



PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

BETTER BUY THAT NEW RUG NOW

Foreign Wars are Making Rug Wool Very Scarce — Prices are Sure to Rise if the Fighting Continues—But the New Styles for 1940 are Ready and Lovely.



The charming informal character of this room is carried out in the rug, a copy of an old hooked design. This rug is laid on a floor that has been painted and then spatter dashed in the old way. Woodwork in natural pine, walls white, furniture in

maple with a Hitchcock rocker for accent is combined with a sprigged chintz in a quaint small design. Note the plain white voile curtains finished with borders of the chintz.

Better not put off getting a new rug much longer if you want a wide selection and reasonable prices. For the war has created an alarming shortage of some necessary qualities of carpet wool, and unless the American manufacturers are able to dig up other sources for this vital product, you may find yourself having to wait a good long while for the rug you want.

The New Lines

Thus, far, the stores have reasonably good stocks on hand in their rug departments and the manufacturers have some stocks in their warehouses. Besides their new 1940 lines are ready and lovely. When these are sold nobody can guarantee when there will be more forthcoming or what the prices will be. So—come one, come all—while there are still smart and interesting rugs available.

News centres on the range of colors now available in regular priced broadloom. Previously the subtle tones were only offered in upper price brackets; now a popular mill presents a line called colour-chord that includes rose quartz, white, turquoise and other charming pastels along with more unusual deep tones.

Another interesting novelty introduced in the January market is a new windblown texture, achieved by a weave that gives the effect of fur and so looks very smart. Other novelty textures are featured in new lines.

The ton-on-tone broadlooms continue to be the most practical and popular solution of the floor problem in the average home. They have a subdued spaciousness of effect, yet enough pattern for design interest and to keep them from showing coil or footmarks easily. Fern motifs, leaves, plumes—these are the most pleasing themes. Faint broken checks, plaids and dots are also found. New frieze all-over designs are going to please too.

Homespun weaves will be significant floor covering fashions in the coming year, to judge by the January markets. Primitives and provincials are terms used to designate new rugs inspired by the hand loomed textural fabrics of the Scandinavian and European craftsmen.

In The Wake

All-over florals of the cabbage rose category are being seen in all important rug lines and whereas they have been decorators' darlings in the past, they are expected to appeal widely to everybody this coming year in the wake of "Gone With the Wind." They have a nostalgic charm about them and with either 18th or 19th century furniture they can be used to achieve a delightfully domestic yet terribly smart air.

Come what may, the earthy unpretentiousness of New England hooked rugs continue to appeal and many of their designs are reproduced by the machine with affectionate accuracy. These have placed charm with colonial furniture.

Added Lure

Floral hooked rugs, almost French in feeling and yet informal, are available and fit pleasantly into many places. These are in soft colours and often in

round or oval shapes which gives them added lure. Most of these are Chinese made and generally are more popular now than traditional Chinese patterns, though the fine old Chinese designs in rugs are still favoured.

The Oriental rug is the question mark in the style picture. Its basic appeal means that it continues to sell, as other fads come and go. But the decorators use only the very fine Orientals, preferring a plain domestic rug of interesting colour to a cheap

Oriental. But whether the Oriental will continue to be imported in war times and if they are whether their popularity will rise or fall with competitive lines depleted is anybody's guess.

The main thing to be concerned about now is that there are rugs aplenty in the stores at present. If you'll be wanting one any time soon, better start grabbing politely before selections are depleted.

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The all-over figured carpet or rug has a nostalgic charm, especially when ensembled with furniture of ancestral character. The ensemble illustrated here plays upon tones of olive green. The rug is in shades of pale to deep greyed-greens, and the two sofas are in a dusty shade of deep green. The walls are in celadon green. Contrast in this ensemble in the balance of the room is supplied by accents of metallic brasses.

Relationship Between Nutrition and Hearing

(By J. W. S. McCullough, M.D., D.P.H.)

Everywhere in Canada, interest is growing in the subject of Nutrition, special efforts being made in some centres to improve facilities for women in learning how to choose and use foods to best advantage. While it is becoming generally realized that health depends to a large extent upon proper nutrition, little information has been given as to the relationship between nutrition and hearing.

