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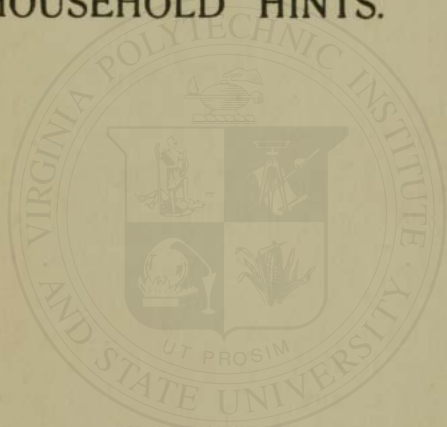








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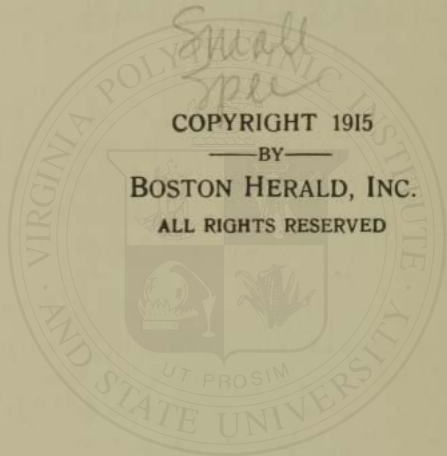
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## PROLOGUE

### INTRODUCING MARY JANE AND THE BRIDE.

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“And so,” said Mary Jane, “they’ve gone and put me in a book!”

The Bride giggled, and bit her pencil.

“What have you got to say,” she asked, “to those who will read the book? I’ll write it down for you.”

Mary Jane sat silent for a few minutes smoothing her already smooth apron. Then she looked up and spoke so seriously that The Bride’s blue eyes grew round and dark with wonder.

“Tell ’em,” said Mary Jane, slowly, “tell ’em that I’m an old woman, and I’ve seen many a home in my day, and I’ve learned many a thing from them that the brides—bless their hearts—have no time to learn, what with all the new-fashioned things, and the clubs and lectures that takes up their time. Tell ’em that Mary Jane is a plain-faced old woman, but she’s learned many a little help that only experience teaches, and she’s taken the hard knocks that I hope they’ll be spared. Tell them for me—and you can fix up the grand words,—that when things go wrong, they

mustn't sit down and cry and spoil their pretty eyes—let them get the book about you and me, and read all the things that it took me a long lifetime to learn, and they'll laugh at the spot on the carpet, or the jelly that won't jell.

“And tell them,” finished Mary Jane with a dignity wonderful to see, “that I wish them all well, and long life to them. Can you write that in book words for me?”

“Your own words are lovely words, Mary Jane,” said The Bride. So this book is dedicated to you, Little Brides, with Mary Jane's love.

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**A**LMOST the first time The Bride **Cleaning Jewelry** spoke to Mary Jane it was to tell her a trouble.

After the excitement of settling down in her new house, The Bride wandered to the kitchen with her jewelry case in her hand.

"All my jewelry is in a frightful condition," she complained, "how can I clean it?"

And almost the first time Mary Jane spoke to her mistress it was to give her a helpful hint. "Wash it in hot soap suds, to which a few drops of ammonia has been added, then rinse it in alcohol and dry in jewellers' sawdust," she said. And that's how it all began.

**T**HE next day there was a calamity. **Broken Glass**

The Bride dropped one of her new cut glass tumblers, and then cut her hand trying to pick the pieces off the floor. But Mary Jane bound up the little finger, and put a woolen cloth down where the fragments were, and patted it until the smallest bit had adhered to the cloth. "And after that, be sure you burn the cloth," she told The Bride.

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**M**OTHS have got inside my piano; **Moths in  
The Piano**  
what am I to do?" exclaimed The  
Bride.

"Make a mixture of turpentine, benzoline and oil of lavender and squirt inside with a small sprayer," replied Mary Jane. "Use seven parts benzoline to one of turpentine and a few drops of lavender."

**T**HIS lamp does not burn brightly," **Sputtering  
Lamps**  
said The Bride.

"It should be emptied out at least every two weeks," replied Mary Jane. "Rinse the bowl each time with a little clean kerosene. Never use water as even one drop will cause the lamp to sputter. When you fill the bowl again, add a little salt. It will make the light more brilliant."

**I** CAN'T seem to clean this milk bot- **Cleaning a  
Milk Bottle**  
tle," said The Bride.

"Use a small piece of chain," replied Mary Jane.  
"It is better than shot."

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**I**T was a very white-faced and scared **Caution—**  
Bride who confronted Mary Jane in **Poison**

her kitchen one morning. And well she might be frightened for she had nearly taken a poison tablet in mistake for a headache. With lips very firm, Mary Jane took the poison away from her trembling hand and pushed two pins through the top of the cork in the bottle of poison.

“The pricks will remind you to be careful,” she explained.

**A** **HANDFUL** of salt that Mary Jane **The Fat**  
threw in the fire when **The Bride** **Afire**  
had carelessly thrown some refuse in to burn, killed the odor that was gradually creeping through the whole house.

“**N** **NEIGHBOR** Jones's child marked on **Pencil-**  
the woodkork of my dining room **Marked**  
while here with her mother,” said **The Bride.** **Walls**

“Rub the spots with fresh cut lemon, then use whiting on a soft cloth,” said Mary Jane.

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**I**'M in a quandry," said The Bride, **Washing Furniture**  
"as to what I shall use in washing  
the mission furniture in the den!"

"It may be safely washed with warm water," Mary Jane responded. "When dry, polish with a little good oil."

**W**HEN Mary Jane found The Bride **A Clean Teapot**  
cleaning the inside of her silver  
teapot with soap and water, she took it out of her  
hands and making a paste of soda, vinegar and flour,  
covered the inside of the tea pot and left it over night.

The next morning the teapot shone as brightly as new silver.

**W**HAT am I going to do with this **Removing a Scratch**  
scratch on my mahogany table?"  
asked The Bride.

"Rub the scratch with the meat of a pecan nut and it will darken the spot," replied Mary Jane.

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**T**HIS rug seems rather dull looking," **Brightening  
the Rug**  
said The Bride.

"Scatter some salt on it and then brush off quickly with a broom," said Mary Jane. "Or you might scatter some bits of wet newspaper about the rug and brush them off."

**T**HIS refrigerator smells stale after **A Fresh  
Refrigerator**  
its winter of idleness," said The  
Bride.

"Wash the interior thoroughly with a solution composed of one part borax and three parts lukewarm water," replied Mary Jane. "That will make it sweet and clean."

**M**Y hands are terribly rough from **Roughened  
Hands**  
washing dishes," said The Bride.

"You should rub them with a piece of sliced lemon after each time," replied Mary Jane.

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**M**ARY Jane laughed at The Bride **Cleaning Enameled Dishes** when she found her trying to clean her enamel dish.

She took it from her and put in a tablespoonful of soda, boiling it until it was bright again.

**"S**EVERAL of my husband's friends **Chasing the Cigar Fumes** called last night and now everything in the house smells of tobacco smoke," said The Bride.

"To do away with it, put a lump of crystal ammonia into a jar and add three or four drops of lavender," replied Mary Jane. "Then pour in a few tablespoonfuls of boiling water and let it stand in the room."

**"T**HE landlord has just painted the **Killing a Paint Smell** living-room and the smell of paint is unbearable," said The Bride.

"To get rid of that smell place a handful of hay in a pail of water and let it stand in the room over night," responded Mary Jane.



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“ I DON'T like the taste of this coffee of **Coffee That**  
late,” said The Bride. **“Tastes”**

“Well, you should thoroughly clean the coffee pot once a week,” replied Mary Jane. “Boil it for half an hour in a strong solution of borax and water.”

**W**HEN The Bride's finest linen hand- **Yellowed**  
kerchiefs turned yellow, Mary Jane **Handkerchiefs**  
soaked them in cold water to which a little ammonia had been added.

Then she cut a large lemon into slices, including the rind, and boiled it in a pan. When at the full boiling point she put in the handkerchiefs and boiled them 20 minutes.

“ **H**OW can I prevent this oil-lamp from **A “Smelly”**  
smelling?” asked The Bride. **Lamp**

“Soak the wick in good vinegar, then dry it out and the lamp will not smell, no matter how low you turn the wick,” said Mary Jane.

