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THE MIXING BOWL
Home Economist
Hello Homemakers! — Housework is not "a spectacle or a feast, it is a predicament!" Isn't it the truth? This is especially true now, when many homemakers find themselves in the midst of the fall housecleaning spree. However, we may avoid minor catastrophes by reviewing safety precautions applicable to the home.

- TAKE A TIP**
1. Never touch any electrical cord or fixture with wet hands.
 2. Don't overlook kinked, trapped, or cut electric cords; if they are worn, never splice them — always replace them before trouble starts. Any frayed, worn cord may prove to be a dangerous one.
 3. Buy only extension cords which carry the safety label of the Canadian Standards Approval, and protect all lamp and appliance cords from water and rough treatment. Do not run cords over radiators or steam pipes, or in door jams, such squeezing might break the insulation covering the wires.
 4. Don't run cords under rugs. Apart from the slight fire hazard present, because of the possibility of a short circuit in the hidden cord, the cords become worn quickly if they are walked over, even underneath a thick floor covering.
 5. A heating appliance cord is a specially insulated cord with an outside cotton-woven material. Never use a rayon covered or thin rubber coated cord for heating appliances.
 6. Keep a bulb in every lamp socket, for if a finger is accidentally inserted in the empty socket a shock may result.

7. Always clean underneath the gyrator or "dolly" of the washing machine. Soap and lint soon cause this revolving mechanism to seize or tighten.
8. Repair or renew stair treads which become broken or loose.
9. Kettles, pails or tubs of hot water must never be left on the floor unguarded. Keep children out of the kitchen when you are handling hot liquids.
10. Always remove covers by lifting, the far side first so that if the kettle is boiling, the steam will escape away from your face.
11. Non-inflammable cleaning fluids such as carbon tetrachloride should be used only in small quantities, for spot removal — and never for cleaning entire garments. The vapors are poisonous.
12. Never attempt any dry cleaning at home, ever.
13. For deep-fat frying use a reasonably deep saucepan and never fill it more than two-thirds full. If it has a handle, turn it toward the side of the stove. Be careful not to let any water or other liquid fall into the kettle of hot fat.
14. Wet leaves, and play things should be swept or moved from the sidewalk or the paths to the house.
15. Carry all cutting tools blade down. Always cut away from you in using a knife.
16. Never use any substitute for a hammer. In driving nails, start the nail with a few light taps, then withdraw your fingers before driving it in.
17. Don't keep dangerous poisons in medicine cabinet. Keep a cellophane tape over medicine labels and store on a high shelf.

THE QUESTION BOX ASKS

Mrs. R. K. asks: Please tell us the solution for fire proofing kitchen curtains and mats.

Answer: Fireproofing solution — dissolve 7 ozs. borax and 3 ozs. boric acid in 2 quarts hot water. Dip dry article in solution until thoroughly wet. Or spray the solution on rugs, draperies, etc., with a common garden spray until thoroughly wet. If the fabric is water-resistant add enough soap to the solution to make suds. Articles must be treated after each washing.

Mrs. C. M. asks: About how much softener should we use for moderately hard water?

Answer: Add 1 teaspoon of softener for every 2 gallons of water and mix well before adding soap. Three kinds of softeners are borax, washing soda and trisodium phosphate and they are used in the following proportions: In 10 gallons of moderately hard water use 2 tbsps. borax or 3 tbsps. washing soda and 2 tbsps. trisodium phosphate. For very hard water add about 1 or 2 tbsps. more of each.

Mrs. J. K. asks: How do you remove iron rust stains in the bathtub.

Answer: Sometimes the porcelain rust stains are easily removed by rubbing with a cut lemon. Or a weak solution (5 percent) oxalic acid (POISON) applied with paper towelling and rinsed off thoroughly after a few seconds removes stubborn stains. If the acid is left on the surface too long the finish will be weakened or even removed.

Mrs. B. A. asks: What makes blue cotton dresses become shiny?

Answer: Always iron starched dark-colored garments on the wrong side, else they will be shiny.

Mrs. H. G. asks: Can you soften a fabric after it has been saturated with turpentine to remove paint?