Recently, however, tests were made in Great Britain that give rather conclusive results, large sample groups of children living under different social conditions being examined. In one series about 1,000 children were chosen from good environments in private schools, day schools and boarding schools; in another series about 6,000 children were in public elementary schools or in ecclesiastical orphanages, the latter being

chosen because they represented institutions hard pressed for funds.

Ears were examined with an audiometer to detect wax and a pure tone audiometer for hearing.

As even the children in the poor groups were well housed, being in orphanages chiefly, difference in housing between the two groups was of no significance.

The two series of children did, however, differ greatly in the food they obtained. Middle-ear disease is about four times as common, on the average, under poor social conditions; in the poorest places, whether urban or institutional, it may be nearly ten times as common as in a good environment, nearly a quarter of the child population being affected. Climate, housing and the mixing of the children seem to have little effect on the incidence of the disease. The children with the highest incidence of defective hearing had diets deficient in many factors, but an increase in the food taken by two groups of these children for a year did not reduce the incidence of defective hearing. The tests show that probably the most important work on the prevention of deafness will be done by those who are striving to improve the social conditions and, in particular, the nutrition.

Alarmed

(From an Exchange)

A fat lady stepped on the scales, not knowing they were out of order, and put in a penny. The scales went up to 57 pounds and stopped. A newsboy standing by noticed the situation. "Good heavens!" he cried. "She's hollow!"

Official Weekly News Letter of the Canadian Legion

Study of Conversational German Proves Interesting.

Members of Canada's armed forces who have enrolled for instruction in the various subjects being taught by the education branch of the Canadian Legion War Services, are finding the study of conversational and military German much more interesting than they had anticipated.

At Calgary, for example, a sort of "post graduate" course has been instituted by Dr. Francis Owen, professor of modern languages in the University of Alberta, and with the help of a specially compiled text-book they are acquiring more than a sketchy knowledge of the subject.

Part of the course in German includes a list of questions for interrogating prisoners. If a Canadian wants to know a Nazi's name he would say, "Wie heissen sie?" And if he wanted to get the prisoner's views of the war he would ask, "Was denken sie von den krieg?" which means "What do you think of the war?" It is not improbable that "Mochten sie eine zigarette haben?" which means "Would you like a cigarette?" will be asked frequently if that mainstay of life is as scarce in Germany as reported.

Along military lines, the list includes such expressions as "Unterseeboot," for U-boat, "dasuggzeug," for airplane, and "kontakt," for contact. In many cases the German expressions are nearly identical to the English. For example, "der general," "der feldmarschall," and "die gasmasken." Others are superb tongue-twisters, such as "Maschinengewehr-schutz," which means machine gun, and "artillerieunterstutzung," for artillery support.

Canadian fighting men no doubt can "click their heels" a good deal faster than they'll ever be able to say it in German, for in that language it is "haken zusammenschlagen." "Attention" is a little easier, being "achtung." When they want to tell prisoners to put pipes and cigarettes out or to be careful, they will say "Zigaretten und pfeifen aus" and "vorsicht."

One thing they are just now finding out, however, is that Herr Hitler hasn't a monopoly on the title "der fuhrer." The same expression also applies to the airplane pilot. And "der kompaniefuhrer," to mix things up a little, means company commander!

Members of the vanguard of the Canadian Legion War Services' overseas organization, who accompanied the second contingent of the C.A.S.F. to England, gave the fighting men on board ship a preview of one of the many services to be rendered by the organization in the United Kingdom and France.

Throughout the long and often stormy voyage the Canadian Legion War Services' Officers staged boxing and wrestling contests in the afternoon and movies and sing-songs at night. Between "reveille," and "lights out," it is a gay round of entertainment, sufficient, at least, to put a little realism into the lines "Oh, it's a lovely war."

Captain Mert Plunkett, originator and director of the famous "Dumbells," and now supervisor of Soldier Concert Parties overseas for the Canadian Legion War Services, gave the lads a real treat when he introduced a new marching ditty written by James S. Thomson. The troops roared with delight at its catchy tune and words, the first verse and chorus of which goes:

"My old dad he was a soldier
A little bit over 20 years ago,
His duty was to fight
From morn into the night
And I am going over there
To keep his medals bright."
"Oh! Chere Marie,—just wait for me,
Just wait for me on leave in Gay Paree;
For I am learning now
To parley-voo—and how!
Just as good—just as good
As my old man
Used to be."