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**I**'VE had lots of trouble with lamp chimneys; how can I keep them from breaking easily?" asked The Bride. Tempering a  
Lamp  
Chimney

"Easy enough," replied Mary Jane. "To temper them place in a pail of cold water on the stove and allow them to boil two hours. They will last twice as long."

**M**ARY Jane was washing the vinegar bottles while The Bride watched her curiously. Mary Jane soaped some small rolls of blotting paper, and dropped them in the bottle partly filled with water. The Vinegar  
Cruet

Then she rinsed with cold water and drained.

**I**'M puzzled as to the method I should use in ironing this corded shirt," said The Bride. Ironing  
Corded  
Goods

"That's easy," replied Mary Jane. "Iron over an ordinary ironing board, but take care to iron lengthwise or directly across. If you do it even a little on the bias it will be pulled out of shape."

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**T**HESE geranium blossoms in the kitchen look sickly," said The **Reviving Potted Plants** Bride. "I think I will throw the plants out."

"Don't," said Mary Jane. "Dissolve a tablespoonful of copperas in a pail and soak the soil thoroughly. It will make the flowers brighter and destroy the white worm. Don't get any on the foliage."

**M**Y goodness," said The Bride. "This **Cleaning a Gilt Frame** gilt frame is beginning to look a bit rusty."

"To clean it," replied Mary Jane, "place a few drops of ammonia on some new bread and rub the frame carefully."

**M**Y upholstered chairs need cleaning, said The Bride. **Upholstered Chairs**

"Beat them in the open air," replied Mary Jane; "then take a quart of warm dry bran, put it on thick and rub with a white flannel cloth. Afterward brush well."

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**I**S there any method by which I can **Restoring a**  
whiten this faded dress?" asked The **Faded Dress**  
Bride.

"Most assuredly," was Mary Jane's reply. "Boil it in two gallons of water in which one cup of cream of tartar has been dissolved."

**T**HE Bride was worried because her **To Clean**  
copper kettle looked green and **Coppers**  
dirty.

Mary Jane rubbed the surface with lemon skin and salt and wiped quickly with chamois, while The Bride clapped her hands at the result.

**I**AM about to pack my white summer **Packing**  
lingerie away," said The Bride **Lingerie**

"How am I to prevent it from turning yellow?"

"Easily enough," replied Mary Jane. "Put it in a blued pillow case and baste the end to keep the air and dust out"

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**H**OW can I clean this bronze candle-stick?" The Bride asked. **Cleaning Bronze**

"A paste made of beeswax and turpentine will make it like new," said Mary Jane.

**I**'VE heard that the tinned linings of these new sauce pans hold danger of poison," said The Bride. **Tinned Sauce Pans**

"Fill it with water, put in a lump of soda and some potato peelings and boil for a few hours," said Mary Jane," and there will be no danger."

**I** SIMPLY can't get this hair brush clean, and it is almost new," said The Bride. **A Clean Hairbrush**

"Wash it in warm water in which soda and borax have been dissolved, and dip the bristles in hot water containing a little dissolved alum," said Mary Jane.

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“**T**HESE forks smell of fish in spite of all I can do,” said The Bride. **Fish on the Forks**

“Add a spoonful of mustard to your dishwater,” said Mary Jane.

“**T**HIS sink pipe is clogging with soap,” complained The Bride. **A Clogged Drain**

“Mix a handful of soda and a handful of salt, force them into the pipe, and after a while pour in a large kettleful of boiling water,” said Mary Jane.

“**I** DON'T see why this table cloth looks so badly,” said The Bride. “It is fearfully wrinkled.” **A Smooth Table Cloth**

“I do,” replied Mary Jane. “When you ironed it you didn't iron it dry. Tablecloths should be ironed very wet and gone over with heavy medium hot iron until thoroughly dry.”

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**C**LEANING a white enamel bed looked like a very formidable task to The **Cleaning a Metal Bed** Bride, but Mary Jane went quietly to work with a tablespoonful of baking soda in a pint of warm water. When she had finished the enamel was clean and shiny as new.

**T**HE Bride opened her pretty eyes very wide when she saw Mary Jane putting bluing in the water in which she rinsed the cut glass. She understood why, however, when the glass was dried and the unusual brilliance testified that **When Cut Glass Shines** Mary Jane knew the best way.

**"T**HE ceiling of this kitchen is a **A Ceiling Cleaner** disgrace," scolded The Bride.

"Make a fairly thick paste of starch and water and apply it. When it is dry brush off with a soft brush and you will be surprised at the result," said Mary Jane.

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**T**HE nap of my velvet hat is awfully **"Crushed"** crushed," said The Bride. **Velvet**

"You can restore it by holding it in the steam of the tea kettle and combing it out at the same time," said Mary Jane.

**I** HAVE sponged this cloth dress with **Spots on a Gown** gasoline and some of the spots are still there," fretted The Bride.

"Try equal parts of hot water and turpentine," said Mary Jane, "and when dry iron with a damp cloth."

**T**HE white woodwork in this kitchen **Keeping Woodwork White** is becoming yellow for some reason," complained The Bride.

"Too much shade is the reason," answered Mary Jane. "Hereafter don't pull the curtains so far down."



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**T**HE Bride was mourning over her pretty blue shirt waist which had faded with many washings. **New Goods For Old**

Mary Jane boiled it in water containing a tablespoonful of washing soda to each quart of water and it came out a pure white.

**I**N this damp weather," said The Bride, "all this new tinware will rust, I'm afraid." **No-rust Tinware**

"It won't if you rub it with lard and heat it thoroughly," Mary Jane told her.

**T**HIS lace collar seems to be turning yellow," said The Bride. **Yellow Lace**

"That is because you have cleaned it too often with gasoline," said Mary Jane. "After cleaning you should wash with soap and water to remove the gasoline."

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**O**NE wash day Mary Jane found The **“Washable”  
Gloves**  
Bride rubbing soap on her white  
silk gloves.

“Next time don’t do that,” said Mary Jane. “Those  
gloves will be yellow when you take them out. Just  
swash them around in the suds the next time, and  
don’t rub soap on them.

“And if you want to get your clothes white, put a  
piece of lemon peel in the boiler when they boil.”

**“T**HESE paint brushes are hard, and I **Cleaning  
Paint  
Brushes**  
don’t know how to soften them,”  
fretted The Bride.

“I do,” said Mary Jane, “Place them in hot vinegar  
and let them stand for half an hour.”

**W**HEN The Bride came home from her **Fighting Off  
Flies**  
drive and told how the poor horse  
had been covered with flies most of the way, Mary  
Jane told her that she should have rubbed the animal  
with kerosene before she started.

“Not a fly would have gone near him,” she said.

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**M**ARY Jane's knowledge of animals **A Homestick**  
and their ways stood **The Bride** in **Kitten**  
good stead one day when the new kitten refused to  
stay, and was very plainly discontented.

Mary Jane picked up the trembling little ball of fur,  
and very gently buttered its paws. In the excitement  
of licking them, the little cat forgot its fear, and began  
to purr.

"It will never leave us now," said Mary Jane.

**I** WISH I knew how to freshen this **Freshening**  
delicate ribbon," said **The Bride**. **Ribbons**

"I'll tell you how," replied Mary Jane. "Wash it  
with water in which potatoes have been boiled. But be  
sure you rinse it well."

**T**HERE," cried **The Bride**. "I packed **How Hats**  
my hat in my hat box and now it's **Travel Safely**  
almost ruined."

"Next time, sew it to the bottom of the hat box and  
it will travel more safely," replied Mary Jane.

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“ **A**ND if you will remember to sprinkle **Riddance of Rats** peppermint around, the mice and rats will all leave. And I see that there are mosquitoes around the house. Take the alcohol lamp from the chafing dish, use a small metal cap and burn camphor in it. They won't stay around where the smell of that is.”

“ **T**HE sink has a bad odor, and I'm all **Kerosene Disinfectant** out of chloride of lime,” said The Bride.

“Put some kerosene down it,” replied Mary Jane. “Few people realize it, but kerosene makes a fine disinfectant.”

“ **M**Y brown leather traveling bag **A “New” Traveling Bag** looks as if it had been through a war,” said The Bride.

“Give it a good rubbing with the inside of a banana peel and then polish it with a soft, dry cloth,” said Mary Jane.



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**T**HE Bride was watching Mary Jane **Softening  
Leather  
Cushions**  
intently. She couldn't think what  
she was doing, but Mary Jane kindly explained.

The leather couch cushions were cracking, and the gilt frames in the library were covered with specks and dust.

