

# Using magic 'elect'

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Q — I saw someone demonstrating what he called an "electronic" silver cleaner. It was a small sheet of metal that you placed in an enamelled or

glass dish with a hot solution of washing soda. When tarnished silverware was placed in contact with the metal plate, the tarnish disappeared. The metal plate cost about \$2. Can you tell me if this would be safe to use for my good silverware?

A — This trick has been around for many years and it really works, but the magic element is nothing more than a piece of aluminum, worth perhaps 1¢. A piece of aluminum foil will do the same thing. If it is placed in a glass or enamelled dish and covered