



HOME HINTS



The Kinchela School mare is the proud mother of a foal, born last November.

Certain acids, such as lemon, vinegar and pineapple, are liable to stain fine china. When any of these have been served the plates should be rinsed as soon as possible after use, to prevent the acids from either biting into the pattern or causing a stain.

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Not all of us can sleep through night noises especially if we're away from home with new sounds to disturb us. Those who are kept awake at night can find comforting relief in wax ear plugs. It may take a night or two to get used to them, but they are really effective. These can be made at home, as follows: Pare finely a small amount of wax candle; add a little olive oil. Mould with the fingers until the wax and the oil adhere. Form into balls of the required size and shape and tie them in small pieces of fine lawn or linen. The plugs mould themselves into the ears when pressed in, and deaden sounds in the most sleep-inducing manner. An alternative for those with very tender ears is to soak pieces of silky-fine cotton-wool in glycerine and stuff into the ears, renewing them every three or four nights.

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Heat marks on furniture defy most methods of removal, and if the surface is badly damaged only professional treatment will cure the trouble completely. Superficial marks often yield to patient roundabout rubbing with a pad of cotton-wool sprinkled with metal polish. This also dulls the polish, but it is soon brought up again by rubbing with a good furniture wax.

Scratches on dark furniture can be disguised if filled with dark boot polish and left to soak in overnight—the friction will soften and warm it. Next day the wood should be rubbed with a clean, soft cloth before the usual polishing. This treatment may need to be repeated several times if the scratches are deep.

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When storing woollens or furs for any length of time an excellent way to defeat the designs of moths on these treasures is to place them in plastic bags, sealing the open end with a warm iron (used over brown paper). To make doubly sure, scatter among the woollens some crushed crystals of paradichlorobenzene. (If this tongue twisting name is too much for you, give the chemist the first three syllables and he will know what you mean.) It is also worth remembering that moths hate the smell of new unbleached calico. Make a bag large enough to take a fur coat, then tie the mouth tightly with string.

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Grass stains on clothing will usually yield to a rubbing with methylated spirit. The same treatment is effective with ink-spots from a ball-point pen.



A big smile from Patricia Morgan of Coraki.