The cushions were wiped with a mixture of one part vinegar and two parts boiled linseed oil; the gilt frames were made to look like new by a wash in water in which onions had been boiled.

**“W**HITE muslin collars and cuffs get **Keeping  
Collars  
Clean**  
soiled so easily,” The Bride said.

“Not if you put 'em on a foundation of buckram,”  
replied Mary Jane.

**“I**F I drive a nail here to hang a pan **Nails Into  
Plaster**  
on it will crack the plaster, will  
it not?” asked The Bride.

“Not if you dip the nail in hot water first,” said  
Mary Jane.

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**J**UST look at this mirror," said The **Polishing  
the Mirror**  
Bride, "it is all speckled and dull."

"Rub it with a paste of whitening and cold tea, then polish with tissue paper," said Mary Jane.

**M**ARY Jane did not believe in carpets, **Ammonia  
and Carpets**  
but when The Bride told her that  
the pretty Brussels looked worn and soiled, she con-  
descended to take it into consideration.

Grumbling the while about the cleanliness and convenience of rugs, she got down on her knees and rubbed it with warm water and ammonia in which a little borax had been dissolved.

**W**ISH I could get the ice off these **Ice off the  
Steps**  
steps," murmured The Bride.

"What's the matter with melting it off with salt?"  
asked Mary Jane.

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**I** WISH I knew how to steam this velvet coat," said The Bride. **Velvet and a Vacuum**

"Use the vacuum cleaner," answered Mary Jane; "it cleans as good as steam and raises the nap fine."

**T**HE Bride was hastily stuffing the clothes in the wicker clothes basket, and complaining that it was not nearly large enough. **Fold Them First**

"It would be," said Mary Jane quietly, "if you wouldn't throw the clothes in all of a heap. Fold them, and it will be quite big enough."

**T**HIS picture won't hang straight," complained The Bride. **Kinks About Picture Wire**

"Hang it face to the wall first," suggested Mary Jane, "and then turn it round so's the wire gets a twist in it."



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**“WHAT** a dust this carpet sweeper raises!” said The Bride. **Dustless  
Carpet  
Sweeper**

“You’d ought to take out the brush and dip it in water,” observed Mary Jane.

**“WHY!”** exclaimed The Bride, **More Heat  
from Coal**  
“what’ve you done to the coal?”

“Sprinkled some water on it,” answered Mary Jane;  
“wet coal burns better and gives more heat—that is,  
provided you get your fire started before you put the  
wet coal into it.”

**“THERE** the water’s shut off, so the **No Frozen  
Pipes**  
pipes won’t freeze while we’re  
gone,” said The Bride.

“There’s always water in the trap under the sink,”  
replied Mary Jane, “pour a quart of molasses down—  
it drives the water out and won’t freeze.”

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“**M**Y how the gas stove sputters!” **The Gas Stove Sputters**  
exclaimed The Bride.

“Take a hat pin and clean out the holes,” suggested  
Mary Jane.

**W**HEN the gilt braid tarnished on **Tarnished Braid**  
The Bride's military coat, she  
threw it petulantly away.

Mary Jane pursed her lips and picked it up. The next day the braid was as bright as new, and The Bride kissed Mary Jane affectionately as she thanked her.

“ 'Twant nothing, child,” she said, “I only brushed it clean and rubbed a leetle alum well into it; then I left it a few hours, and it was just like new.”

“**T**H**E**S**E** ornaments scratch the **A Scratched Mantle**  
mantle,” complained The Bride.

“Stick pieces of blotting paper on the bottoms and they won't,” said Mary Jane.

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“**M**Y goodness!” cried The Bride, **Stopping a Leak**

“what am I going to do?” This boiler is beginning to leak and the washing is not half done.”

“That is easily remedied,” replied Mary Jane. “Press a bit of soap over the hole and it will temporarily stop the leak.”

“**M**Y travelling bag is all packed,” **Travel with a Candle**  
said The Bride.

“Not till you’ve put a wax candle into it,” answered Mary Jane, “you can use it for light, or melt it to seal bottles and things.”

“**K**NIVES that we don’t use get aw- **Knives Rusting**  
fully rusty,” cried The Bride.

“Moisten them with olive oil and wrap them in flannel and they won’t,” returned Mary Jane.

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**I** CLEANED this flatiron in washing **Smooth Flatirons** soda, as you told me, and now it's all rough," fretted The Bride.

"One thing at a time," replied Mary Jane. "Now rub it smooth with common table salt."

**O** PENING a sleepy eye, The Bride saw **Muffling An Alarm Clock** Mary Jane with one hand over the alarm clock, whose bell was ringing so loudly that it seemed as though everyone in the block would wake.

But Mary Jane quietly slipped an elastic band over the bell and in a moment the noise was toned down to a subdued ringing.

**T** HIS kitchen wall paper is covered **Spotted Wall Paper** with grease spots," said The Bride.

"Well," answered Mary Jane, "make a thick cream of pipe clay and water and spread it over the grease spots tonight. When you brush it off in the morning the grease spots will be gone.

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**T**HE Bride was always sure that it **Washing Windows** would be fun to wash the windows.

The day she finally persuaded Mary Jane to let her try, she worked diligently enough for some time, and then came slowly to Mary Jane and owned up that it was not "exactly fun."

You tried to wash them with soap and water," scolded Mary Jane, "when there are lots easier ways. Squash up an old newspaper, and dip it in parrafine for one way, and for another try a cloth dipped in wood alcohol."

**O**H dear!" groaned The Bride, "the **Charcoal in the Ice Box** ice-chest is all smelly!"

"You'd orter put a piece of charcoal on one of the shelves," replied Mary Jane.

**T**HIS fir balsam pillow has lost its **Restoring Balsam Pillows** perfume," said The Bride.

"Put the pillow in the window some damp day, or sprinkle it with a leettle water, and the scent'll all come back," replied Mary Jane.

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**T**HE Bride had always considered **Flowers in a**  
herself artistic and was rather **Bowl**  
proud of her arrangement of flowers. But the pansies  
refused to look artistic in the little bowl where she was  
trying to place them.

"I'll soon fix that," said Mary Jane carelessly, and  
with an embroidery hoop a little smaller than the bowl  
with a piece of mosquito netting stretched over it, and  
the stems of the little flowers stuck through, she made  
a more artistic arrangement than The Bride had been  
able to accomplish.

**"T**HE ticking of that watch on the **Squelching**  
table annoys me," complained **a Nolsy**  
**Watch**  
The Bride, who was ill.

"Cover it with a tumbler and you can see but not  
hear it, replied Mary Jane.

**"T**HE canary is moulting," observed **Bacon for the**  
The Bride. **Canary**

"Tie a piece of bacon fat in the cage," suggested  
Mary Jane, "it's a sort of tonic for canaries."

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**J**UST see how this dish has marked my **Marred Table** polished table," said The Bride, **Tops** and yet the dish wasn't hot—I just took it from the ice-chest."

"A cold dish'll mark a polished table quicker'n a hot one," Mary Jane observed.

**T**HE Bride sniffed daintily at the **Onions—the** offensive pan where onions had been **Aftermath** boiled. "Wait a minute," said Mary Jane, "don't you worry about this pan. I can take the smell of onion out with washing it in hot water and soap, drying it, and then washing it in a little strong vinegar. Then you can go ahead and make your fudge."

**O**H, I've thrown away the box and **"Safety"** now I can't scratch these safety- **Matches** matches!" exclaimed The Bride.

"You can scratch 'em on a piece of glass," said Mary Jane.

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**I** HATE to ruin my panama hat with **Pin Holes in Panamas** pin holes," said The Bride.

"Have the shoe cobbler put two white eyelets in the proper places," advised Mary Jane. "Then you can very easily find the holes when you're pinning your hat on, and the hat won't be spoiled."

**A**LTHOUGH she rubbed and rubbed **Shining a Chafing Dish** The Bride could not make her chafing dish shine. The weather had been very damp. Mary Jane moistened the cloth in ammonia and polished it with another soft cloth. The result was miraculous.

**T**HIS cork is too large for the bottle," **A Too Large Cork** The Bride complained.

"Soak it in boiling water for a few minutes," said Mary Jane, "and when it's soft you can squeeze it in all right."



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“**O**H, dear! These irons are all rusty,” **Rusty  
Irons**  
said The Bride.

“That’s nothin’,” replied Mary Jane, “put some white sand on a smooth board and rub ’em over it.”

**M**ARY Jane was horrified when she **Sawdust to  
Clean Floors**  
found The Bride trying to clean  
the polished floor with soap and water.

