

# Domestic

BY MAUREEN.

## Washing Cane-Seated Chairs.

Many housewives do not appear to know that the oftener their cane-seated chairs are washed the longer they will last. Take the chair out into the open air, turn it upside down, and wash the seat thoroughly with hot water and soap, allowing the moisture to soak well into the cane. Leave the chair in the open until it is quite dry, when it will be found almost as springy and taut as the day on which it was bought.

## How to Treat Polished Furniture.

Cleanse all polished furniture with vinegar freely diluted with water; then, when all dirt has been removed, apply the following polish with a rag, and rub briskly till you see your hand reflected as in a looking glass. One gill of sweet oil, one gill of vinegar, half gill methylated spirits. This extremely simple operation, performed once a week, will gradually produce a polish that is unrivalled. Boiling water even may be poured over it with impunity. It is not readily scratched, and the wood, having the pores filled with the application, becomes very hard.

## Home-Made Mouse-Trap.

The home-made mouse-trap that often succeeds in catching more mice than a couple of the regular traps has been used by many housewives. Take a stone crock or a yellow mixing bowl, fill it with water and tie across the top, preserve jar fashion, with stout brown paper in which when tightly stretched you cut with a sharp knife a cross cut. Stand this crock on a shelf. Sprinkle near the cross cut bits of cheese or bacon. The mouse will scent the goodies, will climb up on the crock or bowl after them and will slip through the cut in the brown paper and drown in the water in the crock. The stiff points of the paper will immediately spring back in position and be ready for more victims.

## Sprains.

Sprains require prompt and thorough attention. They sometimes give rise to permanent injury. Soak the affected part in hot water for twenty to thirty minutes. The water should be maintained at as high a temperature as is possible by the addition of very hot water at frequent intervals. The duration of a hot foot bath should be ten to twenty minutes, after which an elastic bandage should be applied to the affected joint in such a way as to prevent swelling on the outside of the bandage. The foot should be elevated for a few hours, until the tendency to inflammation has subsided. After the first twenty-four hours, very gentle rubbing of the limb may be employed. The rubbing movement should be in a direction from the injured part, towards the heart.

## A Strong Cement.

A cement which will adhere perfectly to glazed surfaces, repair broken minerals, or, in fact, stick to anything, is made by taking two ounces of clear gum arabic, one and a-half ounce of fine starch, one half ounce of white sugar. Pulverise the gum arabic, and dissolve it in as much water as the laundress would use for the quantity of starch indicated. Dissolve the starch and sugar in the gum solution. Then cook the mixture in a vessel suspended in boiling water until the starch becomes clear. The cement should be as thick as tar, and be kept so. It can be kept from spoiling by dropping in a lump of gum camphor or a little oil of cloves.

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# The Church and the Home

One of the last public appearances of the late Cardinal Moran was at Chatswood on the Sunday before his death, when his Eminence blessed the foundation stone of a new presbytery. In the course of an address on the occasion, his Eminence said that the Christian Home should be a sort of vestibule of heaven to those who reside in it, and it was the desire of Holy Church to so sanctify it, that if the angels came from heaven to earth they would find it a resting place worthy of Paradise itself.

Take the blessings which Holy Church imparted to the married state. At the present day divorce was rife in many countries of the world, but Holy Church set herself against breaking this holy bond of matrimony. He had been informed that in the United States, during the past ten years, over one million divorces had been granted. What a vast number of persons had been compromised by divorce. Not only the husbands and wives, but the children and immediate relatives were affected by dissolved marriages, and a stain inflicted upon them by the terrible disease of divorce. It was a terrible disease and one that should be combated. Holy Church had remained inflexible by not giving her sanction to it, and would sacrifice everything rather than imperil in any single case the inviolability of the bond. Holy Church again commanded respect to the laws of the land. On her banner was an inscription that the laws of the land must be obeyed.

Continuing, his Eminence said that nowadays there seemed to be some who set aside the Ten Commandments, and who thought that they did not belong to the present day. The Church decreed that the Ten Commandments must be obeyed. His Eminence also alluded to the Church being the great safeguard to its children in their own temporal state. He referred to the many difficulties between Labor and Capital. It was the duty of Holy Church to preach equity, assuring to labor its rights and to maintain the position of the employer along the paths of duty and responsibility. In many ways also the Church was engaged in relieving suffering, in preparing refuges for the fallen, establishing numerous hospitals for the sick and distressed, and asylums for orphans and foundlings and the aged and poor, and bringing to the suffering all the consolations that religion and science could impart.

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