Answer: No, never apply turpentine to paint on clothes until an oil is rubbed on — then lift off the paint or sponge with turpentine.

Mrs. N. W. asks: Should a rubber kitchen floor be waxed?

Answer: Never use paste or liquid wax, apply a self-polishing wax. Remember, too, do not use lacquer or varnish.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE OF Hodgkin Barnes, Gentleman, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of Hodgkin Barnes, late of the Town of Georgetown, Gentleman, who died on or about the 30th day of September, A.D. 1951, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of November, A.D. 1951, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which they shall have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

Dated at Georgetown this 23rd day of October, A.D. 1951.

Violet E. Bettke and Horace M. Barnes, executors of the estate of Hodgkin Barnes, by their solicitors, Dale & Bennett, Georgetown, Ont. 11-7

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Hornby Plowmen Prominent at Woodstock International

When Norman S. Tyndall of Richmond Hill, Ontario, and E. Eugene Timbers of Milliken, Ontario, sail for Europe early in 1952, they will be the youngest team every to represent Canada in plowing competition overseas. Norman, 24, and Eugene, 18, won the Esso Trans-Atlantic classes for tractor and horse plowing respectively at the 38th International Plowing Match near Woodstock, Ont., recently. The Esso championships were the final event in the four-day competition.

The two gold medal winners will be the guests of Imperial Oil on a six-week visit to the British Isles and the continent. Accompanying them as team manager will be John A. Carroll, Ontario's assistant deputy minister of Agriculture. Mr. Carroll was secretary of the Ontario Plowmen's Association and manager of the international match for 16 years prior to his government appointment last June.

During the tour, the two Canadian plowing champions will take part in matches in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

J. G. Tran, of Claremont, Ont., came up with his second silver medal in as many years when he placed second in the Esso Champions tractor class. Stanley May, young Hornby farmer, won the silver medal in the horse-drawn plow class. Each also received \$150 in cash. Twelve other cash prizes were awarded in each class.

Asked what they wanted to see most when they got overseas, both Norman Tyndall and Eugene Timbers answered "Everything!" Norman is especially anxious to meet the British Junior Farmers who visited Canada some time ago and to visit Holland during tulip time.

Norman was born at Richmond Hill, a few miles north of Toronto. He has had six years' experience plowing with horses but during the past four years has confined his work to tractor plowing. Winner of numerous prizes at local plowing competitions, he has also been a two-time winner at International matches. He helps to work his father's 100-acre farm as well as 150 acres which he himself rents for fixed farming. Norman is a member of the Uplonville Junior Farmers' Club.

The 48-acre farm on Lot 18, Concession 5, at Milliken in Scarborough Township, was the birthplace of Eugene Timbers, the quiet teen-ager who drove his team to victory. Winning the Esso Championship represents the peak in a star-studded plowing career in which Eugene has won five firsts in International competitions and in which he was unbeaten in six county competitions in 1950. Most of his working day is spent behind the wheel of a truck which he drives for a neighbouring farmer.

Eugene is one of a half dozen illustrious Ontario plowmen bearing the Timbers name. A hockey and skating enthusiast, he is looking forward to seeing some of the professional hockey teams in the Old Country.

John Arthur Carroll, manager of the team, is the only one of the trio who has been overseas. He was an artillery officer in World War I.

Born on a farm near Dutton, Ont., Mr. Carroll has been closely associated with agriculture all his life. In 1914 he graduated from Ontario Agricultural College and, following war service, plunged into his chosen work and became an authority on Ontario farming methods. Among other positions held, he was for several years superintendent of agricultural and horticultural societies for Ontario.

In his present home town of Brampton he is chairman of the Peel (County) Memorial Hospital, chairman of Brampton town planning board, and a past master of Brampton Masonic Lodge.

The team manager is married to the former Frances M. Fenton of Brampton. They have two children, Nancy (Mrs. C. M. Robinson), of Erindale, Ontario, and W. F. Carroll, of Islington, Ontario, who this year graduated from Ontario Agricultural College. His hobbies include fishing, golfing, gardening and tree planting.

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