

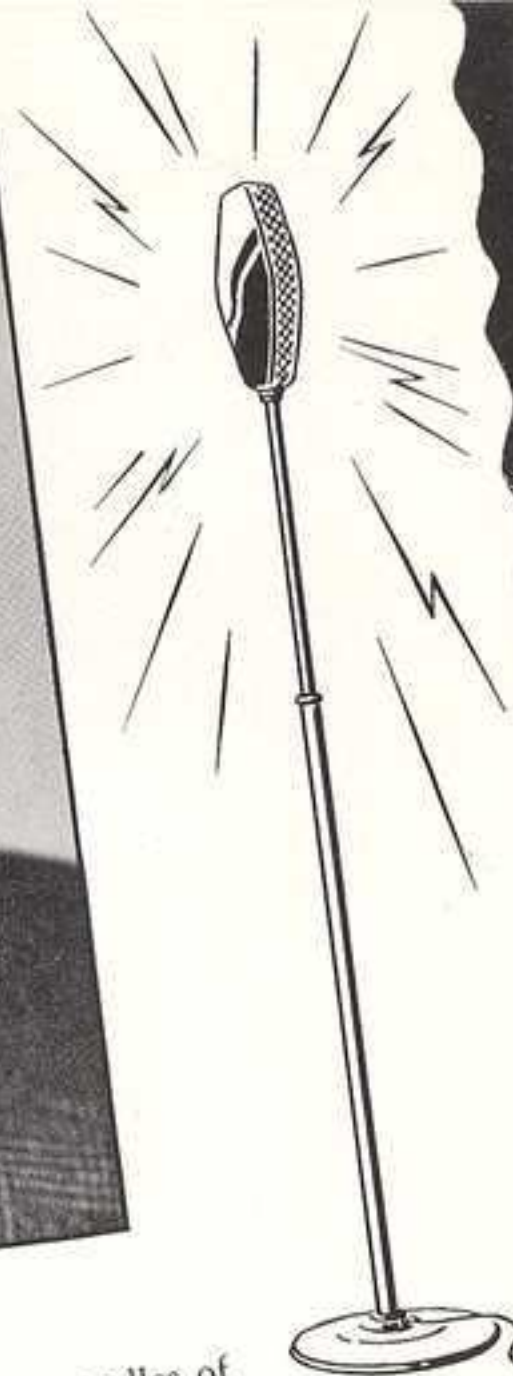
Tintex presents
"Helpful Harry"

**Handy Household Hints for
Happier Housewives**



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Howdy, Folks!

This is Helpful Harry again sending you oodles of thanks for writing me. And here's that stack of handy household hints I promised. Hope you find 'em mighty handy, too, 'cause I've picked 'em to save you money, condensed 'em to save you time, and brightened 'em to bring you joy. Come to think of it, isn't that just what Park & Tilford, my sponsor, does with Tintex? Saves you money . . . saves you time . . . brings you cheer.

And cheers for Park & Tilford are what you'll have, too, after you use some of my little hints . . . and then go out and buy some Tintex Dyes and Tints . . . and stock up on Park & Tilford Face Powder, Perfumes, Lipstick, Rouges and Perfumed Deodorant . . . good old reliable beauty aids you'll be proud to have on your dresser or in your purse . . . and which prove you don't have to pay high prices any more to keep *real pretty!*

Faithfully yours,

"Helpful Harry"

Household Hints

("TINT" YOU'LL BE "DYIN" TO READ 'EM)

1. About that stubborn glass stopper in the bottle that defies all pullings, twistings and pleadings. You'll haul and yank until you get sore and want to wham it with a hammer, but don't do it girls, don't! Just stop 'n' count ten. Then, when you're over your "mad", dunk a cloth in hot water — wrap it around the neck of the bottle and you'll be saved a nervous breakdown—a few gray hairs, and a flow of naughty words, 'cause the stopper will come out slicker'n a whistle.



2. Mrs. Barrett of Boston sent in a good one. Seems as if friend hubby had the boys in for a stag the night before and the stale tobacco smoke just about knocked her gaga; so Mrs. B. put a live coal on the dustpan — sprinkled some cinnamon over the coal and walked

around the house. In two minutes the domicile was heavenly.

3. Did you hear about that bad-awful Jones kid who's worse than a bull in a china shop when it comes to nicking off bits of the furniture? Ma Jones gave up scolding, reprimands and whalings long ago and today she just goes 'round sticking those little chips back in place with the *white of an egg*. It sticks like the dickens, besides you can't see it.

4. What to do about that big ring you found on your new serving table made by some dadratted blinkety bozo who had forgotten to use a coaster? Well, just rub that tattle-tale gray ring with some spirits of camphor and you'll get on speaking terms again.

5. Men like style *and* economy . . . a perfect combination, girls, what with the taxes climbing higher. . . . A bit of a tuck here or a gather there, will give you wanted changes in style-lines but it takes Tintex—with 47 fashionable colors to choose from—to give you last minute style colors and it doesn't make a bit of difference if the dress, blouse, skirt or what have you is black, Tintex Color Remover will prepare it perfectly for that light new color you've chosen. Look your clothes over . . . you'll find num-

berless things you can make color stylish for just a few cents. There's simple directions on every Tintex box so that even a child can get professional results whether using silks, woolens, rayons, linens or cotton goods.

