

Of Interest to Women

REVOLUTIONARY NEW STEEL PROCESS

It was announced recently that the British Iron and Steel Research Association has succeeded in developing a new method which is claimed to be a world lead in the sphere of steel technology. It has been known for about 170 years by scientists in the steel laboratories that oxygen can be used to produce higher temperatures more efficiently, but it was not until now that British scientists, after long years of research succeeded in putting this theory into practice. The advantages claimed for the new British method are, among others, the increase of output by 50 per cent, the making of higher quality steel, and the use of a greater percentage of scrap.



Hello Homemakers! Every business has its busy season and home-making is no exception. Many women find early fall a period in which a hundred and one duties require their attention. Canning is in full swing, the children are off to school again, which means renovating and renewing their wardrobes, the house needs freshening up or decorating and throughout the household it is a time for stock taking. Club meetings and social activities begin to absorb the all too few "off-duty" hours. And there you are—at your busiest.

It is probably at this time you appreciate most the small but effective housekeeping pointers that make for efficiency and help you get results with minimum effort. So today we offer tips worth clipping for reminders at any time.

Take a Tip

1. To freshen your upholstered furniture, wipe with clean cloth moistened with cleaning fluid. Then, at once, rub briskly with dry clean cloth.
2. Painted floors and other painted surfaces will wear longer if you wax them lightly as soon as the paint is dry. One note of warning, however, before repainting wood remove any trace of wax. Use paint cleaner or turpentine.
3. If you have a new stove or refrigerator, keep the enamel surface new looking and sparkling by washing only with soap and water. Never use any cleaning powder or any abrasive. The soap and water treatment given frequently will prevent the surface from becoming scratched.

4. Dust your furniture with a moistened chamois, then rub with soft cheesecloth. Have chamois wrung out tightly so it will be just moist. Polish with dry cloth and there will be less frequent dusting.

5. In gluing together parts of a piece of furniture, remove all the old glue first by scrubbing with hot water. Dry thoroughly. Heat the glue in a tin can set in a saucpan of water. Apply evenly and clamp or tie the broken part in place and allow to dry for at least 48 hours.

6. Wrought iron lighting fixtures and stair rails should be given a protective coat of liquid wax. (Do not use wax on fireplace accessories, as it is inflammable.) Rust stains can be removed before waxing by rubbing with kerosene, then scouring with steel wool.

7. If lacquered brass finish dulls remove it with deatered alcohol (poison) and apply fresh coat of water-white transparent metal lacquer with a paint brush.

8. Hammered aluminum will be bright and shining if washed in mild soapy hot water. If stained use a fine steel wool pad (impregnated with special soap) over a cotton cloth and then rinse. Never use strong soap or alkaline scouring powders because they darken and discolor aluminum.

9. Plastic screens must be taken down and washed with garden hose or a brush and soapuds. Dry thoroughly in a breeze before storing away.

10. The care of pressed wood walls which have a synthetic resin finish is quite simple. Regular dusting and occasional wiping with a damp chamois are all that is required.

11. Cement (concrete) floors in the basement are often damp. It makes it easier to care for them if you use a special paint or a wear-resistant surfacing. Mix 1 gallon of sodium silicate (water-glass) with 4 gallons of water. (This makes enough solution to coat 1,000 sq. ft. once. The floor should be clean and thoroughly dry. Apply solution with mop and let dry 24 hours. Scrub with clear water and let dry. Apply a second coat as above.

12. Windows may require putty to make them secure. If the glass is smeared while doing the job, take the putty marks off with household ammonia.

NOVEL METHODS FOR OPENING BRITISH MINE

Mining engineers in Britain are freezing a section of the earth's surface to a depth of over 400 ft. This is a preparatory step to opening a new coal mine near Nottingham which is expected to yield 1 million tons a year. This novel technique is necessary because the shaft of the mine must pass through a strata of porous sandstone. Normal methods of excavation would entail pumping away more than 1,000 gallons of water an hour which would seep into the workings from the nearby underground watershed. A ring of pipes has been laid down around the spot where the shaft is to be sunk. These pass through and under a strata of sandstone. Brine solution chilled to 37 degrees below freezing is circulating through them continuously. This will cause a collar of ice to form in about 8 weeks' time. A natural barrier will thus be created within which the normal work of sinking the mine shaft can proceed.

BRITAIN'S HARVEST ABOVE AVERAGE THIS YEAR

A report issued on October 11th by the Ministry of Agriculture shows this year's harvest is at least 25% better than last year's despite the storms in August and early September. The harvesting of wheat is practically finished. The yield is now anticipated to be 19.9 cwt. an acre, as compared with a ten-year average of 18.7. Last year's crop was only 15.2. Barley crops are forecast as 19.3 cwt. per acre, as against a ten-year average of 17.4. Even oats, which suffered more than other cereals, will yield 17.4 cwt. to the acre which is 1 cwt. above the average. The total wheat crop is likely to exceed last year's by some 22,000,000 bushels.

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

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It was Sunday afternoon; Partner and I were both reading. Presently we heard a car outside and in a matter of seconds someone was honking a horn. That, in itself, annoyed us. Partner made no attempt to go out. "If anyone out there is wanting either of us he can come to the house," he said. The horn went on honking! Then I began to wonder—"Maybe someone is hurt—perhaps one of us should go out." So I opened the front door and called. Immediately a man got out of the car—or rather panel truck, for that's what it was. He was smartly dressed, in fact a little on the flashy side, but made no attempt to come to the house. Instead of that he called out—"Have you got any eggs to sell?"