“Land’s sakes, Child, don’t do that!” she cried,  
“sprinkle clean sawdust all over it and then use a  
scrubbing brush on the dry floor. When you sweep up  
the sawdust the floor will be clean and shiny.”

“**T**HERE,” complained The Bride, **A Rusty  
Dishpan**  
“the dish pan is rusty again.”

“If you had let it stand near the stove for a minute  
after you washed it, it wouldn’t have rusted,” replied  
Mary Jane.

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“**O**H, dear,” said The Bride, “my fire **Sugar on the**  
in the kitchen range is almost out.” **Fire**

“What of it?” asked Mary Jane, “when you can  
revive it with a few teaspoonfuls of sugar? When it  
burns up add more coal.”

“**A**NOTHER pair of gloves worn out,” **Lengthening**  
complained The Bride. I seem **a Glove's**  
to be buying them all the time.” **Life**

“If you make a practice of dusting a little powder  
into the gloves before putting them on, they will wear  
longer and hold their shape better,” said Mary Jane.

“**T**HIS stove polish isn't black nor **Stove Polish**  
will it stay on,” complained The **That Stays**  
Bride.

“Mix it with turpentine instead of water and it  
will,” answered Mary Jane.

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HAT clothesline is soiling the clean things that are hung on it," said **A Clean Clothesline**  
The Bride.

"Wind it on a board and scrub it with plenty of soap and a stiff brush," said Mary Jane.

**I**T was The Bride's Husband who first **Beans "Like Mothers"**  
discovered what a mine of information was their servant and general household adviser, Mary Jane.

At almost the first meal he made a momentous discovery.

"Why, Mary Jane," he said. "These beans are exactly like the ones Mother used to make."

Mary Jane sniffed. "I bet she used to put an onion in the middle of the bean pot," she said, "and so do I."

**W**HEN Mary Jane sniffed at The **Charcoal to Keep Flowers**  
Bride's dish of flowers on the dining room table she said, "If you want to keep them flowers fresh, and the water sweet, put in a leetle lump of charcoal."

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**I** CAN'T make this wick fit the lamp," **Fitting a  
New Wick**  
said The Bride.

"Pull out a thread or two," said Mary Jane. "It will not hurt the wick and will make it work smoothly."

**I** DON'T like to see the edge of the **Meat Pie  
Scorched**  
pie plate all scorched when the  
meat pie's brought to the table," said The Bride.

"Twon't be," replied Mary Jane, "if you grease the edge of the dish before you cook the pie. an' then wipe it with a damp cloth after it comes from the oven."

**I** DON'T see what makes this salmon **Salmon too  
Dry**  
so dry," complained The Bride.

"Don't boil it next time. Keep it in water that's almost boiling for 45 minutes and it will be delicious," replied Mary Jane.

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HERE," complained The Bride **When Cake Sticks**  
"that cake stuck to the bottom of  
the pan as usual."

"If you had let the pan stand on a wet cloth for a few minutes after you took it from the oven, it wouldn't have stuck," said Mary Jane.

**T**HESE pie plates are all stuck up **Sticky Pie Plates**  
with syrup," said The Bride.

"Wash them first in hot water and then scour them with emery paper and they will be as clean as a whistle," replied Mary Jane.

**T**HESE new earthenware preserve **Preserve Kettle Kinks**  
kettles break so easily," pouted  
The Bride.

"Place them in cold water and let them come to a boil before you use them, and you will find that it will harden them," said Mary Jane.

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HE Bride was horrified when Mary **Heating**  
Jane opened the door of the oven **Fresh Air**  
that would not heat, and let in a rush of cold air.

“It’ll heat a great deal quicker now,” said Mary Jane, “fresh air heats quicker than old air that’s been used, you know.”

“**T**HIS mayonnaise doesn’t seem to **Quick**  
thicken,” pouted The Bride. **Mayonnaise**

“If you set the bowl into a dish of ice while you’re beating it you’ll find it will,” said Mary Jane.

“**I**’VE misplaced the egg beater and I **Scrambling**  
can’t scramble Charlie’s eggs,” **Eggs**  
moaned The Bride.

“You don’t need an egg beater,” said Mary Jane. “Break the eggs into the spider, add a little milk and stir rapidly over the fire with a spoon.”

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HESE creamed eggs don't taste **Creamed Eggs** good," said The Bride.

"You didn't cook them right," said Mary Jane. "Make your white sauce first, then break the raw eggs into it and put the whole thing in the oven until the whites of the eggs coagulate."

**W**HEN The Bride broke the egg **A Stiff Meringue** beater, and said that she would never be able to make meringue for her pudding, Mary Jane showed her an easy way. She put the whites in the egg nog shaker and gave it a shake or two. The meringue was stiffer than any The Bride had ever made with the egg beater.

**M**ARY Jane watched The Bride's desperate attempts to whip some **Whipping Cream** cream, and at last came to her rescue.

"Add the white of an egg, thoroughly chilled," she said and the cream whipped as if by a miracle after that.

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**I** CAN'T make cocoa that doesn't settle in the bottom of the cup, and it always has a raw taste," said the discouraged Bride.

**Perfect  
Cocoa**

"Dissolve your cocoa and sugar in a bit of hot water and then pour on your scalded milk," advised Mary Jane. "If you let it come to a boil once and if you're careful not to let it scorch, you'll have a perfect drink."

**T**HIS molasses candy is so dark," complained The Bride, "and I've been pulling it for 20 minutes."

**White  
Molasses  
Candy**

"Put a pinch of cooking soda in it next time," said Mary Jane.

**T**HE grapefruit are juiceless and pithy," complained The Bride.

**Sherry in  
Grapefruit**

"Put a spoonful of sherry or maraschino in and they'll be juicier and tastier," said Mary Jane.



## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HE Bride's Husband always liked **New Potato Salad**  
Mary Jane's potato salad, and asked  
The Bride to find out the secret of its flavor.

"I know how she does it," The Bride told him a few nights later, "she chops up dill pickles instead of onions, and uses about one-third pickle to two-thirds potato, then mixes them with mayonnaise and whipped cream."

**"O**H, dear," exclaimed The Bride, **Potatoes—a New Way**  
"there doesn't seem to be any  
new way of cooking potatoes."

"Did you ever try melting cheese with creamed potatoes and adding a few red peppers chopped fine?" asked Mary Jane.

**"T**HERE," said The Bride, "something **Can't Boil Over**  
is boiling over on the range."

"If you grease the inner rim of a kettle, its contents will never boil over," said Mary Jane.

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**H**OW do you remove the fruit that **All the Fruit**  
clings to the sides and bottom of **in the Jar**  
the fruit jars, Mary Jane?" asked The Bride.

"That's easy," said Mary Jane. "All you have to do is to take a long-handled cooking spoon, bend the edges of the bowl in by laying first one side and then the other on the stove and pounding until the bowl is about half its original width. Then you have a spoon that is narrow enough to go through the mouth of any preserve jar."

**M**Y cake seems to dry up very **An Apple**  
quickly," said The Bride. **Keep Cake**

"Drop an apple or orange in the cake box and keep in a cool place," replied Mary Jane. "Either fruit will make the flavor better, too."

**L**ETTUCE wilts very easily," The **Lettuce**  
Bride observed. **Keeping**

"Wrap it in a damp towel, put it in the ice chest, an' it keeps for a day or two, fresh's a bouquet," said Mary Jane.

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HE fudge I make is not very good," **Knead the**  
said The Bride in a mournful **Fudge**  
tone.

"To improve it, instead of pouring into a pan, beat it until cool enough to handle," replied Mary Jane. "Then place on table, moisten hands with butter and knead as bread. This makes it smoother and more creamy. Cut it in any shape desired."

**M**Y husband telephoned that he **Keeping**  
missed his train. How am I going **Mashed**  
to keep these mashed potatoes in fit condition?" asked **Potatoes**  
The Bride.

"Place them in the top of the double boiler and partly fill the lower section with boiling water," said Mary Jane. "Put the cover on and that will keep the steam in."

**T**HE whole house will be filled with **Cooking**  
the odor of these boiling turnips," **Odors**  
complained The Bride.

"Add a little sugar to the water," said Mary Jane. "It will lessen the odor and will improve the flavor of the vegetables."

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**I**F there was anything The Bride's **Prime Salad Dressing** Husband was proud of, it was his French salad dressing. But he had to admit that after all Mary Jane could make better. She smiled at his attempts and then showed him how she did it. "I put the oil, salt, and pepper in a bottle, and add the vinegar, a little at a time, shake good and hard. You get a better dressing twice as quick as you could by stirring."

