

That Attic Space Has Many Uses

Reclaim It From Uselessness and Convert It Into Bedrooms and Study or Play Space

More and more home owners are learning that there is valuable space in the attic which can be reclaimed from cobwebs and old trunks and converted into bedrooms, study rooms, or play space. In planning this reclamation, the home owner should examine all details of the project as many problems are likely to arise before the job is completed.

MODERNIZING THE CHIMNEY

One feature of this modernization which must be handled properly to achieve a neat appearance is that of finishing the chimney. Plaster authorities say that if plaster is applied directly to the chimney, the shape of the bricks will soon show through. Also, they add, the bond between the bricks and the plaster is usually so poor that the plaster will crack and perhaps much of it will fall off.

If the chimney is slightly inclined, as is said to be the case frequently in older buildings, the sloping faces of the chimney will be too rough for plastering.

Encasing the chimney brickwork in metal lath to serve as a base for the plaster is said to be one way of overcoming these difficulties.

British-U.S. Union Urged

Group of Americans Are Proposing Merger as Defense Move

A full-page advertisement appearing recently in the New York Times and paid for by a "group of American citizens" whose names are on file at Washington, proposed union between the United States and the British Commonwealth of Nations in the interests of American defense.

A provisional inter-continental congress would be set up under the proposal. The governments of the participating countries the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Eire and South Africa, would remain empowered to govern at home "in all the fields of government except the few that they expressly agreed to give the Union."

WANT INTERDEPENDENCE
"The Union would substantially strengthen the material defenses of the British Isles, tremendously improve the fighting spirit of the people, allow them to hold the fort" according to the advt. which declares: "We face now not George III but Adolf I."
A "proposed declaration of interdependence" is appended to the advertisement.

Wealth of Norway Deposited In U. S.

The Norwegian crown jewels and a great portion of Norway's bullion are now safely in New York vaults, Mrs. A. Wilson Broadbent, wife of the diplomatic correspondent of the London Daily Mail, said in an interview last week. She arrived in Ottawa with her nine-year-old daughter and will remain in the capital till the end of the war.

The Norwegian wealth was brought to North America in a recent convoy, with a particularly strong naval escort, Mrs. Broadbent said.

Succeeds Parkes

America "pulp" magazines—"westerns"—have been barred from Australia to conserve exchange, so a big market for exchange of second-hand copies has sprung up.

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Railway Brakeman Is Loaned to Film Company For Movie



Samuel H. (Smoky) Shaw, a native of Everett, Ont., has been braked on C. P. R. trains out of Medicine Hat, Calgary and other Alberta points since 1917 but he has found a new temporary vocation—as Clark Gable to his friends, in a scene on the open observation of Fortman. At the camera is Fred Young, chief cameraman of the Ottawa film production "Forty-Ninth Parallel" now in the making at Banff, Elizabeth Bergner, and Leslie Howard, but to his friends and most C.P.R. folk in the west Smoky Shaw is the real one. He has been loaned to the film company at the request of the director, Michael Powell, for the shooting of all the railroad sequences. Smoky now resides at Medicine Hat, Alta.

How Can I?

BY ANNE ASHLEY

Q. How can I prevent the sharp points of feathers or pine needles from working through the covers of cushions or pillows?

A. This can be prevented, when filling cushions or pillows, if the wrong side of the material is rubbed thoroughly with beeswax.

Q. How can I make a good cement for mending broken china?

A. Stir some plaster of Paris into the beaten white of an egg, to the consistency of paste.

Q. How can I destroy perspiration odor on the body?

A. Bathe in a basin of warm water, to which has been added two tablespoons of compound spirit of ammonia. This will leave the skin clean and fresh.

Q. How can I prevent circles from forming, and also remove the odor, after cleaning a fabric with gasoline?

A. After cleaning with the gasoline, put about one-third part vinegar into the water with which the cloth is dampened before ironing. This will prevent any circles from forming and will remove the gasoline scent.

Q. How can I deodorize gasoline?

A. Add five or six drops of oil of sassafras to each quart of gasoline used.

Tourists May Visit Commons

Rules Are Imposed; Caution Is Exercised in Tourist Calls

Tourists and other visitors have not been denied admission to the Parliament Buildings but certain restrictions have been imposed, Speaker James Glen told the House of Commons last week. He described reports to the effect all visitors were barred as incorrect.

