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Dear Friends in the Pipe,

The aim of this brochure is to help you keep your pipe mouthpieces as clean as possible and preserve their original beauty and shine. Many tips and suggestions can be found in various places on the internet, yet most of them involve specialized equipment (buffing wheels, waxes, etc.) not readily available or expensive. The PCoLeb's treatment uses cheap and commonly found substances that produce more-than-satisfactory results. In addition, the instructions below have been followed by members of the PCoLeb for many years and we can safely guarantee that your pipes will not be damaged in any way.

Tips for Keeping your Pipe in Good Shape

- Rub your pipe's mouthpiece immediately after you finish smoking it with a clean cloth. You can wet your mouthpiece with saliva before vigorously rubbing. If this is done regularly, chances are that you will seldom need the complete treatment;
- Avoid exposing your pipe to direct sunlight;
- Avoid exposing your pipe to artificial light;
- Store your pipes in their original boxes in a dark, dry place or, if behind a display case, make sure that direct light does not reach them;
- Even when stored in their boxes in a dry dark place, it is good to visit all your pipes at least once a year and give them the treatment.

What you Need

- The abrasive scrubber pad of a scouring sponge (the harsh side of a common dish sponge)
- Two or three pieces of clean cloth
- Some olive oil
- Some toothpaste (any toothpaste, really)
- Some laundry machine powder



Before



The photos below show the state of the mouthpiece before the treatment. Not only do we have the disgusting yellowish marks, but also traces of teeth and other unsavory things.





Let's begin. Take your pipe apart since you're going to work on the mouthpiece. Prepare the laundry powder by adding some water (not too much, just enough to make it pasty), and mix thoroughly.



As you can see, we're using the abrasive scrubber (previously peeled off) pad of a dish sponge. After soaking it in the powder solution, rub the mouthpiece thoroughly. If you want to be extra careful, try to keep the direction of the scouring longitudinal so that you don't leave horizontal lines on the mouthpiece.



Notice the brownish-yellowish goo that comes out while scouring. The more the better! This means that your pipe really needed some good cleaning. Continue until no more comes out.



Clean your mouthpiece with a piece of cloth.

At this stage, you will notice that your mouthpiece has improved markedly.

To the next step. Take your favourite toothpaste and generously smear your mouthpiece with some of it. Scrub as energetically as you did with the powder, with the same (or another) abrasive pad. Keep the direction longitudinal to avoid scratching the mouthpiece laterally. Some residual goo will also appear on the pad, which is always a good sign.



Clean with a piece of cloth.

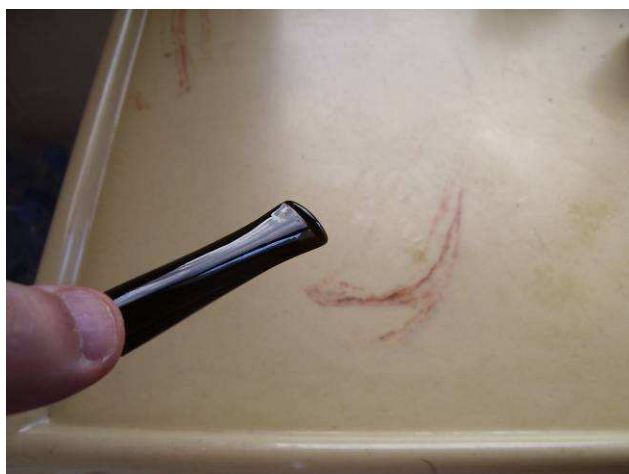
As you can see, the mouthpiece is getting better and better.



Time now for the final show. Take your favourite olive oil, and do the same: scrub longitudinally, as hard as you can, with the pad.



After you have cleaned it with a piece of cloth, rub the mouthpiece with your finger with a few drops of olive oil again and let it rest for a few minutes.



Clean again, a final time, with a piece of cloth.



If you're not afraid of darkening your stem and bowl a little bit, but want to restore some of the shine and luster, go ahead and rub, with your finger, the whole outside of the pipe with a few drops of olive oil. Let it rest for a few minutes, clean vigorously, and enjoy your restored, almost-new pipe!



After

