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This and That Corner

It was great fun trying to find the special recipes of each canton for the first of my series in the "This 'n' That Corner" of the Helvetia.

It was especially interesting to see how many dishes from the various cantons were made with different ingredients whether it was for fondues, potato dishes, desserts, meats or salad dressings. This month, as an alternative, I have a few handy hints for the household. I certainly hope that they are useful to you.

ALCOHOL stains can be removed from garments by dampening, rub lightly with glycerine, leave for 1/2 hour, then wash.

BLOODSTAINS out of handkerchiefs, damp with tepid, soapy water then sprinkle with sugar and leave for a few minutes.

PAINT FUMES. Simply cut up a few onions, place them in a bucket of water, then leave in the room overnight.

NICE AND ICE FREE for a quick, easy and cheap way to take toil out of defrosting your fridge, use table salt. Simply sprinkle over the area you wish to defrost, leave for 10 to 15 minutes, then wipe off. Also, if you add the juice of half a lemon to half a litre of water and use this solution to wipe your freezer, it will not only sparkle, but smell fresh too!!!

ABSORBING ANSWER : If your stew or casserole is too salty, grate a potato into it. The potato will cook through quickly and absorb the excess salt. Also, for extra flavour, add half a teaspoon of curry powder.

CHOP ONIONS perfectly with no mess and less tears by peeling and retaining the root end. This helps hold the pieces together. Cut in half, then slice horizontally without cutting through the root. Slice vertically, as thickly as required.

For INSOMNIA, drink a cup of hot milk with honey and a pinch of nutmeg or cinnamon.

To remove SCUFF MARKS on floor coverings, try rubbing them with a little toothpaste. The marks will disappear.

No need to buy expensive cleaners for KITCHEN FLOORS;

use hot soapy water with some kerosene in it. It is especially good for vinyl floors.

Using a tablespoon of vinegar instead of liquid detergent in your WASHING UP WATER will help remove any grease.

OIL SPILLS - Apply soap powder or sawdust to oil spills on your driveway. It will absorb the oil, making it easy to sweep away.

BROKEN GLASS - To clean up broken glass, pat the floor with dry slices of bread. You'll be amazed at the tiny slivers it picks up. Change the bread frequently, so that it's effective.

A little toothpaste on a soft cloth will remove CRAYON marks from wallpaper.

I have tried some of these, but it would be interesting to know if they really all are HANDY HINTS!!! Let me know if any of them works for you.

Just a couple of jokes for you ...

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, jack asses and pigs the husband sarcastically asked "Relatives of yours?"
"Yep" the wife replied, "In-laws."

A Copier is female because once it is turned off it takes a while to warm them up again.

A Tyre is male because it goes bald and it's often over-inflated.

Some quotes

A Friend is a Part of You Always.

Friendship is a special gift given to us all.
The smile of a friend is sunlight on a cloudy day, and every smile given to a friend is returned.
A friend is one whom you can talk to, and listen to, without judging.
A friend doesn't ignore your faults but accepts them as a part of you.
A friend is a shoulder to lean on when you need support, a pat on the back when you do well, and a sympathetic ear when you fail.
A friend is a person you can laugh with about everything, you can cry with without shame, and whom you trust completely.
A friend is a partner in life and a part of you always.

Brian Bindschadler

While this door is closing, another door is opening. It's our job to go and find that door.

A true friend is the one that's coming in the door while everyone else is going out.

Whatever you want to do, do it now, there are only so many tomorrows.

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