

Nothing is known of this material except the statements of the manufacturers. Nor does it follow that the same results could be obtained from its use in this country as in Japan. The land in that country is volcanic in origin, and probably contains substances not found in soils of many other countries. But the story of the discovery of the product is interesting, and the research it involved is creditable to the Japanese.

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### HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

For rough wood-work nothing beats earth oil for darkening, cleaning, and even polishing, the only trouble is that it has to be very well rubbed in, or for weeks clothes are smudged with it. It is better for new wood than paint or varnish, as it keeps off insects and keeps the grain open so that it is less likely to get dry rot and perish. For furniture an excellent polish is made from equal parts of raw linseed oil, vinegar, and turpentine. Plain kerosine oil takes off stains and finger marks, but does not leave polish after the first week. Vinegar mixed with lukewarm water is good as a wash before polishing. It is also useful in cleaning brass and steel, mixed with common salt. To clean ivory-ornaments, beads etc. and to make it retain its delicate colour and lovely sheen, a South African tip is—wash the ivory in tepid water with a good soap, using a soft small brush to clear all the crevices; while still wet put in the sun; dip in soapy water several times during the day; do this for three days, then wash in clean water and dry.

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### REVIEW.

*Mysore Agricultural Calendar (English) 1924. Bangalore, Government Press—Price annas two.*

We have been favoured with a copy of this very useful publication. This year's Calendar has kept up the standard of those of previous years and contains articles on subjects which are of vital interest to ryots in the Mysore territory. The silk industry, the potato and the sugarcane crops, the parasitic diarrhoea of sheep and measures against fungus diseases are some of the important subjects dealt with therein, besides which there are the monthly notes and various other useful hints and suggestions. The contents bespeak the earnest efforts of the Mysore Department of Agriculture to bring home to the cultivating public the benefits of scientific knowledge and the general get-up of the booklet with its fine half-tone pictures leaves little to be desired.