**"N**OW I must peel the oranges for **Peeling Oranges** this pudding," said The Bride.

"Pour boiling water over them, let them stand for five minutes and then the white under skin will come away with the peel," said Mary Jane.

**T**HE roast always puzzled The Bride. **Roasts**

When she had charge of it, it was always dry. Mary Jane explained. "After your roast has been in the oven twenty minutes or so, you should lower the temperature of the oven quite a lot. It will make a difference."



## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**I** LIKE boiled puddings," observed **Pudding**  
The Bride, "but I do hate to wash **Cloths**  
the greasy pudding cloth."

"Well!" answered Mary Jane, "if you'd put plenty of orange peel into the water while the puddin' was boilin' the cloth wouldn't be greasy at all."

**I**'S hard to tell when a boiled egg **When an**  
is done, without breaking the **Egg is**  
shell," said The Bride. **"Done"**

"Why," said Mary Jane, "I thought everyone knew a boiled egg was done when the shell dried off quickly."

**I** THOUGHT this fresh rhubarb pie **Juicy Pies**  
would be delicious, but all the juice **This Way**  
ran out," said The Bride on the verge of tears.

"Next time you make one, sift a tablespoonful of flour in with the sugar and the juice won't run out," counselled Mary Jane. "If you add a little cinnamon and nutmeg, you'll improve the flavor."

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HE Bride was in tears. Her husband **Salt the Lettuce** had found a small insect in the salad, and had been disgusted.

“Don’t you care,” soothed Mary Jane, “next time put the lettuce leaves in salt and water. The salt kills the insects, and brings them to the surface.”

**T**HE toast is unusually crisp and **Water Crisp Toast** tender this morning,” said The Bride.

“That’s a new way of fixing it,” said Mary Jane. “I had some hard crust ends and stale slices that I didn’t want to throw away so I held them under the cold water tap just for a second, and then toasted them in the usual way.”

**T**HE steak’s awfully tough,” The **Tendering Steak** Bride complained.

“Take a mixture of equal parts of vinegar and olive oil,” said Mary Jane, “rub the steak with it on both sides, and let it stand an hour or more before you cook it.”

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**O**H, dear, I've fried fishballs in this fat," said The Bride," and now I suppose the doughnuts 'll taste fishy." Deodorizing  
Cooking Fat

"Not if you cut up a potato and fry that in the fat before frying the fishballs," replied Mary Jane.

**L**ET'S pop some corn," The Bride suggested. Corn  
Pop

"If you put it in a strainer an' throw a little cold water on it before you put it over the fire, your pop-corn 'll be big and flaky," said Mary Jane.

**T**HERE isn't much use for a left-over soft-boiled egg," observed The Bride. Left-over  
Eggs

"Yes, there is' too," said Mary Jane. "Boil it hard and use it for fish sauces or salad."



## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HE Bride and Her Husband were both tired of chicken soup. They told Mary Jane so, and the next time it was served, it tasted different and was very delicious.

**Chicken  
Soup**

“I grated a leetle mite of cheese in it,” Mary Jane explained.

“**T**HE odor from this boiling cauliflower is unpleasant and it is going into the living room,” said The Bride.

**Cauliflower  
Odor**

“Place a tin of vinegar on the back of the stove,” declared Mary Jane, “and it will correct that.”

**T**HE Bride looked on with wonder when Mary Jane took a medicine dropper from the closet, and went back to the table where she was making cake.

**Just Enough  
Flavoring**

“I always use a medicine dropper for flavoring,” said Mary Jane, “and then I never spoil the icing for my cakes by putting in too much extract.”

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**S**EEMS as if this water would never boil," murmured The Bride. **Starts Water Boiling**

"Give the kettle a leetle shake," said Mary Jane, "sometimes that starts it agoin'."

**W**HAT makes the yolk of a dropped egg sink down and stick to the bottom of the pan," said The Bride. **Dropped Eggs**

"I don't know," said Mary Jane, "but 'twont if you have the water boiling, then drop the egg, an' then set the pan back so the water won't boil."

**T**HE water's always so salt after you boil salt beef in it," said The Bride. **A Cheap Soup Liquor**

"If you put two or three cooked carrots in the water, until the water gets cold, they'll take up the salt and you can use the liquor for soup," replied Mary Jane.

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**W**ISH I knew how to tell good beef **Good Beef—  
a Test**  
when I see it," said The Bride.

"Press it with your thumb," replied Mary Jane; "if it rises quickly, it's all right."

**M**Y! it's hard to get these horrid **Scaling  
Fish**  
scales off the fish," said The  
Bride.

"Dip the fish in boiling water for a moment," said  
Mary Jane.

**HERE,**" cried The Bride, "this **When Boiled  
Fish Sticks**  
boiled fish stuck to the bottom of  
the kettle."

"It wouldn't have," replied Mary Jane, "if you had placed a clean greased cotton cloth in the bottom of the kettle before you put in the fish."

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**I**T'S hard work, beating cake," said **The Bride.** How to  
Beat Cake

"Not if you use a wooden spoon and beat the mixture with the back of the spoon," replied Mary Jane.

**W**ELL, I never," cried **The Bride.** Lard in the  
Cake Pan

"I greased the bottom of this pan with butter, and the cakes stuck just the same."

"But if you had used sweet lard instead of butter, it wouldn't have," replied Mary Jane.

**T**HE Bride was absolutely sure that **there was nothing to serve with** To Serve  
With Meat

meat but potatoes, and when her husband lifted a supercilious eyebrow at the 12th time they were served in one week, The Bride rushed to Mary Jane for help.

"Try fried sliced bananas and boiled rice for a change," advised Mary Jane.

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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“**T**HE ice cream is ready for the **Freezing Ice Cream Faster** freezer,” said The Bride.

“Pour a dipper of water over the ice and salt just before you start turning the handle,” advised Mary Jane, “and it’ll freeze faster.”

“**H**OW did you get such a rich red **Color in Quinces** color in your quince preserves?” asked The Bride.

“Quinces is queer,” replied Mary Jane; “you’d ought to steam ’em on the back of the stove, with a cover on that let’s the steam out, until they’re as red’s you want ’em.”

“**W**HAT do you suppose made this **Fermented Jelly** jelly ferment?” The Bride inquired.

“Probably not enough sugar in it,” said Mary Jane; it had ought to be about half and half.”

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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“**W**HEN do you add the sugar to jelly while it's cooking?” said The **Add the Sugar Last**  
Bride.

“Don't add it till the very last minute,” replied Mary Jane.

“Why not put sugar into jelly when it first begins to boil?” asked The Bride.

“Because the longer it boils with sugar in it, the harder it gets,” answered Mary Jane.

“**I**F I only had a toaster,” said The **Instead of a Toaster**  
Bride.

“Why don't you use one of them asbestos mats?” Mary Jane inquired.”

“**I**CAN'T cook breakfast bacon very **Breakfast Bacon**  
well,” The Bride observed.

“You'd ought to cut off the rind,” said Mary Jane, “then dip each slice in flour and fry it real quick This keeps the fat from running.”

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HE Bride was discouraged.

New Flavor  
to Cocoa

She was giving a tea party and Mrs. de Dreux was coming and all she had to serve was cocoa.

“Put a leetle vanilla extract in each cup, and Mrs. de Thingumbob will be delighted,” said Mary Jane.

**N**O use saving these old squeezed lemon skins,” said The Bride.

Save the  
Lemon Skins

“Put some salt on 'em,” said Mary Jane, “and they're dandy for scourin' brasswork or taking the fish and onion smell out o' kettles.”

**I**'M tired of stewing these dried lima beans the same old way,” said

Fine Lima  
Beans

The Bride.

“Soak 'em over night,” replied Mary Jane, “put 'em in the regular bean pot, with three or four slices of pork, and bake 'em for four or five hours. They're elegant.”

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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“**O**H, my! The boiled pudding always **Boiled  
Pudding** breaks when I turn it from the pudding tin,” said The Bride.

“You’d always ought to let a boiled pudding’ stand for a few minutes till some of the steam’s gone,” replied Mary Jane, “and then it won’t break.”

“**T**H**E**SE potatoes are so watery I **Watery  
Potatoes** cannot use them,” declared The Bride.

“Yes, you can,” said Mary Jane. “Score the skins all the way round, boil them in salt water with the skins on, and they will become dry and floury.”

