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Chatting . . . *By* M.H.B.

IT'S QUITE EASY to understand that the weeks immediately preceding Easter Sunday — or maybe we should say "week" knowing the almost universal falling of leaving things till the last minute — are pretty hectic ones in the dry-cleaning business. Proof of that was right before our eyes on the clothing racks, when we called at the Barrager Dry-Cleaning plant, just behind Main Street, a week ago Wednesday. They had so many garments in the cleaning and pressing process they quite literally didn't know where to put them all.

Never having been in a dry-cleaning establishment before, we were quite interested in seeing just how the garments were cleaned and pressed on mass. Don Barrager, proprietor of the establishment, took us over to the "machine shop" where the electrically operated "washer" filled with Stoddard Solvent, washes the garments. The dry-cleaning fluid is filtered continuously, and used over and over again, after being completely purified and cleansed of any imperfections and grime in the filter process. That was a part of dry-cleaning we had often wondered about, so Don obligingly let us have a look at the solvent as it was being piped back into the washer, and it was the clear clean amber of the original solution.

From the washer, the clothing is put in an extractor, which is in effect a high-powered spin-drier, with 1230 revolutions per minute. Next they go into the "tumbler" where the garments are thoroughly dried and the gas fumes taken out, and drawn outside the building. The heat in the tumbler varies with the type of fabric being treated. Before the process starts, all wools, rayons, etc. are separated and put into separate bundles, so that the dry-cleaning conditions will be exactly right for the particular material.

NOW, CLEANED and dried, the garments are placed on hangers and taken into the pressing room. First, however, they must pass the "spotting test", where the odd stain not taken out by the dry-cleaning process is caught and quickly disposed of by a "steam gun." The live steam brings the soil to the surface of the material, and it can be easily erased.

Most of us are familiar with the pressing process. However, there is a new wrinkle just out in the pressing business, if we may be excused an awful pun, which Don proudly exhibited to us. It is a very simple-looking iron and ironing board which operates on the steam and vacuum principle. The so-called "iron" is rather a strange-looking implement, being nothing more than a handle attached to a broad oval shaped light wire frame, over which wool packing and a celanese cover are tightly stretched. That's what we would call an honest-to-goodness feather-weight iron. And it really does a job. So quickly and easily, and here is the important thing — shiny seams and hems are completely eliminated when it is used. Apparently that nuisance sheen is a problem among professional pressers as well as to the domestic brand.

SAW A COAT ON Easter Monday however, which had not been to Barrager's. In fact it was brand new, and getting a good workout in those chilly breezes. The coat was leaf green wool, hand-knit, and covered the wearer from stem to stern, as the saying goes. Who wore it. Oh no, not a PERSON. It was Judy Hoare! Judy is Marg's pet dachshund, you know. We hear the coat was quite a tricky job to make so that it would wrap snugly around Judy and button down the tummy. And there was a natty little drawstring around the "waist," to make it even more secure. Her "waist," you ask. Well yes, it was a bit of a problem deciding just where it would be, but Marg decided just up two or three inches from the hind legs would be best. Looks very nice, too.

IRENE YOUNG HAS made a good recovery from the recent appendectomy she underwent in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, a week ago Saturday.

A subscriber to the Warton Echo noticed an item in it last week concerning a former Georgetown hardware merchant, A. E. Cordingley, who has lived in Warton since he sold his business to Mr. James Richardson in 1933. The Echo announced that after seventeen years, Mr. Cordingley had retired as vice president and stockholder in the Hunter Hardware Company, one of Warton's oldest business concerns. Mr. and Mrs. Cordingley plan to take a month's motor trip in Ontario and the Northern States.

In time to help celebrate "Cherry Blossom Week" in Washington, were Margery Mackenzie and Joy Laird, who motored thru the Eastern States last week.

OUR LOCAL FIGURE skaters accredited themselves very well indeed at the Ice Revue on Friday. The smaller artists in the "Mistress Mary" ballet number looked so sweet in their flower costumes — forget-me-nots, violets, rose, nasturtiums, with the small boy bumble-bee buzzing around them while Mistress Mary stirred them into life and movement when she poised her little white watering can above each cluster of blossoms. Then later in the program the senior girl French Legion drill — we spoke about their attractive red and grey costumes in last week's column — gave a perfect performance. The whole show, in fact, was excellent. Two numbers stood out particularly — the effortless grace of Mr. Peter Firstbrook's solo (he is 1950 junior champion of Canada) and the comic antics of Don Criter, and Ruggles and Clark of Weston. We just about fell off the seat laughing at Don Criter — he is a "natural" — every movement provokes a laugh.

IN ADDITION TO A great many young people from the district, at least three couples from town — Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farnell, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wrigglesworth, and Mr. and Mrs. James Evans, attended the Halton Junior Farmers "At Home" held at the Brant Inn, last Thursday evening.

Georgetown was also represented at the gala "By-Line Ball" sponsored by the Toronto Press Club when Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sykes attended. It was held Saturday night in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

We were part of the "Songs of Years Ago" chorus at the I.O.D.E. Anniversary Dinner Monday night. It was a lot of fun rehearsing and setting the costumes together. Surprising thing though — all but a couple wore 1950 hats to match their costumes — the mere addition of a large bow under the chin took the chapeau fashion back fifty years.

Saw our first flowers of spring blooming outside while out for a Sunday stroll. Here and there on Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith's lawn on Factory Street, were the brave little snowdrops.

IT WAS A LOVELY day for a drive last Sunday, so Charlie Laws called for his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman who leave next

Friday for England, and look them for a drive in the country. Then instead of taking them straight home, Charlie drove up to the house of his mother, Mrs. Fred Laws. There Mr. and Mrs. Chapman went in, intending just a short visit, quite unaware that a complete family surprise party awaited them. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. George Maraden and Carol, Brampton, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Tedder, Tom and Bob, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Agar Guest, Marilyn, Roy and Jimmy, Miss Evelyn Guest and Mr. George Kenzie, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Laws and Patsy and Miss Annie Reynolds. The children provided sandwiches for the lunch, Mrs. Tedder and Miss Gladys McGibbon, made cakes. Cookies and ice cream were also served. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman will treasure a group photograph taken by Albert Simpson during the day.

Visitors in town on Sunday were a former bank manager, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wallace of Toronto, who called on Mrs. R. Gault. Their daughter, Mrs. Larry Joiner, visited with Mrs. Balte Bradley.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the estate of Henry Malcolm Stewart, late of the Town of Georgetown in the County of Halton, Retired Banker, deceased.

The creditors of Henry Malcolm Stewart, late of the town of Georgetown in the County of Halton, Retired Banker, deceased, who died on or about the 3rd day of April, 1950 and all others having claims against his estate are hereby notified to send by post, prepaid or otherwise to deliver to Messrs. Langdon & Aylsworth, Georgetown, Ontario, Solicitors for the undersigned Executrix of the Estate of the said Henry Malcolm Stewart, Retired Banker, deceased, on or before the 22nd day of May, 1950, their names, addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them and that immediately after the 22nd day of May, 1950, the Executrix will proceed to distribute the estate of the said-deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the Executrix shall then have notice.

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