The personal service bureaux being operated throughout Canada by the Canadian Legion War Services where there are concentrations of troops, and now in England since the 1st Division arrived, are being extensively used and hundreds of men under arms are receiving advice and guidance on problems of all kinds.

The Legion officials, all of whom are veterans of 1914-1918 and who from experience, therefore, are better equipped than anyone else to help new soldiers on matters arising from active service, are solving for their younger comrades personal and home difficulties of all kinds, as well as advising on pensions procedure, hospitalization and dependents' allowances.

There is no bashfulness in their approach to the Legion men for they have long since learned that among old soldiers and the new there exists a comradeship and esprit-de-corps that inspires sympathetic understanding.

Quite Another Matter

Jimson had asked for the hand of the "best little girl in the world," and had been successful.
"Jimson," said her father, "I have given you the greatest possession I have ever had—it will be a great blow to me to lose her. I shall miss her greatly."

Jimson thanked him immensely, and after a drink said he must be going. "As it's raining in torrents," said Jimson, "I wonder if you would be so kind as to lend me your umbrella?"
The old man looked at the umbrella stand. "Look here, Jimson," he said, "I wouldn't trust anyone on earth with that umbrella. It cost me ten dollars."

Canadian Red Cross Helps Finland, Poland, Turkey

Cost of establishing and operating residential clubs in London, where Canadian soldiers on leave may obtain overnight accommodation and meals at a reasonable cost will be underwritten by the Canadian Red Cross. This decision was reached by the national executive at Toronto on Monday.

A shipment of warm clothing for women and children among Finland's 400,000 civilian refugees was authorized. Three tons of clothing and surgical dressing also will be shipped to Lithuania for Polish relief.

When the Polish legion now in France goes into action on the western front next March an ambulance unit provided by the Canadian Red Cross will accompany the men. The executive voted \$15,000 to outfit the unit.

Acknowledgment was received from the Turkish Red Crescent organization, branch of the Red Cross, for \$5,000 from the Canadian Society for earthquake relief.

Search Continues for Gold Cashed in Lake Osisko

Four Men Arrested on High-grade Charge Remanded to January 15th.

Rouyn, Que., Jan. 10—Search for an elusive fortune in raw gold, which some people say is at the bottom of Lake Osisko and others believe has been cached at some lonely spot in the snowy north country, went on with undiminished vigor this week, while four men were granted bail on charges of attempting to commit an indictable offense.

Mines investigators sought for clues which might lead them to the stolen ore, said to be valued at between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Cashed a year ago in Lake Osisko after its removal from a mining property in the Val d'Or district, it is alleged high-graders engaged a Toronto diver to recover it.

The quartet arraigned here on Monday in this Quebec mining town are reported to have confessed failure in their attempts to recover the gold. They are D. L. Coffey, Toronto diver, and his assistant, Andrew Clarmont, Toronto; Joseph Lavallee, Quebec City, and A. C. Desmarais, who gave no address. Coffey posted his diving equipment as his bail bond and Clarmont was allowed freedom on the same terms. Lavallee and Desmarais were freed when they turned over their motor car to the court as security.

The diver and his assistant were remanded by Magistrate Armand Bolley until Jan. 15, while the others will be tried Jan. 16.

Joseph Hedge, chief of the mine investigators, said police had been aware of the treasure in the lake since November, 1938. Reason for catching the gold in the lake was that police were hot on the trail of the high-graders and the safest thing was to dump it there, it was stated.

The charge laid against the accused men has been used on only one previous occasion here. It allows the investigators plenty of latitude for their investigations.

It is believed that gold, stolen from a mine of the Val d'Or district, amounting to anywhere from \$50,000 to \$100,000 was buried beneath the water.

One official estimated that the "treasure" might be worth \$135,000. It is claimed the high-grade ore was placed in three butter boxes before it was lowered to the bottom of the lake in 20 feet of water.

Police said two Toronto men, specialists in under-water diving, were arrested here Saturday with a diving suit and complete diving equipment. It is claimed the men, working for a trio of ringleaders, dived from 8 p.m. Thursday until 2.30 a.m. Friday attempting to lift the gold. Police claim evidence of high-grade ore found on the surface of the lake indicate they met with some success. Police said no large amount of ore has been recovered.

Joseph Hedge, chief of that mysterious and highly trained group of men known merely by the anonymous title of mines' investigators, is quoted Monday as saying "All the gold will be in our hands by tonight."