6. Here's one that's tough on the ant and I don't mean Aunt Minnie—I mean A - N - T, ant. I know one gal on our street who goes berserk about the thing—utterly ruthless. Goes running to the corner drug store and says "Gimme some plaster of paris" — runs all the way home, mixes that plaster of paris with as much sugar—spreads it around the house and sits down with murder in her eyes. Know what happens? Those ants gourmandize (which is highfalutin for over-eatin') — the plaster of paris hardens in their tummies and they take a short cut to Heaven, or elsewhere, depending on the kind of life they've led.

7. Ever bake a cake and find the top burned but the inside raw? Well, next time place a piece of brown paper over the cake while baking to slow up the outside and give the innards a chance to get done!

8. Say, ever hear about the hint of putting milk in the water when boiling old potatoes to give 'em a flavor and keep 'em from turning dark? You have? Well, skip it.

9. Tintex is so easy to use you can get professional results the first time just by following the simple directions on the package. Yep, *that's* why more Tintex is bought by you women than all other tints and dyes put together.

10. Here's how to remove tea stains on the china. Dampen the china with water and then rub with table salt mixed with bicarbonate of soda, both you and the tea cup will beam.

11. Boy, is the landlord sore at Aunt Minnie. Seems she went to nailing up pictures on the wall and there's a million cracks in the plaster besides the nasty cracks the janitor added. They tell

me a heated nail won't make them cracks, so go ahead, pound away to your heart's content and if those hot nails still make those cracks I never said such a thing. . . . I never did.



12. Here's a hint I thought was nertz myself until I tried it. If you've misplaced the ice pick and you want to crack up some ice to put in the thingamajig you shake when the crowd gathers for some lemonade, just stick a thimble on your index finger and use it to push—not jab—a good-sized needle through the ice, and if you don't think it'll work try it and you'll hear me say "Nja, I told you so. . . ."

13. Toddling baby feet take many a skidding fall. Mother White of New York sandpapers the soles of her youngster's shoes. So rough 'em up, girls—the soles, not your babies, silly.

14. Let's take Junior (and you can have him) 'cause he's that unruly kid wot gets into everything. This time it's the tar from the road and you ought to see his Sunday-go-meeting pants. That brand new blue shirt got it, too. Well, Mother, first you take Junior and whale the tar out of him. Course, that won't do any good, but lard will. Sure 'nuff. Smear the lard on the tar spots—hang around a couple of hours, then wash the pants the usual way. It does it. As for the shirt—for goodness sake, don't do what Mrs. Barris did. She scrubbed a shirt with gasoline — smeared it up with kerosene — dunked it in strong chemicals and wound up scrubbing with

strong soap. Sure, she got the tar out all right, but man alive, you ought to see the shirt. The color came out in irregular hunks so Mrs. Barris had a darned good cry—right on my shoulder, too, but I didn't mind 'cause she's so dadburned good lookin'. . . . Of course I told her about Tintex Color Remover. You see, it took out what was left of the old color and then Tintex French Blue fixed things up as easy as pie. And without any muss or fuss either.



15. You can tell a bad egg from a good one by a simple little test. Here's how. Stick 'em into a pan of water. A strictly fresh egg lies on its side. One that rests at an angle is three or four days old and if the henfruit stands on end it's been on this earth about ten days, while the cackleberry which actually floats is only fit for slugin' the Jones' cat next door wot murders Ave Maria at two bells in the A.M.

16. To get those cap screws off bottles often takes the strength of Goliath, the patience of Job and the disposition of an angel, but a hunk of sandpaper gives added traction. However, the best hurry-up way is to open the door (any door will do)—at the hinged side of the door place the bottle—'twixt the door and the jamb—pull the door closed till it squeezes on the bottle cap. Now, twist the bottle and you'll say "Gosh, ain't that Helpful Harry wonderful?"

17. Get Tintex today and chase budget blues with Tintex hues.

18. My sweet Aunt Mary says a marble placed in the finger of a glove is the darndest thing to darn those darned holes in them darned gloves you ever saw. No needle-pricked fingers that way and she added that you should always use cotton thread instead of silk. It lasts longer.

19. Say, have you honeys ever tried to clean hubby's light-colored suit? Unless you're adept, solvents sometimes leave a nice ring-a-round rosy and who wants to fool around with silly games at your age. You can either try putting a heavy towel under the garment as you rub or there's the one about rubbing dry bran on the spots. Of course you brush the bran off after you're through unless you just don't give a darn.

20. Here's killing two birds with one cornmeal—What I mean is—sprinkle cornmeal on the hair brush—run the comb through the brush and both comb and brush are cleaned!

21. Say, ever hear of coloring photographs or snapshots with Tintex? It's swell.

22. "Push tush," you say, "hanging pictures is a pipe." But listen, you hunks of honey, there's a right and a wrong way to keep those pictures from going whacky at the slightest touch. Give a tilted picture a bit of time and you'll go nuts. Anyway, swipe a hunk of Dad's fish line (has wire skun a mile). Now, hang Aunt Lizzie up and turn her around—all the way so the line makes a little loop at the hook—from then on no nervous breakdowns.