**T**H**E** Bride was absolutely sure that **Cheap  
Light Cake** her cake would not be light if she did not use a large number of eggs.

Mary Jane reminded her that “eggs was up” and advised the use of a teaspoonful of vinegar to take the place of one egg, and make the cake light.



## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HIS boiled rice doesn't seem very **White Boiled Rice** white," complained The Bride.

"If you had put a teaspoonful of lemon juice into the water, it would have been as white as snow," answered Mary Jane.

**T**HE Bride was throwing away the **Scorched Milk** milk that had been scorched and Mary Jane gave her a valuable hint for the future.

"If you had rinsed the pan out with cold water before you put in on the stove, it would not have scorched," she said.

**I**D like to make some ice cream, but **A Substitute For Salt** there isn't enough salt," said The Bride.

"Use chloride of lime instead of salt," Mary Jane advised, "and don't use so much of it."

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**I** WONDER if this milk will keep," **Milk Kept  
Fresh**  
said The Bride, "when I haven't  
any ice."

"It'll have more chance of keeping if you stand the bottle in a bowl of cold water," replied Mary Jane.

**T**HIS tea tastes flat," remarked The **Fresh Boiled  
For Tea**  
Bride.

"Because you used water that had been boiled for more than two or three minutes," replied Mary Jane.

**I**S there any way in which I can pre- **Crisp Pie  
Crust**  
vent my under pie crust from be-  
coming soggy?" queried The Bride.

"Most assuredly," replied Mary Jane. "Rub over with the white of an egg before putting in the filling."

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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“**M**Y cake seems to stick to the pans,” **Cake That Sticks**  
said The Bride.

“Dust a little flour over the greased pans and it will prevent the cake from sticking,” replied Mary Jane. “And furthermore,” she added, “it will not be necessary to use paper.”

“**H**OW am I to make this lobster New- **Lobster Newburg**  
burg so that the sherry will not  
curdle the cream?” asked The Bride.

“Do not put the sherry in until the mixture is done,” said Mary Jane. “Then remove from the fire and slowly stir in the sherry.”

**M**ARY Jane noticed that The Bride **Burnt Cake**  
was troubled about her bread and  
cake burning on the bottom.

“Put in a piece of wire screen the size of the bottom of the oven and your stuff won't burn again,” she advised.

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HESE canned blueberries are de- **Soda Keeps  
the Juice In**  
licious," said The Bride, "but  
every time I make a blueberry pie the juice runs out."

"Just add a pinch of soda before you put the top  
crust on and you will have no difficulty," said Mary  
Jane.

**B**READ gets mouldy so fast," com- **Leave the  
Crock Ajar**  
plained The Bride.

"Why I thought everybody knew you'd order tip  
the cover of the bread crock a leetle mite," said Mary  
Jane, "so's to let the air in."

**I**T was when The Bride was shedding **Mud  
Spots**  
tears over the mud stains on her  
new tailored suit that she first had a glimpse of the  
wonderful power of Mary Jane to remove the most  
stubborn stain.

"Don't cry, child," said Mary Jane, "just dampen  
a cloth, and dip it in baking soda, and rub the spots  
with it. If you press the skirt apply the irons on the  
wrong side."

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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“**T**HIS agate ware is stained,” said **Stained**  
The Bride. **Agate Ware**

“Use some wood ashes on a wet rag and they will be removed in short order,” declared Mary Jane. “It is good for stains on tinware and crockery, too.”

“**G**IVE me that napkin with the cocoa **Cocoa**  
stain on it,” said Mary Jane to **Stains**  
The Bride, “and I’ll soak it over night in cold water, then pour boiling water from a good height through the stains, and you would never know it was there.”  
On another occasion she soaked the cloth which had been stained by chocolate in kerosene and then washed it in cold water. The result was equally good.

“**N**OW, what do you think of that?” **Scorched**  
quoth The Bride. “I’ve scorched **Linen**  
some of this linen.”

“Try an application of peroxide, lightly padding the stain,” said Mary Jane.

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HERE, I've got a coffee stain on the **Coffee Stains**  
table cloth," said The Bride.

"I never knew a coffee stain that was so obstinate that it wouldn't come off with a little hot water and the yolk of an egg," answered Mary Jane.

**T**HE brass rings of this portiere are **Discolored Brass**  
discolored," said The Bride.

"Boil them in some vinegar for a little while and they will be bright as new," rejoined Mary Jane.  
"You can treat oil burners in the same way."

**M**ARY Jane looked pitingly at The **Vegetable Stains**  
Bride who was trying to get the  
vegetable stains off her fingers with soap and water.

"Land, Child," she said, "take some lemon peel, and rub your hands before you wash them, and the stains will all come out."

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**H**UBBY got some grease on his shirt **Grease**  
today while working about the **Spots**  
motor car," said The Bride.

"You can remove it by washing the spot in cold water, ammonia and soap," said Mary Jane.

**M**Y aluminum pans are stained," **Cleaning**  
said The Bride. "What's to be **Aluminum**  
done to clean them."

"Dissolve four tablespoonfuls of oxalic acid crystals in a gallon of water; let this boil for five minutes in each of the pans, then rinse with clean water," said Mary Jane.

**R**UST stains on the table linen puzzled **Rust Stains**  
The Bride until she saw Mary Jane **On Linen**

remove them easily with lemon juice and salt, covering the stains with the mixture and putting it in the sun for a while.

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HERE is a grease spot on this silk **Grease on  
Silk**  
dress of mine," said The Bride  
tearfully.

"Wet the spot, then rub on some magnesia," replied  
Mary Jane. Brush the magnesia off when dry."

**T**HERE is an ink spot in this cloth, **Ink  
Remover**  
and it is an old one," said The  
Bride. "I wonder if there is any way of removing it?"  
"Yes," replied Mary Jane, "wash it repeatedly in  
melted tallow and then hot water."

**T**HE Bride was going to throw away **Blood  
Stains**  
the handkerchief which she had tied  
around her cut finger. But Mary Jane took it from  
her and with a little ammonia in the water, took the  
stains out completely.



## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**G**RASS stains seemed to have spoiled a **Grass Stains**  
pretty white dress of The Bride's  
but Mary Jane rubbed the stain with molasses and  
then washed in the regular way. Every trace of the  
green spots disappeared.

**"THIS** porcelain bath tub is stained," **Discolored Porcelain**  
said The Bride.

"Throw a little dampened coarse salt into it and rub  
briskly with flannel cloth wet with turpentine," said  
Mary Jane. "The most obstinate stains will disappear  
and this remedy will not injure the drain pipes as  
caustic washing powders do."

**"THIS** napkin has several orange **Orange Stains**  
stains on it," said The Bride.

"Rub them with slightly moistened cream of tartar  
and they will disappear," returned Mary Jane.

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HESE ugly yellow stains on the sink **A Yellowed Sink** look so awful," whispered The **Sink** Bride.

"A thin coat of potash left on the sink over night once a week will fix 'em," said Mary Jane. "But you want to be careful of that potash stuff because it is as poisonous as the old woman in the lobster."

**M**ARY Jane always had a lemon **The Handy Lemon** handy in case of stains and spots **Lemon** on clothes. "There's lots of ways we can use it," she explained to The Bride, as she rubbed a slice on some match scratches on a painted wall. Then with a clean cloth dipped in whiting she wiped the wall dry and the mark completely off.

**M**Y new knives are all stained," **Cleaning New Knives** wailed The Bride.

"Cut a potato in half, smear it with brick dust and rub over the stains," said Mary Jane.

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HIS range is a sight after I have done any frying on it," complained The Bride. Grease on  
The Range

"Rub a little soot on the grease spots," said Mary Jane," and it will then polish nicely."

**O**H! there goes some ink on the rug," exclaimed The Bride. Ink on  
Rug

Mary Jane seized the salt cellar. "Put salt on." she said, "and then cover the spot with sweet milk,—wipe the milk off, put more milk on, and keep it up till the stain is gone."

**T**HE Bride was afraid of the consequences when she dropped some water on the varnished chair, but Mary Jane rubbed the spots with spirits of camphor and they all disappeared. Water on  
Varnish

## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HE leather cushions of this Morris chair are terribly stained and dirty," said The Bride. **Dirty Leather Cushions**

"Boil half a pint of linseed oil and when almost cold mix in half a pint of turpentine and use that. It will clean them perfectly," said Mary Jane.

**I**'VE got sewing machine oil all over this white material," cried The Bride.. **Sewing Machine Oil**

"Dip it right into cold water before it dries," said Mary Jane.

