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In nearly all homes, more particularly where there are children, there is generally an accumulation of shoes of all kinds, half worn, whole worn and very little worn. In the majority of homes these are thrown promiscuously together in a closet or some other receptacle, to be assorted when wanted. Some of these are of no earthly use to the possessors, but are hoarded up with the idea that they may some day be found useful, yet rarely is this true, for if put away for any length of time they are, when taken out, generally unfit for use. There are few things that will collect mold as quickly as old boots or shoes, more particularly if in a close receptacle, such as a dark closet. Consequently when they are laid away for any length of time they should be taken out into the light and air occasionally to keep them in fair condition. Musty shoes in the home will not tend toward the good health of the family, and the fewer of such things there are the better. It is much the better way, where there are more than one extra pair of cast off shoes to each person, to see that the superfluous shoes are given some one in need of them. The housewife may think they are not worth giving away, being worn so badly, yet the shoes she would think unfit for this purpose would be accepted with gratitude by many a poor unfortunate person. It is wonderful how very much worn a shoe may be ere it is rejected by a needy person. Do not allow old boots and shoes to accumulate, but give them where they will do the most good, and you will never regret it.

Shoes that are worn regularly, if cared for, will last much longer than if neglected, as is too often the case. A French kid shoe, if carelessly cared for, will not look nor last as long as one of an inferior quality that is looked after properly. When shoes are taken off they should be thoroughly brushed, to remove the dust that invariably collects in the creases, smoothed out with the hand and placed away in a shoe bag or box away from the dust, and when wanted for use they can be taken out ready for wear. Where there is not a box or bag for this purpose, a closet is the next best thing. Shoes will last much longer if, when new, they are rubbed with castor oil. Hold them in front of a fire and rub the oil well into the leather. The oil makes the leather pliable, fills up the pores, and prevents it from cracking. Where boots are worn every day, once a fortnight is not too often to oil them. At first the oil after standing will give them a gray look, but when dressed it gives them a nice soft finish. It is not advisable to use much of the dressings so fashionable for ladies' and children's shoes nowadays, as the most of them in a short while crack the leather. The box blacking used for men's boots is much to be preferred, although it is a little harder to apply. When using the dressing, apply a very thin coat, and do so as seldom as possible. We have seen some very fine shoes ruined by using a poor dressing; therefore unless you can find one that has been well tested, it is better for a fine grade of leather to depend on the box of blacking.

There are many patent button fasteners in the market that are excellent for children's everyday shoes, more particularly where there are boys, as they are much stronger than thread, and the children learn very soon to adjust them, thereby saving the mother some work besides keeping their shoes in good condition. For a fine grade of leather we have never seen any fasteners that ought to be used as in a short time they cut the leather, making an unsightly tear, and some of them, when the shoes are tight fitting, will tear the stocking. The fine shoestring with needle attached, which may be purchased at any shoe store, is the best thing with which to fasten on shoe buttons. Fasten them quite tight at first, as they work loose, owing to the shoestring stretching. Never wear a shoe unbuttoned if you care at all to have it shapely. Never put a wet shoe close to a fire to dry, for when dry it will be so hard that it will be difficult to get on. When taken off the foot wet, smooth into as good shape as possible, then put in a medium warm place and let dry. To be sure, it will take a longer time than if dried at the fire, but it will be in a much better condition when wanted. Shoes hardened by being dried at the fire can be wonderfully softened by using a little castor oil well rubbed in. When throwing away old shoes, cut off all the good buttons and put away for future use.—Boston Budget.

HAVE A PURPOSE.

Young man, have a purpose in your heart. Now, what is your purpose in life? Is it that under all circumstances you will do what you think is right? Or is it to become rich at the expense of principle and right? The first purpose you should have is to care for yourself. Young men nowadays don't and when the body is wrecked they hobble through life, making everybody about them miserable. Find out what diet best agrees with you, and adhere to it. Daniel began by abstaining from wine. This would be a good start for you, young man.

Next, take care of your intellect. Study, if you have intellect—there are some young men who don't know whether they have or not—improve it. Many hard-worked men have acquired profound educations by being studious during small intervals of leisure. Get an hour a day if you can get no more. Devote half of it to the study of the Bible, and divide the remaining thirty minutes, say between astronomy, botany and geology. Do this one year and you will be surprised at what you have accomplished.

Then take care of your manners. The manners of Americans are degenerating. There was a time when a young man would not offend a lady by puffing cigar smoke into her face. Now I see it done on the street-cars every day. Imitate the gentleness of Daniel. Be affable, sauve, courteous and kind. Never utter a thoughtless word that will pain. Start in life with the principle, I'll be a gentleman, come what will.—*Dr. D. M Scudder.*

Scissors should be kept in good order, It is a mistake to use old scissors which have become nicked at the edges for trimming lamp wicks. This is frequently the cause of uneven wicks, which smoke the chimney and give a very uncertain light.

For the most part, what is commonly called "company" will refrain from visiting us just as soon as we cease to make sacrifices on their behalf of time, convenience, dress, money or flattery. It is ours, not us, they generally desire.

If before grinding the morning's coffee the berries are heated for four or five minutes, or until they take on a darker shade of brown, the flavor of the coffee will be much improved.

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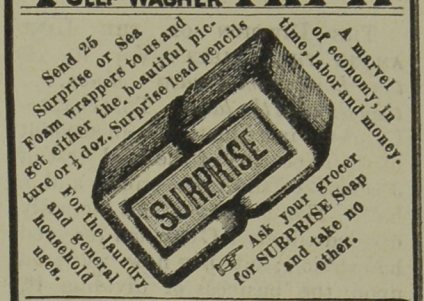

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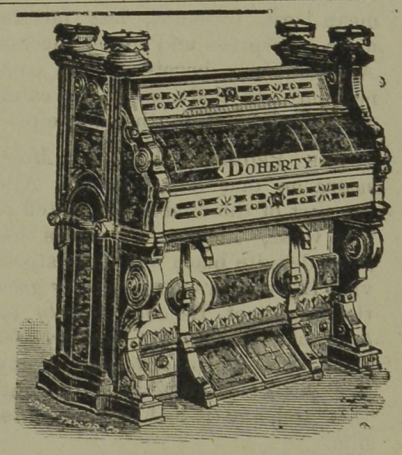

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