23. Got any rusty pie tins you'd like to use again? Course, if you need a little iron in your system, skip all this, but most of us like our apple pies straight. Well, grab hold of a raw potato, hack it in two, dunk it into your favorite cleaning powder and rub the dickens out of the pan and if that pan don't come out shiny-new then you can call me a so and so and I won't get mad.

24. And here's a hint that'll save you a few gray hairs when you burn the cake. First, sit down and have a darned good cry and then, instead of hacking away at the blackened cake with a kitchen knife, take the *nutmeg grater* . . . and there goes another feather in Helpful Harry's hat.

25. Use Tintex Tints and Dyes . . . there's no quicker way to get accessories in exact and matching shades without exhaustive, and often fruitless search. And because a housewife's day never ends, you will be interested not only in the economy found in using Tintex but in the time-savin' features as well.

26. Has Pa's shiny blue serge suit bothered you? Remember, I said his blue serge and that ain't a gray or brown one . . . anyway, you know how shiny the pants get. Well, Mother, there ain't no law against gettin' rid of that shine by rubbing the seat of them pants with hot vinegar and then sponging off with a cloth dipped in ammonia. Course, you take Pa out of the pants first because *hot vinegar is hot vinegar*, my pets.

27. Who wants to climb a ladder on a slippery floor and take a short cut to heaven? Nobody, of course, that's the reason it's a swell idea to cut up some discarded tire tubing in such a fashion it'll tack nicely over the ends of the ladder legs. You'll live longer, besides the ladder won't scratch the parquet floor.



28. The next time a member of your family gets bedridden with the mumps

or measles or too many green apples, you can remember the sick-bed story of the day I spilled a glass of ice water in my bed. If you think a hunk of ice drizzling down your back is any fun, you're mistaken, but the nurse, outside of being darned pretty, knew her job. She placed a very hot water bottle on the wet spot and it dried out in no time at all, which all goes to prove that time heals all wounds for that's the first time I could think of anything logical when remembering her. Boy was she a pip? Who! woo!!

29. Do you find yourself gathering stale muffins, biscuits or rolls? Well, you can chuck 'em to the birds, but after all, what with taxes and the high cost of living we must be saving, so I pass on the tip I got from Aunt Mazie. She dampens the inside of a paper bag with water . . . puts the biscuits or what have you into the bag and chucks the whole thing in the oven. They come out just like fresh bread and the family won't know the diff . . . unless you're an old silly billy and tell 'em what you did.

30. Here's a little quickie from Mrs. A. J. Meyers of Sandusky, Ohio. She writes: "With Tintex we get frequent changes of scene in our home. The children and I wear clothes store-new looking and we're off for a colorful life on a young man's salary." Besides your clothes, you can freshen up table scarves, rugs, lampshades and innumerable other things in your home that'll give *you* and *your* family a change of scenery, too.

31. Here's one to save a broken wrist when creaming the butter. It's from Mrs. Harmon of Boston who writes her wrist used to ache so, doing this creaming job, she limped, which is one awful ache—or she's kidding. Well, anyway, Mrs. H. allows hot water to stand in the bowl to be used. In a few moments out goes the water and in goes the butter. The warm bowl makes it a cinch, particularly when you use the potato-masher.



32. I guess I know you well enough by now to talk about a certain privacy I craved. There's a window on our second floor that seemed big as a barn door every time I passed it slightly *deshabille* . . . I can't conceive of anybody breaking the rubber in their necks sneaking a peek at a guy like me in shorts, but I always felt like a goldfish in the proverbial bowl. Know what I did? Got some epsom salts—mixed three teaspoons in a glass of water, added a teaspoon of liquid glue—painted the window glass, and today I flaunt by that frosted window as brazen as all get out. Good old frosted glass!

33. Say, if you girls are just fresh out of that gummy wall paper cleaner and want to clean up that grimy corner over the radiator before social-climbing Mrs. Richgilt comes—just hie to the bread box—grab a handful of bread—any kind will do—add some ammonia to the bread—work it into a ball about the same consistency of putty and you've got a right pert smart doohicky to clean the wall paper.

34. Mrs. Barrett has a homemade dry hair shampoo that's a pip. To one ounce of dry oatmeal add one ounce of Orris root—powdered. Mix the two together and shake the stuff into the hair—leave 'er lie awhile and then brush the mess out, and you'll look just like Mrs. Barrett which is one swell hunk of looks—ba-lieve me.

35. Here's how to lick the problem of rolling dough that sticks and sticks and sticks until you can hardly stand it any longer. Get two pieces of clean canvas—one is neatly attached to the rolling pin and the other lays flat on the kitchen table. After you've sprinkled both with flour you'll whistle at your work.

36. Say, girls, when the recipe calls for sour milk, course you can sit down and wait until next Thursday for the milk to turn, which even if you don't stop to think of it, is silly. All you gotta do is to put in a tablespoon of strong vinegar to a cup of milk and if it doesn't turn sour *pronto*, I'll eat a bottle of cold fish.