**T**HE window sill is all stained from those flower pots," fretted The Bride. **Flower Pots in the Window**

"What of it," asked Mary Jane, "when you can easily clean them with wood ashes and hot water?"



## MARY JANE'S BOOK.

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**T**HE candles that The Bride insisted on using were a source of great annoyance to Mary Jane. When the grease fell on the rug, she put a piece of brown paper over the spot and pressed with a hot iron. The grease all went into the paper, and left no stain on the rug.

Candle  
Droppings

**T**HIS shooting coat of Hubby's would look better if the grease spots were out of it," The Bride said.

Alcohol and  
Salt

"Dissolve a teaspoonful of salt in four tablespoonfuls of alcohol and apply it with a sponge and you'll take them all out," replied Mary Jane.

**I**'VE ruined my silk kimona," said The Bide. "At breakfast today I spilled some egg on it."

Egg Stains  
On Silk

"Just rub it with a little table salt and it will disappear," said Mary Jane.

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**J**UST see this spot of wheel grease **Axle Grease** that I got on my dress when I was passing the carriage," said The Bride. "The dress is ruined."

"Oh, no it isn't," said Mary Jane, "apply a few drops of eucalyptus oil and rub the garment slightly. An application of talcum powder will hasten the process of drying."

**I** WONDER how I can take the grass **Grass Stains on a Skirt** stains of out this skirt," said The Bride.

"Rub butter into them and then wash them in soap and water," replied Mary Jane.

**M**ARY Jane was as proud of The **Fingers Stained** Bride's pretty fingers as The Bride herself. When they were black from the pans Mary Jane rubbed them with a little boiled potato, and the black disappeared.

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**N**OW doesn't that tablecloth look **Coffee on the Tablecloth** bad where I spilled the coffee," said The Bride. "What can I do with it?"

"Rub it with glycerine," replied Mary Jane. "It will take the stain out and also the grease spot caused by the cream. Then rinse in luke-warm water and press on the wrong side."

**I** BELIEVE these are fruit stains on **Fruit Stains** my best linen luncheon cloth," said The Bride.

"Smear 'em with some pure glycerine," advised Mary Jane, "leave 'em for about an hour an' wash 'em in warm, soapy water. You may have to do it twice."

**I** S'POSE it's foolish to feel bad because the bean pot's all discolored," remarked The Bride. **Cleaning a Bean Pot**

"Yes," agreed Mary Jane, "especially when you can whiten it by lettin' buttermilk stand in it for a day or so."



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“**M**Y Husband's old black coat is **Brightening a Black Coat** stained,” said The Bride, “but he wants to wear it two or three weeks more until he gets his new spring suit.”

“A little kerosene rubbed briskly over the spots will remove the stains and brighten the coat,” replied Mary Jane.

“**I** DROPPED some ice cream soda on **Ice Cream Soda Stains** my dress,” said The Bride.

“To remove the stain,” answered Mary Jane, “sponge with gasoline or chloroform with a piece of blotting paper. When dry, sponge with lukewarm water and rub gently with flannel.”

“**T**H**ES**E paint spots on the window **Paint Spots** won't come off,” said The Bride.

“Melt soda in hot water and wash,” said Mary Jane, “and you will be surprised at the result.”

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**T**HIS polished table is stained both **The Polished Table** from hot dishes and wet flower **Table** vases," said The Bride.

"Rub the stained parts well with linseed oil," said Mary Jane, "and then hold a hot flat iron two or three inches above the spot and you will soon see it disappear."

**T**HE Bride looked guiltily at the ink **Spots on the Floor** spot on the floor of the den. Mary **Floor** Jane washed the stained spot with cold water and covered with baking soda. When it had dried she washed off the soda and all trace of the stain.

**A** **STAIN** on her dresser mirror both **A Stained Mirror** **Mirror** **ered** The Bride until Mary Jane saw it and rubbed it away with a flannel cloth dampened with spirits of camphor.

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**I**S there any way in which I can re- **Old Paint**  
move this old paint spot from my **Spots**  
husband's trousers?" asked The Bride.

"Cover the mark with olive oil and then rub with commercial chloroform," was Mary Jane's rejoinder.

**H**OW am I to clean this aluminum **Discolored**  
pan?" asked The Bride. **Aluminum**

"Quite easily," replied Mary Jane, "boil the skins and bits of discarded tomato in the pan and it will clean it fine."

**A** GREASE spot on Hubby's big fav- **Grease Spots**  
orite leather chair caused conster- **On Leather**

nation. But Mary Jane did wonders at removing it with the beaten white of an egg which she applied, and then dried the chair in the sun.

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**A** PANAMA hat that The Bride had thrown away because it was stained and discolored was discovered by Mary Jane. "Tut, Child," she scolded, "that will never do. Dip a cloth in kerosene and rub your hat and it will look as good as new."

Revising the  
Panama

**T**HE Bride's piano was blurred, and she asked Mary Jane's advice as to what to do. Mary Jane dipped a cloth in a mixture of one part turpentine and two parts olive oil, and rubbed the piano until it shone like new.

A Piano  
Polish

"MY cooking dishes are becoming yellow," said The Bride.

Yellowed  
Cooking  
Dishes

"Scour them with common baking soda and they will whiten," replied Mary Jane.

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**O**NE rainy day The Bride decided to **Made Over  
Sheets**  
look over her linen chest. When she had unfolded several of her lavender scented sheets, she discovered that there were half a dozen that had already begun to wear out in the middle.

"It seems a pity," she mused, "to have to throw these away. I wonder if Mary Jane could help me?"

"My, what a baby you are," said Mary Jane, "every woman who ever kept house knows that they must be torn in two lengthwise and the two selvages sewed together. That will bring the wear on the part that was on the edge of the bed before, where it didn't get any wear. With the new edges hemmed, the sheets will be as good as ever."

**"M**Y eyes are tired from doing this **When Drawn  
Work Tires**  
drawn work," complained The  
Bride.

"Put on a black apron and you'll have less trouble," said Mary Jane.

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**I** JUST hate to baste clothes," said **Basting on  
The Machine**  
The Bride.

"You can baste 'em on the machine," answered Mary Jane, "only be sure to use loose tension and a long stitch."

**I** HATE to baste long seams," com- **Basting  
Long Seams**  
plained The Bride.

"Thread the needle to the basting spool and don't out the thread," said Mary Jane. "You save thread that way, too, because it can be pulled out in one long thread after stitching."

**I** CAN'T find that dustless duster I **Dustless  
Dusters**  
bought anywhere," said The Bride

"Make one yourself," suggested Mary Jane. "Get black cheese cloth and wash it in a solution of kerosene and oil of paraffin. You'll need a pint of kerosene and a third of an ounce of paraffin to make three dusters."

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**T**HERE! I've finished my summer **Aprons from Remnants** dresses," said The Bride; "too bad I bought so much goods. Look at all these pieces."

"Make 'em into aprons to match the dresses," replied Mary Jane, "the gingham and percale plain for mornin' and lace-trimmed tea aprons of the muslin for afternoon—they look neater than the ordinary kind, I think."

**I**'D like to hang the clothes out, but **Drying in Zero Weather** they'll freeze," said The Bride.

"Not if you put a handful o' salt in the rinsing water," answered Mary Jane.

**T**HE waist was sprinkled and now **Taking Out Mildew** it's mildewed," scolded The Bride.

"Just soak the spots in lemon juice and put it out in the sun," said Mary Jane.

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**T**HINGS that shrink, and things that didn't shrink were always a mystery to The Bride. **Allow for Shrinkage**

"Calico, for instance," she asked Mary Jane, "what does it do?"

"Shrinks," said Mary Jane laconically, "so you had beter allow an extra inch for each yard."

**N**OW, what in the world," asked The Bride, "can I do with this old raincoat? It seems too good to throw away." **Utilizing an Old Raincoat**

"Then don't do it," replied Mary Jane. "Make an apron for wash days, or a bathing cap, or a bag to carry your bathing suit in or a bag for dirty rubbers. There are many ways to use up an old raincoat."

**G**UESS I'll hem these Swiss muslin sash curtains on the machine and save time," said The Bride. **Hem Muslins By Hand**

"Do 'em by hand and there'll be less chance of their puckering all up," said Mary Jane.



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**T**HERE'S the fine lace of this night- **Torn**  
gown all torn," sighed The Bride. **Lace**

"Put a very thin piece of organdie or sheer cotton mull under the worn places and darn down," said Mary Jane. "If you do it neatly the cloth will not show at all."

