

## **Household recipes**

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The Wash for Lead Smelting house

Best Roman Vitriol 8<sup>th</sup>

A sufficient quantity of Oley Lime

Put the Lime into a Tub & fill it up with  
Water After the abolition ceases pour it out  
thro' a fine sieve into another Vessel

Put the Vitriol in another vessel by  
itself & pour upon it just ~~as much~~  
water sufficient to dissolve it

Measure the Lime water & the  
solution every time they are taken out  
into the Mucknet in the same proportion  
as you proceed

It requires only one Coat

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William Beckwith for Revenue



Improved composition of Black Writing Ink

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Take a gallon of soft water, Boil in it a pound of Logwood chips for about half an hour, Then take the decoction off the fire and pour it from <sup>the</sup> chips while boiling-hot on a pound of the best Aleppo Galls beaten to powder and two ounces of Pomegranate peels put into a proper vessel — After having stirred them well together with a wooden spatula for some time. Place them in the Sunshine in summer, or within the warmth of any fire in winter for 3 or 4 days, stirring the <sup>mixture</sup> again as often as may be convenient. At the end of that time add half a pound of green Vitriol powdered and let the

mixture remain for 5 Days more stirring it as frequently as may be convenient and then add two ounces of gum Arabic, dissolved in a quart of boiling water, and after giving the Ink some time to settle strain it off from the dregs through a coarse linen cloth, and keep it well stopp'd for use.

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Liquor to make Leather resist water.

- 1 Pint of drying Linseed Oil  
(suppose) boiled oil such as the  
Painters use
- 2 Oz. Spirits of Turpentine
- 1 Oz. Burgundy pitch
- 2 Oz. of Bees wax

Melted in an earthen  
vessel over a slow fire -  
let the boots be well saturated  
with this composition by  
repeated coatings at a

moderate distance from the  
fire, a sunny <sup>summer</sup> day will be found preferable - hang them  
up 2 or 3 months till winter, as it is better for being  
done some time before they are worn. Warm it when  
used to a very moderate heat.

Lord Meadley's receipt for Military Blacking.

- 1 lb Ivory Black.
- 1/2 Oz. Oil of vitriol.
- 4 table spoonful. of sweet oil.
- 8 Oz. of Sacchar.

Thinned with vinegar to the thickness of oil let it  
stand in the bason a few hours: put the sacchar & black  
~~together~~ together & a little vinegar if needful to  
make it the thickness of butter, pour the vitriol &  
then the oil.

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N.B. Lamp black will not be so bright Ivory

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Bank of  
England  
for  
the sum of  
£ 100  
paid to  
me by  
the  
Bank of  
England  
on the  
21st day  
of  
January  
1821

Witness my hand and seal this 21st day of January 1821