37. Here's a "quickie" for Mother when she's just fresh out of cereal for breakfast. Put a loaf of bread in the oven—dry it out thoroughly and then grind it up fine in the meat grinder and when the family puts on the cream and sugar, casually mention the fact "it's the latest thing in cold cereals," remembering the while, a build-up brings a smile of contentment to the worst skeptic.

38. Sometimes rats and mice are in the neighborhood. Farmer Frank told me sulphur, sprinkled around the barn does wonders, but for you City Slickers a hunk of bacon in a rat trap stays better than cheese while a mouse simply goes into ecstasies and just adores a pumpkin seed (woo woo)—that RAT!



39. Yes, ladies, a happy life is a colorful one. Here's what I mean. Will you step over to your wardrobe a minute?

Hmm. There's a nice dress. Oh, you're tired of the color? Well—and this evening gown. It would be gorgeous if it were black, and as for that faded sweater jacket—that Spring coat—this scarf—and that hat you bought last year. Say, your troubles are over if you'll take a few dimes down to the five and ten, drug or department store and ask the clerk for a lookie at the Tintex Color Card—47 fashionable colors to select from—and get what you need. If you have some dark items you want to change to a lighter color, then get some Tintex Color Remover, too. Might as well get some Tintex Curtain Ecrú. 'Cause I noticed your curtains are faded. And listen ladies, using Tintex on cottons, woolens, linens, silks or rayon is just as easy as saying "Jack Robinson," and almost as quick—well it's a darned sight quicker than making a new dress—cheaper, too.

40. I don't know of anything in the world that brings more tears than "burning the cake in the oven" unless it's when that relative finally leaves and you cry for joy. Anyway, Aunt Mary always puts a pan of water on the bottom shelf of the oven and she hasn't chewed a nail for years.

41. Say, girls, if the sewing machine belt is so loose you just can't work, a few drops of oil scattered hither and yon on the outside of the belt will work wonders. Course, if the darned thing is so loose that it's practically dragging on the floor, then this oiling stunt won't do. Fact is, if there's more than half an inch to take up better take the belt off the machine—hack off just the right length, then borrow Grandma's hat pin and after you've heated the hatpin tip red hot, make your new holes in the belt.

42. Course, everybody knows how to have a good cry but who in the heck wants to weep over peeled onions—here's how not to. Pour hot water over 'em—let 'em stand a while and if you still cry while peeling them onions you're bawling over something else.

43. If you go in for braided or hooked rugs, use Tintex to give your materials just the colors you want before you braid or hook 'em. Lots of women write in that Tintex does a bang-up job, 'cause the colors are so "alive."

44. Let's eulogize on those brass flower pots or trays. Betcha looked at their black tarnished surfaces many a time and wondered how to clean 'em, but listen to Helpful Harry and you'll say "goody goody." Get a half a lemon—add a bit of elbow grease (which is the same thing as to say rub 'em) after which you pour boiling water on the doohicky and by the time you wipe the brass thing-amajig off with a dry cloth, you'll say "Gosh, but I'm glad I know Helpful Harry" (I hope).



45. The next time the boy friend takes you dancing and you begin to feel a blister coming on your heel, excuse yourself from the B. F.—hike to the powder room—hunt up a hunk of soap—rub it on the heel of your stocking and I'll wait till the last dance, for you'll still be raggin' the shag—but happy!

46. Those lemons you brought for the pie which you didn't have after all—they hang around and hang around and shrivel up until they're wrinkled worser'n that dried out toad Junior put in his pants pocket last year. Just put them lemons in a fruit jar—screw on the top and you can wait till next month to have the lemon pie.

47. New fashionable colors have been added to the Tintex line to keep up with last-minute styles. There's 47 fashionable colors now . . . simple directions on each box of Tintex assures perfect results—and it's easy to use, too. If you want to make some special color, just mix two Tintex colors together. The Tintex Color Card at your dealer's gives lots of suggestions for obtaining unusual colors in this way.

48. Have you a little sister who's still crazy about that old woolen dolly Aunt Mamie gave her three Christmases ago? She's dragged that thing through a hundred sessions of mud-pie-making and mops up the bedroom with it nightly. What's to do about cleaning the thing? Listen. Make a paste with white starch and water. Rub the mess all over the doll and wait till it's dry. When you brush the starch off, the dirt comes with it so you hand the dolly back to little sister so's she can drag it through some more mud pies and puddles.

49. Here is how to "shell" peas—sakes alive, it's a cinch. First wash 'em good with the shells on. Then assume a sort of "heck with it" attitude and dump the whole thing in the pot. When the peas are cooked the shells obligingly float on top while practically all the peas go to the bottom. Ain't that a honey?

50. Sometimes when you girls are sewing you wish for a couple of more hands to keep the material taut as you sew. Of course, you could call on Dad, but wouldn't a man look silly collaborating over a piece of embroidery. You needn't bother him for if you'll keep a padded covered brick in the sewing room you can pin any goods that should be held tight, and that's a corker.