**I**'VE cut this lace insertion in trying **Insertions**  
to cut the cloth underneath,"  
sighed The Bride.

"Slip a narrow piece of cardboard with a pointed end between the insertion and the goods next time," said Mary Jane. "The cardboard acts as a safeguard."

**T**HERE are two holes in Hubby's silk **Mending an**  
umbrella, that he burned with his **Umbrella**  
cigar," said The Bride.

"You can mend them by sticking a little piece of black court plaster on the inside of the hole," said Mary Jane.

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**I** LIKE to have some sort of a cover **A Handy Coverlet** on the couch so that when anyone lies down for a nap they won't catch cold," said The Bride, "but that sort of thing always looks untidy."

"Why don't you fold up a blanket and put it in a pillow cover," suggested Mary Jane. "If you fasten the cover on one side with several buttons, the blanket will be handy and will not soil when not in use."

**M**Y hands are damp from sewing," **Remedy for Damp Hands** said The Bride. "Have you anything in your storehouse of knowledge to help me?"

"Rub your palms with a solution of borax in a little alcohol," was Mary Jane's rejoinder.

**I** REALLY must wash out these white **Washing White Silk** silk waists of mine," said The Bride; "they're almost black."

"When you rinse 'em, use a teaspoonful of methylated spirits to a pint of water, and be sure you iron 'em while they're damp," said Mary Jane.

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**T**HE buttonholes on this cotton crepe **Buttonholes**  
dress I am making ravel terribly," **In Crepe**  
said The Bride.

"To prevent the buttonholes on any thin goods from ravelling," replied Mary Jane, "mark the buttonholes with thread, then work them completely before cutting. "It makes much more even buttonholes, too."

**T**HERE isn't a shady spot in the yard **In The Shade**  
to dry colored clothes," com- **Of a Sheet**  
plained The Bride.

"Why, pin the gingham things on the shady side of a sheet hung double," suggested Mary Jane, "and then they won't fade."

**T**HESE chamois gloves I washed last **Chamois**  
night are so stiff!" complained **Gloves**  
The Bride.

"If you had left the soapsuds on them, instead of rinsing them in clear water, they would have been as soft as new," said Mary Jane.

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**T**HE Bride was always grumbling **Better Than Gasoline** about using gasoline on her gloves to cleanse them.

“Use milk and white soap,” said Mary Jane, “and then they will be cleaner, softer and will last longer than if they were washed in gasoline.”

**M**Y white tam-o'-shanter is soiled,” **Cleaning a Tam-O'-Shanter** said The Bride.

“Put about a pound o' white powdered starch in a deep dish,” said Mary Jane, “rub the tam-o'-shanter in the powder, shake the powder off—and there you are.”

**H**OW can I dry cleanse these wash- **Flour Cleans Gloves** able kid gloves?” The Bride asked.

“Rub flour into 'em” said Mary Jane. “Let 'em lay for half an hour in the flour and then beat 'em together to get the flour out. If they ain't too soiled that oughter fix 'em.”

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**S**TRANGELY enough The Bride liked **Stop Color Running**  
Wash Day better than any other  
part of the work.

But her first attempt to wash her colored ratine dress met with disaster. The color ran into the white collar and cuffs.

"If you had put a little vinegar and a handful of salt in the water," said Mary Jane, "you'd of had better luck. "

**T**HE Bride raced madly to the kitchen. **Fire in a Chimney**  
"Oh Mary Jane," she shrieked,  
"the chimney's on fire."

"Don't lose your head," replied Mary Jane calmly, "just throw some salt on the fire and the fumes that go up the chimney will extinguish the flames."

**I** DON'T understand why the stove **Turn the Kettle Outward**  
pipe gets rusty so quickly," said  
The Bride as she cleaned the range.

"It's the steam from your tea kettle I have no doubt," was the answer from Mary Jane, "you should turn the nose outward when it's boiling."

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**T**HE Bride was giggling over the sausages which had fallen all to pieces in boiling. **Sausages Intact**

“You ought to prick them before you put them in the water,” said Mary Jane.

**T**HE Bride watched Mary Jane in silence as she took out a box of sulphur matches and began to dip them one at a time in water. **A New Use for Matches**

“What are you doing?” she finally inquired.

“Do you see those little spots on the tablecloth. They will come out easily when rubbed with these wet match heads.”

**A**S The Bride was cleaning her kitchen range Mary Jane brought her a piece of coarse sandpaper. **When the Stove Rusts**

“Use this on those rust spots,” said she briefly.

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**I** DIDN'T want to bake these biscuits **To Keep the  
Rolls Down**  
for an hour," said The Bride,  
displaying a pan of newly risen dough, "but they're  
all ready now."

"Put them in the refrigerator," advised Mary Jane,  
"and they'll keep as long as you want them to."

**M**ARY Jane turned as she was about **Lard and  
Baked  
Potatoes**  
to put the potatoes in the oven to  
bake, and said to The Bride, "Notice, my dear, that I  
rub the potatoes over with lard before I put them in  
the oven. It makes them more mealy and they look  
nice and shiny when they come out."

**O**H, dear," said The Bride as she cut **When the  
Icing Cracks**  
into the new loaf of cake, "the  
icing on my cakes always cracks when I cut it."

"Add a little thick cream to your icing," advised  
Mary Jane, "in the proportion of one teaspoon of  
cream to each white of egg."

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**H**OW can I cut the neck off this **To Behead  
a Bottle**  
bottle, Mary Jane?" The Bride  
inquired.

"Just dip a string in alcohol and tie it around the base of the neck," said Mary Jane. "Touch a match to it, and as soon as it stops burning plunge it into cold water. It will then break easily along the line of the string."

**T**HIS cake sticks dreadfully," com- **Cake That  
Sticks**  
plained The Bride, "how can I  
ever turn it out nicely?"

"Wrap a damp cloth around it for a few moments and it will come out easily," said Mary Jane.

**M**Y cellar is so damp that I can't **Lime in the  
Cellar**  
keep anything down there," said  
The Bride.

"Place a jar of unslaked lime in it," advised Mary Jane," and renew it fairly often, as it soon loses its power. The lime will absorb the moisture."



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**T**HIS mirror is so soiled I can hardly **Polishing a Mirror** see in it," The Bride remarked.

"Rub the surface with a soft cloth dipped in a little methylated spirits, then sprinkle with finely powdered blue. Wipe clean and polish with a silk duster," was Mary Jane's council.

**M**ARY Jane saw The Bride tear a hole **The Curtains Won't Tear** in her pretty curtain as she tried to run the rod through it, and came to her rescue.

"Cut a finger off an old pair of gloves and slip it over the end of the rod," she warned.

**I** WONDER what made this bread **How to Keep Bread Sweet** sour," said The Bride with a wry face.

"You probably put it away when it was hot. You should wait till it is entirely cold before wrapping it up," answered Mary Jane.

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“**D**ON'T tell me those are red ants on that pantry shelf,” cried The **Ants Don't Like Sulphur**  
Bride in dismay.

“You must keep a small bag of sulphur on the shelf and you'll never be troubled with them,” responded Mary Jane after a close scrutiny.

“**T**HIS eider down cover is getting **Renovating Eiderdown**  
stiff and hard it seems to me,”  
announced The Bride perplexedly.

“Hang it in the sun for a few hours and it will be as good as new,” replied Mary Jane.

“**O**H what a terrible squeak,” ex- **Squeakless Doors**  
claimed The Bride as she opened  
the door of the linen closet.

“Rub a little soap on the door and you won't have to call in a carpenter,” advised Mary Jane.

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**T**HE Bride sighed and Mary Jane inquired why. "I'm so tired of Welsh rabbit," said The Bride, "but Charlie likes it so I suppose I'd better have it." **A "Rabbit" With a Difference**

"Vary it by putting in macaroni or tomatoes and it will seem like a new dish," suggested Mary Jane.

**T**HE Bride was making over a pongee dress. "How can I make this lace match? Will I have to dye it?" **"Old" Lace in a Hurry**

"No indeed," said Mary Jane, "make some strong coffee, strain it thoroughly and boil the lace in it for about ten minutes. It will give it a beautiful color."

**M**ARY Jane was busy ironing lamp wicks with a hot iron when The Bride entered the kitchen. It is so hard to get the wicks into those lamps that I've just been dipping the ends of them into stiff starch, and now you see how easily they can be slipped into place," she explained. **A Trick With a Wick**









