

Everyday Household Items and Gadgets

What are these things, or what are or were they used for?

1. Flour sifter - **makes flour lighter and adds volume**
2. Megaphone - **makes the voice louder**
3. Leggings - **pants worn under a dress to keep the legs warm in winter**
4. Hurricane lamp - **candle or kerosene lamp with a glass cover to keep out wind**
5. Pinking shears - **scissors with saw-toothed blades for making zigzag cuts**
6. Fountain pen - **writing pen with a refillable reservoir for adding ink**
7. Hot water bottle - **rubber container for holding hot water, used to warm cold feet or soothe aching muscles**
8. Mimeograph - **machine used for duplicating documents**
9. Batting - **filler used in quilts and pillows**
10. Canteen - **container for water, used while hiking and camping**
11. Slide rule - **used for estimating solutions to math problems**
12. Rucksack - **backpack or knapsack**
13. Chamois - **cloth used for cleaning, made of fabric or goat skin**
14. Kerosene lamp - **lighting used in homes before electricity**
15. Spittoon - **metal pan used for spitting tobacco juice**
16. Toupee - **men's artificial hairpiece**
17. Witch hazel - **alcohol-based solution used as an astringent**
18. Camisole - **woman's undergarment, worn under the blouse**
19. Clothespin - **wooden clip for hanging clothes**
20. Jaw harp - **musical instrument played entirely in the mouth, it makes a twangy sound**
21. Parasol - **woman's fancy umbrella**
22. Emery board - **used to file fingernails smooth**
23. Lye - **strong soap used for cleaning**
24. Churn - **a wooden vessel for agitating milk or cream so it forms butter**
25. Milk bottle - **a glass container for milk, used when there was home milk delivery**
26. Monocle - **a round lens worn in front of one eye to improve sight**