51. Here's a fashion hint! Colored laces or ties with white shoes. Where are you goin' to get the colored laces? Why just use white ones, my pets, and dye them to that new fashionable color with Tintex!

52. Want bigger and better popcorn? Soak the kernels in water for an hour before popping and it'll be pipping, for then all the popping popcorn will pop.

53. What to do when the pie cooks over in the oven and the smoke fills the kitchen? Just grab a handful of salt—sprinkle it over the bubbling mess. You can bet last night's bridge winnings ol' demon scorch will be knocked for a loop.

54. Mrs. Peterson of Newark, N. J. solved a decorating problem with Tintex. She had jest finished fixin' her living room curtains with Tintex Curtain Ecru and then had a job trying to match the color scheme in the kitchen with the right shade of water-diluted calcimine—Finally mixed it with Tintex. THAT DID IT.



55. Waxed floors and toddling kiddies bring bumps galore, but a wee bit of adhesive tape fastened to the youngster's shoe soles takes the skids out of those slippery floors. Even then, Junior will persist in going around corners in high. Out fly his little feet and he sits down so hard your back teeth *burt*. You can stop that bruise getting black and blue by rubbing sweet oil on Junior's—well, just rub the oil where it hurts.

56. For that age-yellowed white lamp Whitex Wonder Bluing is the cat's whiskers. This Whitex stuff will blue silks and woolens, as well as linens and cotton goods. Ever hear of such a thing?

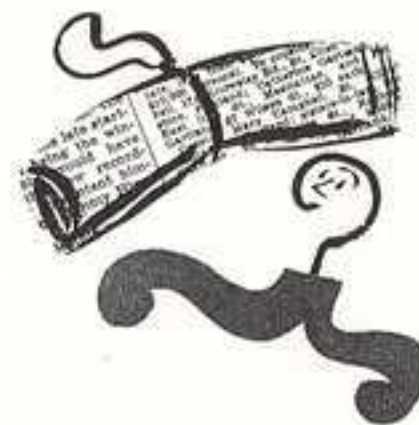
57. Here's a whacky one on how to control cooking odors, but I'm horn-swoggled if it doesn't do the trick . . . Place a piece of red pepper about the size of a dime in the pot and you won't ever dream whether the cook is having sauerkraut a la Marcola, pomme de terre frit avec du poison or—boy, did them foreign words come out of me?

58. Have you girls ever run out of glue and you just didn't have time to run down to the store? It's a cinch with ordinary cooking gelatine, boiling water and a bit of sugar. Dissolve one tablespoon of ordinary cooking gelatine in about 2½ tablespoons of boiling water. Boil a few moments—add a bit of sugar while still hot—say a teaspoonful—and you'll have a humdinger glue that'll adhere to paper, cloth, wood, metal or glass, and won't leave a stain. And if you want it to stick to anything more than that, I'll get sore.

59. Perspiring hands soil goods that you're sewing on the machine. Course, you can grin and bear it, but if you'll bathe the "handsy-wandsie" in alum water or alcohol your troubles will go skipadoodling hither and yon—wherever that is.

60. Stocking runs are the bane of a girl's existence, but my Aunt Sue had the right idea besides being a peach. Sew machine stitches several rows about four inches from the top of the stocking and it helps a whale of a lot.

61. Every one of you girls loves flowers. Why? Because there's *color* in 'em. And you'd be just as crazy about *last* year's wardrobe this year if the garments were *colorfully* stylish. Well, how about making last year's things a year younger, huh? Mrs. Meinsen of New Haven writes "Each season has its high style color which dates a dress more than anything else. With Tintex dyes, tints and color remover, I manage to look smart with current colors on an extremely low budget." Isn't that the truth—a new dress is frequently just a new color!



62. When traveling, and you're minus a hanger for your dress, roll up the newspaper when you're through reading it, thanking heaven you live in America—tie a string around the middle of it and if that ain't a first cousin to a regular hanger then I'm a pop-eyed whosis—which I ain't . . . I am *not*.

63. On one of my radio programs I told of getting more nutrition from poached eggs by boiling in milk, but I forgot to mention what to do about the milk. "Tut, tut," said one fan, "throw the milk out? What waste." Well it had me stumped till just now. So "Eureka!" says this excited guy. I've got it. Water rots linoleum, but skimmed milk not only cleans but gives it a glistening gloss.

64. The next time you want to do home repairs on the fur piece—don't, for goodness sake, do the cutting with the scissors. Swipe Pa's razor, turn the pelt skin side up and cut carefully—and remember, don't tell Pa you used his razor . . . You won't have to. He'll tell YOU about it in the morning.

65. Aunt Sarah had the nicest little trick when it came to sewing sheer silks on the machine. Usually the stuff puckers up worse than my best girl does—if you know what I mean, but Auntie Sarah just puts a hunk of paper under the silk as she sews. Course, you'll be sewing the silk to the paper but it doesn't take no crow bar to separate 'em. Fact is, a mad-enough fly could kick 'em apart.