The four men arrested at North Bay Saturday are Joseph A. Lavallee, Quebec City; A. C. Desmarais, Val d'Or hotelkeeper; Dennis I. Coffey, Toronto diver and his "tender," Andrew Clarmont, also of Toronto.

When arrested, Desmarais is reported to have had nearly \$1,000 cash in his possession.

Harry Charres of Rouyn was arrested at Noranda on Sunday.

Provincial Constable Louis Needham noticed a car parked on Main St. directly in front of the entrance to the provincial police office. The license number identified it as the one sought by police. Lavallee, Desmarais, Coffey and Clarmont submitted to arrest without a struggle.

Well-Known Diver
Coffey is one of the best known divers in Ontario, having been employed many times by provincial and federal governments as well as private interests. One of his major jobs in recent years was in connection with the rebuilding of old Fort Henry at Kingston.

Clarmont has been Coffey's tender for a number of years, Mr. Coffey said, and is well known on the Toronto waterfront.

The diving suit and equipment are alleged to have been found in the trunk compartment at the rear of the car.

Chief Hedge believes there is the possibility of finding some traces of gold in the upholstery or floor of the car seized here Saturday.
All five of the arrested men are

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promised yourself that
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charged with "attempting to have gold known to have been stolen."

Some months ago the investigators watched with considerable interest when two men established a camp on a rocky point of the lake almost in front of where the gold was cached.

Several days ago a tent was discovered on the ice close to the location of the hidden gold. To the casual observer it appeared someone had established a fishing "shack" on the ice.

"Work on the ice went on uninterrupted," said Chief Hedge. "Thursday night and Friday morning, a guard at Noranda mine, about half a mile away, noticed activity at the tent."

"Dynamite was used to blow a hole in the ice. A wooden platform had been built for the air pumps and from which to 'tend' the diving operations. The ladder was lowered into the water and one man went down after the sunken gold."

League of Nations Asks U.S. to Assist Finland

A despatch from Geneva says that the United States notified the League of Nations of its readiness to assist Finland.

The notification came in the form of a reply from the department of state to an inquiry from the League of Nations. The inquiry was sent to member as well as non-member nations in accordance with an assembly resolution which called for assistance to Finland at the time Russia's expulsion was voted.

The U.S. note expressed the opinion that the league's staff on technical studies, by achieving co-ordinated action, could avoid useless duplication of efforts by the various governments which have agreed to aid Finland.

Most of the nations canvassed, including Great Britain, France, South American countries and South Africa, agreed to lend "all possible assistance" to Finland. One exception was Peru, which said she was not now in a position to render effective aid.

France and Britain both notified the league that they were sending arms and other war materials to the Finns. The British even were permitting export of airplanes to Finland.

Full extent of aid from abroad was regarded in Helsingfors as a military secret, but it was known that already considerable foreign aid had reached the Finns.

To Face Trial on Charge of Dangerous Driving

Sudbury, Jan. 10—Magistrate J. S. McKessock on Monday of this week committed William Thompson to stand trial on a charge of dangerous driving on Jan. 1st, when Mrs. Lawlor, of Timmins, Mrs. Gregg, of Sudbury, and their brother Joseph C. Laronde, were struck and killed by the car driven by

Thompson. Mr. Laronde and his sisters were just about to enter their son's car which had been ditched, when the Thompson car came along and struck them. Mrs. Lawlor's husband, T. J. Lawlor, and their son, Arthur, all of Timmins, were inside the car when the fatality occurred. Mr. Arthur Lawlor had been driving the ditched car when it went off the road. Other members of the group in the car had gone for help to get the car back on the road.

Magistrate McKessock refused to consider a charge of manslaughter against Thompson, pointing out that he did not consider the evidence warranted such a charge. He agreed that the lights of a car which had stopped at the scene might have interfered with Thompson's line of vision. This car was driven by Rene Gervais, of Chalmersford, and Gervais was one of the witnesses at the preliminary hearing. Mr. Gervais said that Thompson seemed to be driving at moderate speed, Thompson, who lives at Leveck, is only 18 years of age.

Frightfulness In The Home

(From an Exchange)

A newly married couple were having their first quarrel. At last the husband burst forth in agony, "Oh, I am going to join the army."

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