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If the hands are stained by
berries, or from cleaning sum-
mer vegetables, rub them with
ripe tomatoes before using soap
or anything that will set the
color.

HOUSEHOLD

OATMEAL DROP CAKES.

One cup sugar, one cup butter
or lard, one cup of chopped
raisins, two cups of oatmeal, two
cups of flour, half a cup sweet
milk, one teaspoonful of baking
soda, one teaspoonful of cinnam-
on. Bake in a moderate oven
until quite brown.

HARD GINGERBREAD.

One cup each of lard, brown
sugar, and molasses, one tea-
spoon of soda dissolved in a half
cup of hot water, one tablespoon
of ginger, half a nutmeg grated,
one teaspoon of salt, and five
cups of flour. Roll in large
sheets, and mark into squares or
cut off bits as large as a hen's
egg and roll each into an oval
with one turn of the pin. Sprin-
ple with sugar or brush with
molasses for a finishing touch.

BEET PICKLES.

Cook beets which are perhaps
two inches through their thick-
est part, rub off the skin and
trim as needed, but do not slice.
Make a vinegar as follows: To
each pint of vinegar and as
much brown sugar, two bay
leaves, five cloves add one stick
of cinnamon. Heat up and
pack the boiling hot beets into
cans and cover with this prepar-
ed vinegar and seal. There are
to be sliced as used, and are re-
ported to be the best beet pick-
les ever tasted. The beets
should be salted the last fifteen
minutes in cooking.

CHOPPED PICKLES.

Green peppers, sweet ones,
and green tomatoes chopped,
with one-third celery, make a
good pickle or relish put up,
merely covered with cold vine-
gar in which a tablespoonful of
pickling spices have been added,
seal in bottles or small cans, a
small onion or so gives a pretty
appearance to this kind of pick-
le, and we have never had any
spoil, if sealed up, and no work
except the chopping of the pep-
pers, celery and tomatoes.

String beans make an excel-
lent and attractive pickle, put
up either sweet or sour, these
are cooked tender, but not soft,
salted in cooking and have a
sweet vinegar put over them as
for the sweet cucumber pickles,
a bay leaf or two may be added
if desired to each two quarts
put up.

SPICED PEARS

Cut in half and pare seven
pounds of the best winter pears
—those commencing to soften
are best. Pour a pint and a half
of a good cider vinegar over
three pounds of granulated
sugar. Put the vinegar and
sugar in a preserving kettle, add
one ounce of mace and half a
dozen pieces of ginger root.
Boil, and skim well. When
clear, put in the fruit, and cook
slowly for two hours; when cold
put in jars and seal air-tight.

Household Hints.

CHAP CHAP.

Six tablespoonfuls flax seed,
boil in 1 qt water, strain through
cheese cloth, add 4 oz. glycerine,
juice of 1 lemon, a little car-
bolic acid, depending on its
strength; rose water or witch
hazel may be added.

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To Distinguish Linen From
Cotton.

Linen is hard to distinguish
from cotton, especially when the
cotton is mercerized or the mat-
erial heavily starched and well
finished.

If the threads are carefully ex-
amined it will be found that the
cotton thread is the more exact
in twist, becomes fuzzy when
rubbed between the fingers and
when quickly broken the tufted
ends usually curl up.

The linen fibres are long and
when spun into thread are
strong, smooth and lustrous.
These threads are rather irregu-
lar in appearance and break with
the straight uneven ends.

When burned the ends of cot-
ton thread spread out like a
paint brush, while linen threads
are even and compact.

A drop of glycerine on linen
causes it to become more trans-
parent, but does not affect cot-
ton in the same way.

When torn the linen gives
shrill noise, the cotton has a dul-
ler sound.

There are several chemical
tests for distinguishing between
linen and cotton, but these are
not practical for the average
housewife and not always sure.
The microscopic test is the only
one which is absolutely certain
in all cases.

Battle on skis in Austria.

Beneva Switzerland, Sept. 1.—In
Carnia, for the first time in the history
of warfare, a battle in which all the
participants of hostile forces were
fighting on skis, has occurred.

The Italian Alpine troops put the
Austrians to flight.

BERLIN ESTIMATE OF RUS-
SIAN LOSSES.

Berlin, Sept. 1.—An official re-
view of the Eastern campaign es-
timates that since May 2 the Rus-
sians have lost at least 300,000
men in killed or wounded and 1-
100,000 captured by the Germans.

Pegoud, Famous Aviator Kill-
ed

Paris, Sept. 1.—Reports of the
death of Adolphe Pegoud, the fam-
ous aviator, have been officially
confirmed. The news caused sin-
cere sorrow among the French
people, who regarded him as a
hero.

Pegoud, who was only 26 years
old, joined the Aviation Corp as
a private but soon gained a sub-
lieutenant's commission, because
of his skill and daring. His ex-
ploits won him the military medal
and the military cross. Pegoud
brought down his sixth German
aircraft on July 11.

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hard in the Vossische Zeitung re-
iterates that the circumstances sur-
rounding the sinking of the Ara-
bic are still unknown, but that
only one of two things is possible
—either that the captain of the
submarine feared that his vessel
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