



Woman's World

By Mair M. Morgan

KEEPING OUT THE COLD

From Alberta we get these suggestions to combat cold winds. This housewife evidently speaks from experience.

"While still hoping that our dream houses will materialize 'some day,' probably most of us are glad indeed to have a tight roof over our heads right now. If there are a few drafts coming in from around foundations, doors and windows, surely we have enough ingenuity to stop them. Here are a few suggestions from one who has lived many years in the Canadian West.

The greatest help of all is to have the house, including any back kitchen, porches or verandas, well banked up with clean, dry earth. Mr. Man-of-the-House may think this a nuisance at a busy season, but surely not when he considers how this banking will protect the cellar, save fuel and prevent floor drafts.

It is wise not to delay in looking over the windows from the outside to make sure that the glass panes are well puttied all around. This is a pleasant job on a warm autumn day, but not so if it is left until winter sets in.

If you have no storm doors, just tack a piece of clean cotton cloth or awning over the screen door, or smaller pieces over each wire panel. You wouldn't believe the extra comfort which these improvised storm doors give! Last year we had a side door we never used anyway, so, after tacking the cotton, as above, to the screen door (with pieces of lath nailed around the edges of cotton to keep the wind from tearing it), we put a bag of coarse feathers between the inner and outer doors. What a lot of cold breezes these two little contrivances keep out!

Home-Made Stripping

Weather stripping for around imperfectly fitting door and window frames is satisfactory, and only costs a few cents. But we can, if necessary, save the few cents by cutting four-inch strips of sacking, doubling them twice lengthwise, and stitching them on the machine. This home-made stripping may easily be tacked to cover the crack. And does it work? It does.

Last winter, on a very stormy day, in a neighbor's sickroom, I noticed that the doctor had ordered a blanket hung over a drafty window. Then the room seemed so shut away from the blizzard and so safe! So, on reaching home, I sewed two brass rings to the heavy rug, and hung it over our northwestern back door (on two nails driven into the door frame). The sudden cessation of cold wind was so welcome that I hunted up a sheet, a rug, a curtain, etc., on which to sew other brass rings (for speed and convenience) to hang over windows, etc., in cold bedrooms.

When two rooms are separated by an arch only, it is better to hang curtains, no matter how humble, between, and have one room really comfortable, than to have both rooms half chilly. I have seen quite handsome curtains, made of sacking, stenciled to match the room colors.

A neighbor declared that his storm windows on the south side paid for themselves quickly by saving fuel, on account of the extra heat caused by the sun shining through the double glass. How about clubbing together and buying at Christmas a couple of storm windows for Mother? However, if there are none, just pull the blinds down well at night, and be happy anyhow!

An old coat thrown down in front of the kitchen door keeps out a lot of draft, but poor Mother has to keep her eye on it, and see that it is put back each time the door is opened! A better way is to take, say, an old trouser leg, fold it several times, and then nail it near the bottom of the door, with a lath on top to hold it firmly. Then it

moves back and forth with the door.

On unusually cold nights, I find it helps to cover the cellar trap door with old rugs or sacks, thus keeping the cellar heat from escaping through the cracks. Bags of straw placed between the earth and the floor is another cellar emergency measure. Even then, where we live, it is sometimes necessary to cover the potatoes with everything we have.

Often there is a crack between the two window sashes, or on the window sill, which lets in quite a bit of cold. "Snakes" (long, narrow, homemade bags filled with sand or sawdust), made long enough to go across the width of the window, will overcome this trouble.

If you have time to make an extra quilt or two, interlined with sheep-wool or down from ducks or geese, you will be glad of them later on. Remember that one of the secrets of keeping warm in bed is to have plenty under you as well as over. Just now a sheep's fleece can be bought for very little, so how about one for a bedside mat?

WOOD BOXES LARGE

If possible, have the wood boxes large enough that one or two fillings a day are sufficient. The wood-carrier would like to feel that he is through sometimes.

When we have done our best, nature will help us out by banking high the windy side of the house with a thick, white fleece, finding and filling every crack and cranny we may have missed.

Then, with the family safe and warm at home, we can follow the advice of the poet Cowper, when he says: Now stir the fire and close the shutters fast, Let fall the curtains, wheel the sofa round. . . . So let us welcome peaceful evening in.

TO STIR PAINT

For best results in outside painting, do not shake the can to mix the pigment with the liquid, but pour off the liquid into a clean container, then stir the pigment in the can with a flat wide paddle, working from the bottom up. Add the liquid again, gradually, stirring the while.

CABBAGE AND SPROUTS

When you think that the common cabbage contains some of those rich vitamins which we all try to get into our family menus, it is surprising that it is not treated with more care and consideration.

More often than not, a cabbage is over-cooked and therefore inferior in flavor and indigestible and practically valueless as far as nourishment goes. The first essential is to have fresh cabbage, never a stale, wilted one. Remove the outside leaves and wash in salted water to bring out the insects.