66. I've heard of three ways to sharpen scissors. The first was odd—that's to cut up sandpaper with 'em—the second was just as crazy. It was to work the scissors on the neck of a bottle, much the same way you'd do trying to cut the neck off, the third was to rub each separate blade on fine emery, keeping the proper angle, but if you want to take a tip from Helpful Harry, take the darned shears down to Tony's on the corner.

67. Have you an old worn out broom you're just about ready to chuck out? You only use it for whaling Junior when he comes home late for supper, anyway. Well, just shear off the whisks evenly, then snitch Pa's old hat he should have thrown away last year and after you've covered the broom with the felt, you've got the dandiest floor spot remover you ever saw.

68. Ma Fleming has the swellest trick to facilitate airing out the bed pillows. She constructs a slip of strong netting and puts the feathers into this, now she slips the slip in the ticking—fastens the ends with clasps and it's easy as sin to remove the slip to clean it and air the feathers out.



69. As for those stubborn corks in the wine, catsup or other bottles and you're just fresh out of a corkscrew, fold a heavy towel so it's 3 or 4 inches thick—lay the towel on the bottom of the bottle and pound it against the door jamb again and again until the cork comes out

enough for you to get hold of it. You see, the soft thick towel keeps the bottom of the bottle from breaking when you smack it against the door jamb. The repeated jars cause the fluid in the bottle to hit against the cork, and there you are.

70. Want to remove stains—all kinds—from white materials? Just use Tintex Color Remover. Works like magic, sure enuf! And for whitening yellowed white materials—even silk and wool—use Whitex, the Wonder Bluing. Nothing like it!

71. Here's a trick to rejuvenate the stale cake the family began to pass up last Wednesday. Dip it a moment in some milk, then bake the thing in a moderate oven. How long? Oh gosh, Aunt Tillie didn't tell me, but you can use your judgment.

72. Here's a trick Widow Jones gave me when I raved over her pumpkin pie. She cooks up the pumpkin without taking the rind off—"It takes less eggs thet-away" says Jonesy, and then too, she leaves in a seed or two while cooking—adds to the flavor. Course, the seeds and the rind come out before you bake the pie.

73. Here's some "quickies" on how to fry doughnuts. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoonful of ground ginger to the fat and the doughnuts won't absorb the grease—a few cloves added to the fat lends piquancy and after frying if you'll plunge the still sizzling doughnuts into boiling water—quicker'n a wink all excess fat will be removed.

74. Well, you can thank me for giving you these suggestions, but you'd better thank century-old Park & Tilford for giving you Tintex. For over 20 years more millions of women have bought more millions and millions of packages of Tintex—than all other dyes and tints put together . . . 47 fashionable colors to choose from this year . . .

75. Peeling oranges, like anything else, is quite a trick unless you're hip to the knack, but the whole thing is as easy as pie if you'll dunk the oranges in boiling water for a few minutes. No, don't keep on boiling. When you begin to peel you'll be amazed at the ease, even that bitter white part comes off, too. Grapefruit gives up nicely to this trick also.

76. Aunt Sarah told me how to keep that half lemon in the ice box nice and fresh. She daubs on the white of an egg. I said "Now, Auntie, who in the world is gonna bust open a five-cent egg to preserve a—let's see, lemons at three for a dime—3 and a third divided by two—a cent and a half worth of lemon." "Hmmp," scorned Aunt Sarah, "remember that half of a lemon the next time you have eggs. That little drip left in the shell is enough."

77. When you girls bake that berry pie, make the bottom crust half an inch larger than the top and fold it over like a hem. If the juice still comes out you can call me a flock of nasty names and I'll keep my temper.

78. Mrs. Clements of Lowell, Mass. had a miserable yellow-colored rug that had spots on it shampooing wouldn't budge. So she scampered down to the corner drug store, five and ten, or department store (I forget which) and bought some Tintex Color Remover and some beautiful Tintex gray dye. She followed the simple directions on the package and in almost less time than it takes me to tell it, she yanked out the spots and the unsightly yellow color with the Tintex Color Remover, and then with another dip and a dunk in the dye solution, she had a perfect pearl gray throw rug that matched the front hall in a grand way.

79. Here's a dandy! If you think you can't change the color of a dress because it's black or some other dark color, then you just aint ever heard of Tintex Color Remover. It takes all the old color out

—then you can put your new color in with any Tintex shade your heart desires.

80. Now, if you've heard the next one, stop me (yeah, try'n do it), to get twice the juice out of a lemon, heat the lemon in some hot water before squeezing.



81. Is there anything more exciting than to see the pot boiling over? In your frantic hysteria you fumble with the gas jet but by the time you get to it the stuff boils over, and you sit down for a little cry. Well, the first thing to do is contain yourself. Poise is the thing. Now, pucker up your lips . . . Ah, ah, not this time, dear. This time you blow right into the middle of the boiling pot and the situation's saved.

82. A piece of charcoal placed in the refrigerator will absorb food odors like Junior absorbs the food. You can hasten the defrosting process along, by opening the chest and allowing an electric fan to play full on the freezing unit. Or another way is to put hot water in the icer after turning off the electric current.