"No," I answered shortly, "none at all."

"Any ducks, or geese, maybe?"

"No," I repeated, "nothing at all. We don't do business on Sundays."

"Oh—oh, I see," responded the caller. And with that he climbed back into his truck and drove down the lane at a pretty fast clip and was gone before I could call Partner to the door.

This little episode may have been on the level; maybe the man really was looking for eggs. On the other hand if, after honking his horn loud and long, no one appeared he might have assumed no one was at home, in which case he could have done a little investigating on his own—which might not have been too profitable for us. After all the idea is not too far-fetched. So often farm people are away between chores on Sundays and people going by would think nothing of seeing a small truck in a driveway, nor would they be suspicious of anyone walking around farm premises in broad daylight.

Anyway that's that—and it could be there is a moral for drivers in that little story if nothing else. That is—"To honk your horn is not only bad manners, it can also arouse suspicion."

And now, just in case you would like to know the end of my cat story maybe I had better tell you that Mark, the one kitten that remained alive last week, has survived. And I really think he must have established something of a record because he went for six days and nights without eating or drinking. In all that time the only nourishment he got was what I gave him by means of a medicine dropper. I also gave him a one-drop dose several times a day of a well-known veterinary medicine, which most farmers keep on hand all the time. But then, while I was doctoring the kitten his mother died. Since Whisky had been given "a shot" and was never sick at all, it was quite a shock when she moped around for only a few hours and then quietly passed away. So now we are reduced to one cat and one kitten.

Taking it all round we had quite a time with our livestock last week. There was the night when we moved one pen of pullets to their winter quarters. Moving the ones that were in the pen was easy but there were others roosting in trees that we just couldn't get, so the next morning there were still thirty-two running around. The next night I undertook to see that the remaining pullets didn't roost in the trees. Believe me, I got plenty of exercise. It developed into a sort of endurance test. The chickens were determined to get into the trees; I was equally determined that they shouldn't. So I ran from tree to tree and the chickens flew up or flew down according to where they were when I tried shooting them into the pen. We kept it up for over an hour—and there are still six at large. These pullets are a breed we have never tried before—and probably never will again. They are hybrids, a cross between Harrow Rocks and White Leghorns. They are the scarlet birds you ever knew. Now they are in their winter quarters we knock at the door before entering the pen. Walk in without warning and they fly all over the pen, battering themselves on the walls, windows—yes and even the ceiling of the pen.

Another day we sent out some cattle to market. When Norma was being loaded Bob proceeded her into the truck with a long lead rope. I happened to look out of the pantry window just in time to see Norma make a bolt for the barnyard with Bob running out of the truck against his will, but still hanging on to the rope. Poor Norma—it didn't do her any good. After all, what could one cow do against three men.

Calgary's zoological park has a life-size cent dinosaur

Politics in a Hurry

By Joseph Lester Rutledge
The trouble with people who have the altruistic urge to save the world by their own system and no other is that they are always in a hurry. They want to speak first and think afterwards, or act first and experience afterwards.

The Canadian Senate, like the British House of Lords, has always been an irritation to those who want to do good to us at once. They are impatient of anything that, in providing time for serious thought, delays the immediate accomplishment of their designs. They conclude that any delaying force is useless or destructive.

As we have to live with political systems, and accept whatever good or ill fortune they may bring to us, surely we have the time to inform ourselves and to move with caution. Caution does not prevent us following any course that may seem good to us. It merely suggests that we "stop, look and listen" before we proceed.

In formulating their platform in Winnipeg, the OCF party included in a hurry-up plank. It involved a series of constitutional amendments that, among other lesser matters, involved the abolition of the Senate and of appeals to the Privy Council, and a revision of the B.N.A. Act to give the Federal parliament more power. All these changes indicate an organization in such a hurry that, if and when elected, it does not propose to be restrained by any sober second thinking.

There is something here dimly reminiscent of certain happenings in Europe, where minorities, in a hurry for power, have seized it and have promptly removed all the checks and would limit their actions and quality their arbitrary designs. It may be that changes are needed to make the Senate more efficient and more representative, but the suggestion of abolition leaves us without enthusiasm. There is nothing in the constitution of the Senate of which any sound political thinking need be afraid. Like the House of Lords it can delay but it cannot deny the will of the people, as represented by their majority representatives in parliament. These rights are amply safeguarded. For the rest, every indication of our day points to the need for a check on the exuberant will of a majority, as well as the malicious will of a minority or force eager to give a legalized form to illegal actions. It is significant that where the most liberties remain there is a two-chamber parliament. Where liberty has died, the restraining force of a dual parliament has died with it.

About 30 complete skeletons of pre-historic monsters have been dug up near Drumheller, Alberta, since 1912.

UNDERGROUND TRAINS FOR COPENHAGEN

The Danish Capital with 1,100,000 inhabitants, has such narrow streets in the centre of the town, that the public transport services are proving a hindrance to each other. The authorities are, therefore, planning to build an underground system of railways based on the London model. A delegation of six high officials of the Danish State Railways is coming to London to study the London underground including design, noise-reducing methods, booking facilities, automatic doors and the way in which road and rail services are co-ordinated to guarantee the maximum efficiency.

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