

How to Sharpen a Razor, Keep the Face Smooth, Color the Beard, Cure Pimples, and Various Preparations for the Face.

- 1. To Make a Good Razor Strop, take a piece of an old leather belt, which has been used on some threshing machine or factory machinery, cut it narrow and oil it well. No better strop in use.
- 2. Take a piece of new kip leather and oil it well with wagon grease. Be sure not to take the grease from the outside of the wheel, as it is filled with too much dust and dirt.
- 3. No one shaving himself should neglect the use of Bay Rum, or a good face wash after shaving. It keeps the skin smooth and soft, and makes shaving an easy task.

4. One of the best and cheapest washes for the face, to use after shaving, is the following: 2 oz. Glycerine,

1 oz. Tincture Benzoin,

1 oz. Rose Water.

ORIENTAL SHAVING CREAM.

4 ounces oil of almonds,

2 drams white wax,

2 drams spermaceti.

Melt, and add rose water, 4 ounces; orange flower water, 1 ounce; used to soften the skin, apply as the last.

LIQUID FOR FORCING THE BEARD.

2 ounces cologne,

1 dr. liquid hartshorn,

2 drs. Tincture cantharides,

12 drops oil of rosemary,

12 drops lavender.

Apply to the face daily, and await result. Said to be reliable.

BARBER'S ITCH OINTMENT.

1 pound olive oil,

1 pound suet,

2 ounces alkanet root.

Melt, and macerate until colored; then strain, and add 3 ounces of alum, nitre and sulphate of zinc, in very fine powder, adding vermillion to color it, and oil of anise-seed, lavender and thyme to perfume.



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