"Instructions have been given that where visitors desire to enter the building they do so if accompanied by some person who is responsible, who is well-known or who holds a responsible position," said the Speaker.

MUST BE ACCOMPANIED

Cases have arisen, he said, where members of parties of visitors being shown about the building by guides became separated from the parties and disappeared. In view of conditions and the fact that the previous building had been lost by fire in the first Great War this could not be permitted.

Accordingly, all visitors would have to be accompanied by some person known to the officials, who would be responsible for them. It was necessary that members of the protective staff know where all persons admitted to the building were.

The Speaker also asked the co-operation of members of Parliament.

Cornwall's Most Radio-Conscious

Cornwall, youngest city of the Dominion, holds the title of being more radio conscious than any other city or town in Canada with a population of 5,000 or more, according to statistics issued at Ottawa by the radio division of the transport department.

In Cornwall, licenses issued during the last fiscal year averaged 369 per 1,000 of population. Cornwall also led all other communities in the fiscal years of 1936-37 and 1937-38.

HEALTH TOPICS

Watch Sunburn

Watch that sunburn, advised the Health League of Canada, in a recent bulletin.

Sunlight is necessary to vigorous health, and so are eggs, meat, milk and cheese. But after being deprived of direct sunlight on the greater part of the skin for many months, one should no more expose himself to hours of direct sunlight than he should indulge in a banquet of a dozen eggs, half a bullock, a gallon of milk and an entire cheese at one sitting.

The Health League advises that tan is becoming, but it should be acquired gradually. Sun-baths also should not exceed ten minutes for the first time. An additional five minutes might be added to subsequent sunnings.

Long and unaccustomed exposure to hot sun rays is likely to result in severe burns, and these may be as deep and dangerous as burns received in other ways.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

The tailor was selling his best frock to a new suit. He was raving about the garment.

"I'm telling you, Harry," he said, "that even your best friend won't recognize you in that suit! Just take a walk outside for a minute and get the fool of the garment." Harry went out and returned a moment later. The proprietor rushed up to him with a happy smile. "Good morning, stranger," he beamed. "What can I do for you?"

First Farmer: "It is a bad season — my corn is hardly an inch high."

Second Farmer: "That is nothing — the sparrows have to kneel to eat mine."

The manager of an Aberdeen firm called the bookkeeper into his office.

"Macpherson," he said, "the accountant is leaving, and I'm gawn ta gie you his job."

The young bookkeeper's face lit up with expectation.

"Thank you, sir," he replied. "And what will my salary be now?"

The manager shook his head. "The same as you're gettin', but ye'll ha'e a hat-peg to yerseel now," he replied.

A new summer cottage was named "The Nutsell" it bore its name only a fortnight because the owner became exasperated by boys who called nearly every day to ask: "Is the Colonel in?"

Little James, aged four, was at the piano and doing his best to reach the keys at the same time he reached the pedals, just as he had seen his mother do. After many efforts he cried out in disgust, "I can play the keys all right, but I can't reach the gas."

Angry Customer: "These eggs are not fresh."

Grocer: "Not fresh? Well, sir the boy only brought them from the country this morning."

Customer: "What country?"

At the end of the first week away from home on a new job the young husband wrote to his wife.

"Made foreman — feather in my cap."

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U. S. Vice-Presidential Nominee



Acting under direct orders from President Roosevelt, the Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated Secretary of Agriculture Wallace as vice-presidential candidate.

Modern Etiquette

BY ROBERTA LEE

Q. When you are going to have a guest who is very careless about ashes and cigarette ends, is it all right to ask this guest to be careful?

A. If this guest MUST be invited, in spite of causing you such uneasiness, the only thing to do is to place ash trays in every possible place where he may sit.

Q. When a girl and her escort enter a restaurant together, shouldn't the girl go first?

A. Yes; the girl should follow the waiter to the table, her escort last.

Q. What is the symbolism of zinnias?

A. Thoughts of absent friends.

Q. When a young woman's best girl friend is soon leaving for a month's vacation, what is the best way to show friendship?

A. It would be nice to give her a gift that you know will be nice for her trip. Or you might give her a party before she leaves.

