

Fashion Hint



We settle back down to business this week in a simple all-purpose house dress. The decorations are all down, the presents and cards put away—there seems no more reason for not giving full attention to the house when the chilly days encourage housewives to stay inside where it's warm. Since house dresses lose their attractiveness when they fade, one of the most important things to watch in buying one is that the colours are fast. Bright colours and gay designs cheer up the wintry days. Short plain sleeves are best to keep out of the dish water and washing and for when a sweater is needed overtop.



Hello Homemaker! No need to stand on duty if you have an automatic washing machine. Time regulators on some of these machines relieve you of the task of adjusting the washer for each successive operation at the right time. Automatic washers are equipped with a heliostat "spin-dry" mechanism which eliminates the tugging and wringing that may stretch or tear garments—but it does not dry them. Only an electric drier, of which there are very few in Canada, does the job of drying them to a damp-dry state. Before you buy an automatic washer consider whether you have an ample supply of water, the plumbing cost and the place for installation.

Now what about the old washing machine which may continue to do a good job for you? Have you cleaned it regularly? Oiled it with fine-grade machine oil? Have you replaced frayed cord, rusty casters, worn wringers or a broken gear shift? If these small items are neglected, the motor will be under too great a strain to last much longer, and it costs more to replace it than small parts. Further, in regard to the motor, it should not be forced to operate the washer in a cold place. Roll the machine into a warm room on the night before the laundry is to be done so that the oil is at room temperature. Never under any circumstances try to heat oiled parts with hot water or other heating methods.

- 1. Wash outside finish with soap and water.
2. Remove impeller or gyrator to clean soap and lint from inside the holder. Flush the drain pipe.
3. Wipe inside and outside of machine with dry cloths.
4. Release pressure from the wringer rolls. Leave cover off machine for a few hours.

Chronicles of

Ginger Farm

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What weather! Night before last we couldn't sleep because of the high winds, rain and thunder. Last night the weather forecast was for zero temperature—but it only got down to 8 or 10 above in this district—which is far better than having it so unhealthily mild. Anyway we don't think we have anything to grumble about—not when we turn on the radio and hear reports, from other parts of the world, of earthquakes, hurricanes and an avalanche. By comparison we are lucky—except that even here we have one volcano to worry about—World War III. We know it is seething and boiling on the inside—will it erupt and send its scorching lava to all parts of the world? That is a question that no one seems able to answer right now. But we all know that when a volcano shows signs of activity within it generally ends up with an eruption. There are also times when the trouble inside quiets down and remains quiescent for a long long time.

Well, I have a promise to fulfill. Because of the extraordinary interest shown in the Boer War poem I told you if I ever did get the whole thing I would include it in this column. Now I have it—and how I got it is most interesting. One of my readers sent it—he had it among her clippings—and it had been cut from the old Toronto Globe at the time of the Boer War! Not only is the poem interesting but so also is an editorial on the back of the clipping—apparently there were plenty of armchair critics even in those days. It says—"Ladysmith is not defensible at all since Boer guns can be mounted from high ground in three concentric circles and brought to bear against the British camp. Neither Ladysmith nor Genoece ought to have been occupied but some position south of Tugela and nearer the sea... The British Staff has exposed itself to the risk of serious defeats—now a force of 150,000 men will be required before the two republics can be conquered and held." There was more than that but all pretty much along the same line—all of it critical. But now for the poem—

"The Absent-Minded Beggar"
When you've shouted Rule Britannia, when you've sung "God Save the Queen"
When you've finished killing Kruger with your mouth
Will you kindly drop a shilling in my little tambourine
For a gentleman in khaki ordered South?
He's an absent-minded beggar and his weaknesses are great.
But me-and Paul must take him as we find him;
He is out on active service wiping something off a slate
And he's left a lot of little things behind him.

Duke's son—cook's son—son of a hundred kings
Fifty thousand horse and foot going to Table Bay

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Advertisement for 'Thin, rundown wife gains 16 lbs.' featuring a woman's image and text about health benefits.

Advertisement for Government of Canada 3% First War Loan Bonds, Due February 1st, 1948-52.

Advertisement for Life Insurance Companies in Canada, featuring an image of a man and the slogan 'Maybe folks should look at security this way'.

- TAKE A TIP
1. Hang laundry as straight as possible on the line to cut down ironing-time.
2. Cover wire coat hangers with aluminum foil or cellulose tape and hang dresses, jackets and blouses on them.
3. If possible, take down clothes while still damp, to save necessity for sprinkling.
4. Sprinkle dry clothes evenly with warm water.

Communists Can't Be Easily Spotted
There is a great preponderance of public opinion in Canada in favour of some further action by the government authorities against those who openly advocate Communist doctrines in Canada, and particularly those who make it quite clear that, in the event of an unhappy conflict between this country and Russia, they would be on the Russian side of the argument.

Forums Favour High Quality Produce; Halton Folk School Held This Week

Halton Farm Forums went into discussion on Monday night January 15, after listening to a broadcast on "Marketing Quality Products." The first question began with this statement: "Food dealers say that consumers buy high quality produce in preference to low quality produce. What should be done about low quality produce?"

The majority of answers centred around this solution—feeding low quality produce on the farm or return it to the soil. Low quality produce should be graded and priced accordingly. Producers must be educated to market good quality produce only as a protection to themselves as well as to the consumer. Standard grade must be set and rigidly enforced through processing plants, and all middlemen, and marked as such for the consumer to purchase. Ligny Forum expressed a desire to have all Ontario potatoes brought up to Marketing standards by proper packaging etc. Mr. Nemo mentioned that surplus milk should not be sent to a dairy but sent to a creamery. They also thought there would be less surplus milk if margarine was not allowed in this country.