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The next time I go to see uncle Ed I'm going to go on the bus. Last week grandma and I had a long bus trip and the drivers were really swell. When we changed buses the driver helped grandma and me to pick out our new bus and he told her not to worry about anything. The new driver was swell too and he told me he had a little girl like me at home. I sure like going on the bus.

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Take care of flannelettes in the same manner as the other cottons in your everyday washing. Hot water will not harm flannelettes and since they are sanforized, shrinkage is reduced to a minimum. Flannelette goes in the washing machine with terry towels and other garments with napped surfaces. Don't wash flannelette with smooth surfaced cotton materials, especially plain, dark colored cottons, since linting from flannelettes is inevitable and noticeable in such cases. The soft nap of flannelette tends to take on a pebbly appearance after a few washings but this does not mar its softness, warmth or attractiveness.

WASHING WOOLLENS

1. Treat all garments of a wool nature the same as 100 per cent wool.
2. Remember the wool cannot stand changes in temperature and too much agitation, so keep water temperatures even—lukewarm—and the washing and rinsing time must be brief.
3. If the water is hard, use either a sudsing detergent, or if you use soap, add a water softener or condition, because wools pick up a great deal of curd from soap in hard water.
4. Soak woollens for about five minutes in suds. Since wool is woven under tension it relaxes to a certain extent when it comes in contact with the warmth of the water and the soap or detergent.
5. Even a dirty blanket or soiled baby clothes wash clean in two minutes after the soaking period. Be sure to use two deep rinses of lukewarm water.
7. If your machine has an overflow rinse use this method.
8. The spin washing machine action is a good substitute for the wringer as it fluffs up the nap on woollens.
9. Gently pull woollens into shape. Do not use clothes-pins. Never dry woollens in direct sunlight, in too strong a wind or too extreme cold.
10. Dry blankets over a double line if possible. On a single line, let ends hang lengthwise over it. Shift a blanket occasionally, by pulling and straightening the edges each time. When a blanket is completely dry — shake well, spread out flat and brush in one direction with a fine wire brush to fluff up the nap. The binding may be dampened and pressed with a warm iron.

THE QUESTION BOX

Mrs. R. W. asks: How do you remove egg and orange juice from a good woollen blanket?

Answer: If the blanket has not been washed, try the following as soon as possible: (1) Sponge the

stain with cool water and use a solution of equal parts water and denatured alcohol; or (2) Apply a weak vinegar or lemon juice solution then sponge with water immediately after.

If the egg has not been removed work a soapless shampoo or clear glycerine in it and leave for about 2 hours, then sponge with water.

Mrs. J. D. asks: Can lipstick be removed after a blouse has been laundered?

Answer: The lipstick stain may be removed by sprinkling sodium perborate on a dampened spot.

Mrs. H. M. asks: Is there any way to make a bar of soap last longer?

Answer: Always unwrap soap and leave exposed in the air to dry. Keep an extra bar drying out while one is in use.

Mrs. T. S. asks: Will an electric ironer cost more to operate than a hand iron?

Answer: Ironers have 50 per cent more wattage than a modern 1000 watt iron. However, you would probably save half the ironing time by using an electric ironer so you may save about 25 per cent of your electricity consumption.

Mr. B. K. asks: The porcelain enamel on parts of our washing machine has been chipped and rusted. Will the rust cause holes at these spots?

Answer: Rust will soon deteriorate enamel tubs. You can easily repair by sanding the rust spot smooth to remove rust. Then paint over with aluminum paint to prevent further rusting. When dry the spot may be touched up with a white enamel paint purchased especially for this purpose.

Best Method Also Cheapest, Oldest

Crop rotation is probably the oldest, most effective and usually the least expensive of any method available to the farmer for the control of those soil organisms causing plant diseases, says Dr. G. B. Sanford, pathologist-in-charge at the Canada Department of Agriculture's Laboratory of Plant Pathology at Edmonton, Alberta.

Soil sanitation from the standpoint of the farmer, Dr. Sanford points out, largely becomes a problem of using certain natural methods that destroy or reduce those members of the soil flora causing disease, without seriously affecting those needed in the soil. In many instances it is very difficult to do this. Complete elimination of the parasites from the soil is not always necessary. What is important is a reduction of the harmful types to a low level where the effect on yield and quality of the host crop is commercially negligible.

The continuous growing of the same crop year after year on the same soil, says Dr. Sanford, is almost certain to increase dangerously the various soil-borne diseases affecting it. If wheat is followed year after year, for example, the various root-rotts of wheat tend to build up in the soil. A crop of oats is exceptionally effective in reducing the root-rotting fungi of wheat in such a soil, even better than a clean summerfallow.

An oat crop, however, may not be feasible in dry areas where the storage of moisture and plant food would be lessened by the oat crop, so summerfallow would be recommended. Alfalfa and clover are also effective in returning a diseased soil to health again. Even the fungi that are usually persistent are reduced to a safe degree by a crop of oats, legumes, or by summerfallowing.

Not all soil-borne diseases respond equally well to short rotations. There are some fungi that require longer periods than one year to be reduced by a suitable crop, or by summerfallow. Included among these are the fungi causing common scab of potatoes, the club root of cabbage and certain root rotts of peas which are all difficult to reduce in the soil.