Q. Doesn't it show poor taste for a person to attempt to display his knowledge on any particular subject, when with others?

A. Yes. We always find that the ablest person is the simplest and most modest.

Q. How should a girl introduce her escort to another girl?

A. "Edith, this is Edward Carter — Edith Hall."

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Burma Highway Is Like Movie Dream

Threads Way Through The Snow-Capped Hills and Rice Fields

The Burma Road, which Great Britain has agreed to close to halt a flow of war supplies to the Chinese Central Government, is a highway which might have been conceived by a Hollywood director and executed by the Pharaohs of ancient Egypt.

It is a vital part of the 2,000-mile long trade route from Burma's seaport of Rangoon to the Yangtze river, connecting the Burmese railroad at Lashio with Kunming (formerly called Yunnanfu), the capital of Yunnan Province.

Work on the most difficult stretch of the great new road, between the Burma border and Kunming, was not started until the fall of 1937, when military exigencies caused the British authorities to cut through a freight route to British Asia to ship products to regions cut off by the Japanese occupation of Pacific ports.

The Hollywood setting is provided by sparsely settled regions of snowcapped mountains and rice-bordered plateau hills, tropical jungles of bamboo and teak wood, and forests of towering evergreens where bands of gibbons scream in the shadows and strange birds chatter and sing.

The suggestion of ancient Egyptian methods of construction is inescapable. Most of the construction was done by hand by thousands of men, women and children with only a few crude tools.

Canada's Making Wild Life Survey

Dominion Government Is Sponsoring A Study of the Fur-Bearing Population of Our Country

Many of Canada's valuable fur-bearing animals are subject to a marked fluctuation in numbers, according to the Department of Mines and Resources which, with the assistance of the Bureau of Animal Population, Oxford University, and the Hudson's Bay Company, is making a study of wild life populations.

This survey takes the form of an annual questionnaire distributed to resident trappers, trappers, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and officers of government departments stationed in the Northwest Territories. The investigation is carried on from year to year because the situation is changing continually and it is hoped that the work will produce data from which a forecast can be made relating to the expected abundance of each important species.

The results of the study may also suggest measures to prevent unnecessary depletion of any species of wild life during the periods of scarcity.

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What Science Is Doing

NEW VITAMIN M

Discovery of a new vitamin M, affecting the number of red and white cells in the blood, has been announced by Dr. Paul L. Day of the University of Arkansas. Liver is the chief source of the vitamin, according to Dr. Day, who is now studying other meats as possible sources.

HEAT OF CIGARETTE

Every puff of a cigarette generates heat of 1,375 degrees Fahrenheit, engineers of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company recently discovered in demonstrating an optical pyrometer used to measure the heat of gases and metals by their colors.

SKIN RESISTS INFECTION

Within an hour after dangerous bacteria enter a scratch, the skin all over the body becomes resistant to those same germs.

This discovery of natural resistance to infection, made in tests on rabbits was reported last week in Science, Journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The germs were streptococci and staphylococci. Both cause bad infections and diseases.

CAN SPOT CAMOUFLAGE

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So, Prof. Riggs disclosed, he believes he stumbled onto the basic principle of a goggle which might permit aerial observers to spot camouflaged gun emplacements.

Prof. Riggs, biologist at the University of Washington oceanographic laboratories, said he believed the distinction between natural and green-painted objects was due to the chlorophyll (green coloring material in growing plants) giving off a reddish fluorescence when viewed through the special goggle lens.

Behavior During Electric Storms

Advice to Golfers, Swimmers, Housewives on How to Escape Being Struck by Lightning

Golfers, several of whom were killed last summer when they took shelter under trees, are warned to remain in the open during an electric storm and not to hold on to the clubs. Swimmers are warned to stay out of the water until the storm passes.

Some "don'ts" for in-and-out-of-door behavior during lightning storms have been suggested by Dr. Karl B. McEachron, head of the General Electric Company's high-voltage engineering laboratory at Pittsfield, Mass.

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STAY AWAY FROM PIANO

Housewives need not stop using their needles during a storm, but should not use their electric sewing machines. It is best to stay away from the piano and to postpone the bath as long as the lightning is flashing.

To those who still may believe that lightning never strikes twice in the same place, Dr. McEachron reveals that the Empire State Building in New York City is struck forty or fifty times a year.

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