



## NEW BOOK HAS 2,000 HINTS

Oakville author and his wife started collecting hints a dozen years ago.

### ■ Cleaning copper and brass

A segment of lemon dipped into salt will clean copper and brass items.

### ■ Cleaning silver

Here's how to get your silver to clean itself. Place a sheet of aluminum foil in the bottom of the sink and run hot tap water into it, adding a tablespoon of water softener (or powdered lime-scale remover) and a tablespoon of salt. Put your silver items on top of the foil. Watch while the silver becomes clean in just a few seconds. Badly tarnished items may need a wipe with a soft cloth. Rinse and dry.

### ■ Deal with ink stains

Ink stains are hard to remove, but here's a trick that works. Put regular hairspray on the stain, and rub it with a bar of white bath soap, then rinse.

### ■ Remove moisture marks on furniture

White marks can occur on wood furniture if a wet glass has been set on it. To remove the mark, rub it with a generous amount of mayonnaise and leave it overnight. The mark should be gone when you wipe away the mayo.

### ■ Cleaning costume jewellery

Here's a quick way to clean costume jewellery. Place it in warm water and drop in one or two denture-cleaning tablets. Remove, rinse and dry the items after the fizzing stops.

### ■ Don't whine about wine stains

Get a wine stain out by quickly pouring table salt on the stain. After a few minutes, remove the salt and blot up any remaining mark using soda water.

### ■ Baking without eggs

Run out of eggs? You can still bake that dish. Substitute 2 Tbsp. of milk and 1/2 tsp. of baking powder. They'll compensate for the rising action of an egg.

### ■ Carpet capers

If you react quickly to a carpet stain, you can probably remove it. Run for the shaving cream and spray the foam on the stain. Rub it in, then rinse with cold water. Vacuum up the residue the next day.

### ■ Wrinkle woes with clothes

Did you forget to take clothes out of the dryer, and now they're a mass of wrinkles? Try this. Wet a towel and wring it out, then toss it in the dryer with the clothes. Turn the dryer back on for another cycle and the wrinkles will diminish.



■ *These tips are adapted from Graham Haley's book, *Haley's Hints*, a 400-page hardcover reference from 3H Productions Inc., 123 Maurice Dr., Suite 201, Oakville, Ont. L6K 2W5, tel (905) 338-8844, e-mail [haley@haleyshints.com](mailto:haley@haleyshints.com). The book, put together over the past 10 years by Haley and his wife Rosemary, contains more than 2,000 categorized hints and a useful index. It is available at local bookstores, or by mail order for \$24.95 plus \$4.50 shipping plus taxes.*