83. So far as poaching eggs are concerned, the whites usually chase all over the place, but if you put just a wee bit of vinegar into the water when you're cooking them, you can gamble your fur coat that the egg will stay, more or less, in your own home town.

84. And now a hint for the bookshelves. You can save your library from mould by sprinkling pads of cotton with oil of lavender. Place the cotton behind

the books and they won't get mouldy. And by the way, if any of you know a way to make people return books they've borrowed, I'd be glad to hear about it.



85. Ever hear the one about threading an embroidery needle? "What? Tell me how to thread the thing," a lot of you girls will say. But listen here, honeys, I've seen a lot of you ladies wet the end of the embroidery—squint an eye—haul off with a frowning lunge and still miss, but short-sighted Cousin Ella overcame her failing sight by taking a two or three-inch piece of thread—put the ends together—slips these ends through the needle, which leaves a convenient loop on the other side. Now put your embroidery thread through that loop and pull on the two ends of the thread. There you are: no squint, no strife, no strain.

86. Here's one I bet you've never heard before. Weak tea is tops for cleaning furniture with a cloth saturated with it, then wipe dry. You'll be surprised!

87. When you burn an enamel saucepan, don't throw it away until you've tried the following: Fill the saucepan with salt water, letting it soak for an hour or two. After the soaking period, cover it and bring the salt solution to a slow boil. You'll be surprised how easily those burned spots will come out with what I call only a wee bit of rubbing.

88. When you're just fresh out of whipped cream try this one—just beating up egg-white with a slice of banana in it does the trick. Sounds good, doesn't it?

89. And ain't this something? To sweeten rancid butter, first melt it, then skim it, and place a piece of light brown toast in it. In a few moments, the toast will have removed the unpleasant taste and odor from the butter.

90. Here's a gag to make candles last twice as long—coat them with white varnish. Put them away to dry for a day or two. They'll not only burn longer, but it keeps the wax from dripping all over the place.

91. If you've washed those slip covers so many times they're all faded out, well, just get a package of Tintex—47 different colors to pick from—and in a few moments you'll have the most professional job of dyeing you've ever seen, and economical. Well, you can't beat new slip covers for a dime or fifteen cents, can you? How about that grayed linen scarf on the table? You say it's white? You mean it WAS white, but Whitex Wonder Bluing will fix that in a jiffy—a bit of a dip and that scarf will be scintillating again.

92. And you can brighten aluminum ware with lemon juice rubbed on with a cloth, washing it afterwards with water. Some folks boil vinegar in the vessel. Lemon, however, seems to be the most valuable cleaning agent, for it works on brass and copper too, besides being swell for your hands.

93. Have you ever wanted to separate lettuce leaves whole and had the darned things come off in little pieces? Well here's the way to do the job. Hold that tightly impacted head of lettuce under a stream of cold water from the spigot. The force of water will separate the leaves nicely.

94. Sometimes you have the deuce of a time running that sharp-ended brass curtain rod through your curtains, don't you? Just slip a thimble on the end of the rod and the job will be easy.

95. Maybe those easy-to-break clothes pins are made that way so you'll buy more, but here's how to fool the clothes-pin trust. When you buy new ones, put 'em in a basin with a little washing soda, cover with boiling water, let soak for 30 minutes. They won't break so easily.

96. When you have trouble removing panes of glass because of hardened putty, just lay soft soap over the putty and in a few hours the putty will become soft and easy to remove.

97. Here's a dandy way to keep that cake fresh—at least the part that's left—of course, there won't be any left if I'm invited—but anyway, cut the amount wanted out of the center of the cake, that is from edge to edge right through the center. When you're through just push the remaining segments together so that the newly cut sides will come together. It'll keep fresh a long time.

98. If you're gonna heat milk in a saucepan, rinse the pan out with water first and the milk won't stick.

99. When you wash those windows a few drops of kerosene and a bit of borax in hot water is the best ever.



100. I want to tell you about Tintex Curtain Ecu, the curtain and drape fixer-upper, that millions of women use. Use it and friends will think you've bought new curtains. Park & Tilford, a century old this year, has been making Tintex

perfected Tints and Dyes for over 20 years. They're sincerely eager, as I am, to have you girls realize by personal experience that there's a Tintex product for every household tinting and dyeing need. The simple directions on each package tells how to get perfection in performance.

101. To cut fresh bread, heat the blade of the knife in hot water; it prevents breaking and crumbling. When you want to cut fudge or caramel candy, do the same thing but give me a buzz on the phone if there's extra candy.

102. If you live in a section cursed with hard water, you'll sometimes notice that your glassware becomes fogged with a white sediment. Put some vinegar in these glasses—wash afterwards—and they'll come out crystal clear.

103. Of course, you have no willful Juniors in your home, but if that unruly kid from next door comes in and scratches your new mahogany table, don't get your blood pressure up. Just rub butter on the newly made scratches and the mahogany table will soon resume its normal coloring.

104. You can remember this hint for next watermelon season. The best test for a ripe melon, according to our sepian breddren down souf (and they should know) is to put your pretty ear close to the melon—thump it with the finger an' ef dey sez "pink" dey's green, but if dey goes "punk" dey's ripe.