Plant diseases are caused by various kinds of fungi and bacteria, some of which live normally in the soil. Others can live in the soil as well as on other things not in the soil, and some do not live in the soil at all. The fungi that cause the rusts and the smuts, and many of the leaf spots that occur on the parts of plants above ground belong to the group that normally do not live in the soil. Such diseases are best controlled by the use of suitable resistant varieties and by seed treatment in the case of smuts. As soil sanitation is vital generally to the promotion of a healthy soil and economic crop production it should be practised wherever possible.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm
Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by Gwendoline F. Clarke

For nearly a week I have hardly known whether I am living the past or the present. After a four-month visit to England and the Continent our niece Joy has now returned and has been staying with us for awhile. She spent most of the time in England, visiting many people and places familiar to both Partner and me. And of course we wanted to know all about everyone and what this place and that place looked like now. Fortunately Joy has a remarkably retentive memory and was able to give satisfactory answers to most of our questions. She travelled down to Suffolk and visited the village and the lovely old home where Partner had spent most of his younger days. The people who now own the house and store were most kind and were only too glad to let Joy wander all over the house so that she might get a mental picture to bring back to her father and her two uncles in Canada.

Yes, she said, in answer to Partner's questions, the oak beams were still in the living-room... no, the panelling in the big front bedroom had been papered over—she didn't know why. The centuries-old Angel Inn was still there—an American tourist had wanted to buy the post with the carved angel on it but the owner had refused to sell it because, as he put it, if the carrying were gone the "Angel Inn" would then be nothing but a name. Joy also visited my home town but could tell me very little as none of my folk live there now. But she did see the church where Partner and I were married.

Her headquarters were actually in Bourne-mouth, on the south coast and from there she made trips to London, Scotland, the Midlands, the Fens, and the West coast country. But of all the districts that she visited she liked best our own particular part of the country East Anglia—it appealed to her as being so old and restful, with a beauty all its own. And of course it is steeped in history.

Yes, it was grand hearing about all these places but how much better it would be to see them. Now if only some enterprising magazine or weekly press would come up with the suggestion that I take a trip over to the Old Country for the specific purpose of bringing back first hand stories of life as I saw it, how happy I should be—and what stories I would find! Where? London — Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London?

Oh no, you can read all you want to about those places in any travelogue or history book. I would leave the beaten track... get out on to the farms and talk to the country folk, to owners and labourers alike. Find out how far and in what way British agriculture has progressed—and how it is different from Canadian farming. It is in the villages that you find the real England. London isn't England any more than Toronto is Canada.

But away with day-dreaming... During the latter part of her trip, Joy went to Switzerland, France and Italy. Her account of one trip almost left me dizzy. She was one of the passengers on a mountain, tour from St. Moritz to Zurich. It was early in November, supposedly too early for snow of any account but soon after they started a freak storm caught up with them. Climbing the mountain the bus stalled in the fresh, slippery snow. The men in the bus piled out and cut branches of evergreens and placed them under the wheels for traction. One on the move again the driver said, "Now I think we can make it if we don't have to stop!" But alas around the next bend there were two stalled cars.

The first thing that had to be done was to get the cars moving again. Before the bus started up again all passengers were ordered out into several inches of snow and none of them with rubbers. There was also a fierce wind blowing. But the driver wasn't taking any chances—not with a sheer drop on one side of the pass—and the other side not much better. Eventually they were on their way again but according to Joy if the bus had ever started to slide sideways the driver would have been powerless to stop it.

Apparently Joy realized the danger more than most of the other passengers as she was sitting right behind the driver. After listening to Joy's account of her experience Partner remarked—"And THAT, you say, was a pleasure trip!"

Pieces from an evergreen tree make excellent foliage to help out your arrangement of cut flowers.

Fashion Hint



Get tired knitting those long thin sleeves for sweaters? Try one like this and it'll be "right in there" as far as fashions go. Highlights are the popular turtle-neck and, of course, the very brief sleeves. For winter, the sweater will make a grand cold weather blouse, and yet it is wearable all year round. Good knitters could improvise the pattern from one of a regular long sleeved pullover.

Future May Lie In Saskatchewan

The key to Canada's economic future in the atomic age may lie buried in a mist-shrouded lakeland in northern Saskatchewan where recent uranium strikes have made this area the hottest square mile in the world.

B. T. Richardson, noted Canadian journalist, tells about the discovery and what it can mean to Canada in an article in an issue of Maclean's Magazine.

Richardson, who flew to the scene of the rich strike where tens of millions of dollars worth of uranium are believed to lie under the rock writes:

"In the twisted, pre-cambrian humpland of rock and water that makes a lonely wilderness of northern Saskatchewan, there are two little ponds or lakes, one called Beaverlodge and the other called Ace, which are destined to become household names."

"Here the government-controlled Ace Mine promises already to double or triple Canada's uranium output. It is destined to eclipse Eldorado, the original uranium mine on Great Bear Lake, and it is expected to rank second only to the great Shinkolobwe mine on the panhandle of the Belgian Congo."

"It will affect Canada's industrial, political and military future as has no single geological strike in the country's history. It will produce enough ore to put this country in the forefront of the coming atomic revolution. And it will pose on us one mighty problem: now that we have the second largest potential source of uranium on the globe—perhaps even the largest—what are we going to do with it? Shall we simply continue to ship the raw ore to the U.S.? Or shall we begin to process it here for the atomic furnaces that an industrial country in the new age must have?"

"Neither the recent discoveries of oil in Alberta, the development of iron mines in Labrador-Quebec, nor the building of the St. Lawrence Seaway will in the end mean as much."

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