on the inside, boil it in a strong solution of borax for a short time and all its brightness will return. Hot water cans and pitchers made of tin will last very much longer if turned upside down directly they are emptied. It is the few drops remaining at the bottom which cause rust and make tiny holes.

An excellent cleanser for tins is made thus: Shave down a quarter of a pound of good cleansing soap, cover with two pints of cold soft water, and leave until next day to melt thoroughly. Then add one pound of good whiting, mix and bring to boiling point, stirring all the time till perfectly blended; when cold add two ounces of spirits of hartshorn and bottle at once in a closely stoppered bottle. This mixture keeps for weeks, but should be well shaken up before use. Pour a little into a small basin and apply with a flannel.

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