105. I know a couple of professional gals (one's a nurse and the other's a manicurist) who use Whitex Wonder Bluing to keep their white stockings a scintillating white. About every fourth time they wash their stockings, they give them a Whitex Wonder Bluing bath.

106. A boiled potato rubbed on the hands keeps hands soft and white. Of course, you can wash them afterward, and that goes for the potato, too!

107. Never salt turnips while they're cooking. It extracts their sweetness and puts them in the cowfeed class.

108. Don't forget to immerse that cauliflower in salt water before cooking. It adds to the flavor and then, too, those darling little insects will querulously crawl out to see "how come".

109. Did you know that the odor from cooking strong-flavored vegetables, such as cabbage, cauliflower and the like can be greatly reduced by putting a teaspoonful of baking powder into the vessel while cooking?

110. A single run ruins a pair of hose and odd ones soon collect. Well, gals, just take a whole bunch of "odds" and dunk 'em in a Tintex solution of whatever color you want and presto, chango, they all match and you've got pairs of hose again.

111. When I have fried eggs I don't like the yolks broken, and the cook doesn't like to have them stick to the pan. Well, we kill two birds with one spoonful of flour added to the grease. They won't stick or break . . . and I hope the two birds we killed aren't the ones that laid the eggs.

112. If you want to know how to keep silver from becoming tarnished, put a camphor ball into each bag containing the silver, and it'll stay like new.

113. Melted alum will mend broken glasses without showing the crack.

114. Nothing is so discouraging as to put in enough sausages to serve your entire family of six and find when they're cooked that they've shrunk to a size just big enough for the canary. You can get around this catastrophe by boiling the sausages for five minutes before you fry them. They don't shrink up so and you get more for your money.

115. You can lubricate a door lock by scraping off a quantity of lead from a pencil, and then blow the lead dust into the lock through the keyhole. Before trying this, be sure Walter Winchell isn't at the other end of the keyhole.



116. If the tapes on your venetian blinds are stained or discolored, take an old toothbrush and brush in a Tintex solution of wine red to match your settee, or of royal blue to match your rug, or maybe a jade green to harmonize with the lamp shades. It'll give that "interior decorator's touch" to your room and also make your windows attractive when seen from the outside.

117. I guess the biggest pain in the neck on the floor . . . that sounds like mixing the metaphor, but you know what I mean . . . is grease spots. But here's how to fix them hunky dory on your hardwood floors. Scrub the spots with water as hot as can be handled, then drop peroxide of hydrogen on them. Let 'em dry, and the spots and your annoyance will both be gone.

118. Before you wash your clothes, be sure to mend them, because rips and tears may be made worse in the process of washing, no matter how gently they're washed. And besides, mending before washing saves wrinkles after ironing.

119. Old sheets, sugar bags, dish towels, etc. take Tintex beautifully, and after

coloring can be made up into costumes or things for the house. Do you like to make rag rugs, but sometimes lack the necessary variety of colors to give them sparkle? Well, all you've got to do is use Tintex. It will give you a rainbow of hues.

120. Here's a thought: you may add a bit of sugar to the water used for cut flowers. That keeps it fresh and sweet.

121. Of course, cracking pecan nuts isn't such an ordeal—being so soft-shelled 'n' things, but there's a trick to getting 'em out whole (if you wanna). Put 'em in a pan of water and boil them for 15 minutes. *Presto chango*, the crackin' job's a pipe.

122. The job of cutting up marshmallows and sticky dried fruits, such as raisins, dates and the likes reminds me of the fly paper gag in the movies—you know, the one where the guy gets the fly paper on his hand, then it goes to his other hand—then—well, he just can't get rid of the stuff. Course, if you just want to laugh and laugh and laugh at yourself getting all stuck up with the dates, then don't roll them in flour and don't cut with scissors instead of a knife. Catch on? Or want me to write a letter?

123. I don't know why it is, but when you wash glasses soiled by milk, a quick rinse in cold water *before* you set to washing 'em eliminates cloudiness, and what's worse than cloudy drinking glasses—unless it's cloudy eyeglasses in the big love scene at the Bijou.

124. The next time the girls gather at your home for a gabfest and you want to be highfalutin with fancy sandwiches—you know, those dinky little things—be sure to cut the loaf lengthwise. It saves lots of waste—remember you're saving up for that new girdle.

125. Having trouble with the dogs and cats in the neighborhood digging around

the nasturtiums or rolling in the lily bed? Well, Bill Edwards told me of a dirty trick on the animals. He sprays nicotine sulphate around the plants. The dog takes a sniff and scrams for the more comfortable tree-lined sidewalk.

126. Tintex is just swell for dyeing theatrical costumes and it does a honey of a job on stage scenery, especially when "the show must go on" in a few hours, for Tintex doesn't take hours to dry.



127. If Rover has stained the rug or one of your guests has spilled something on the rug that washing and scrubbing have left faded, then all you have to do is to make a Tintex solution of the matching color to the rug and rub in the Tintex solution and everything matches as smooth as all get-out and nobody will ever know there was a spot.

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