Cut the stalk of the cabbage across to make it easier to cook, then put in boiling salted water (one tablespoon salt to 2 qts. of water), then boil quickly with the lid off until soft—no longer. Drain thoroughly before serving.

A cabbage is improved by the addition of a small nut of butter and a sprinkling of pepper on the top before it is in the vegetable dish. And do you know that a stale bread crust added to the pan will remove the cabbage smell while cooking?

That's how to boil cabbage. Here are more varied ways of dressing up this valuable vegetable.

Stuffed Cabbage

Partly boil a firm cabbage. Meanwhile, mix together a cupful of any cold minced meat, chicken or ham, half a cupful of shredded suet, a small chopped onion, pepper and salt, a teaspoon mixed herbs, half a cup breadcrumbs, and bind together with a beaten egg. Make a slit in the top of the cabbage, part the leaves and

A Princess of Sweden



A new portrait study of Princess Ingrid of Sweden, regarded as one of the prettiest of European nobility, wearing the clothes and jewels which she wears on court occasions.

stuff in the forcemeat, then tie up with tape.

Place in a saucepan with sufficient hot stock to keep it from burning at the bottom, then simmer for 1 1/2 hours. Small pieces of bacon may be cooked in the same saucepan and served with the cabbage.

Thicken the liquid with a little butter and flour, and pour over the cabbage.

Served With Bacon

Cabbage stuffed with bacon makes another appetizing savory.

Remove the outside leaves of a large cabbage, cut it in half and scoop out the middle.

Chop up three slices of bacon and an onion, and fry in dripping to a golden brown. Add the middle of the cabbage, chopped fine, and a pinch of salt and pepper, then stuff this mixture into the hole in the cabbage.

Place in a tin, cover and bake in the oven for an hour. Serve with a thick brown gravy.

CABBAGE AU GRATIN

Cheese adds a piquant flavor to cabbage. This dish will prove popular with the menfolk of the family. Wash and shred a cabbage and cook in boiling, salted water until just tender, drain well and arrange in a buttered pie-dish.

Make a white sauce as follows: Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a small pan, then stir in 2 1/2 tablespoons flour and 1 1/2 cups milk. Stir until smooth and boil and stir for two minutes, then add two tablespoons strong grated cheese, pepper and salt.

Pour the sauce over the cabbage, sprinkle with more grated cheese and a tablespoon of browned crumbs then brown in a hot oven for half an hour.

Here is just the dish to serve with a grill or cutlets.

Boil a medium sized cabbage with three or four onions until tender, drain and chop up fine. Heat a nut of dripping in a frying pan, add the chopped cabbage and onions, and fry to a golden brown. Drain and serve with a thick gravy.

The children usually like brussels sprouts, but how often are they served in perfect shape? Most often they are a squasy mass.

Remove the yellow and decayed leaves, then wash in salted water and cook in boiling salted water for from 15 to 20 minutes. Strain and serve.

Vegetable Puree

Sprout puree makes a tasty supper snack. Boil the sprouts as usual, with two

small onions. Strain, then rub through a sieve.

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a pan, stir in a teaspoon flour and 1 cup of milk or white stock. Boil and stir until thick, add the sprout puree and stir for a few minutes. Season and serve with fried bread. Garnish with a fried chopped onion.

Supper Snack

This is an excellent way of using up a few cold cooked sprouts.

Fry some rounds of bread in dripping, then fry the sprouts and arrange on the bread.

Make a well in the centre of the sprouts, and break in an egg. Bake in a moderate oven for five minutes or until the egg is cooked. Garnish with chopped parsley or grated cheese.

Chestnuts combine excellently with sprouts. Cook the vegetables, mash them, then lightly fry them in a little butter. Add the chestnuts, boiled until mealy, and serve with a little warm butter.

TRY THIS.

Through the simple method of sewing a piece of tape about three inches long to the upholstery of the sedan on the side just back of the driver's seat, and having a snap fastener sewed to the upholstery and the loose end of the tape, it is possible to keep an umbrella in the car without having it always in the way to be stepped on or tripped over. Yet it is always handy for an unexpected shower.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON VIII—NOV. 25

The Christian Standard—Matthew 25: 14-30

GOLDEN TEXT—Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord.

TIME—The parable of the talents was spoken on Tuesday, April 4, A.D. 30, three days before the crucifixion. PLACE—It was spoken on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem.

"For it is as when a man going into another country called his own servants." Our Lord, as he well knew, was about to leave this world for another country returning to the heavenly from which he had come. "And delivered unto them his goods." His goods the talents did not become theirs just because they were entrusted to them. Yet how often do men regard abilities and goods as

their own just because the Lord of all has placed them in their hands to use for him during the few short years of life.

"And unto one he gave five talents. The talent was not a coin, but a certain weight of gold or silver varying according to the money standards of the times. To another two, to another one; to each according to his several ability." This parable first gave the word 'talent' to all Christian languages. "And he went on his journey." The thought of our stewardship—of time, money influence, knowledge, beauty social graces and spiritual power—should be the dominant thought of our lives.

"Straightway." Our use of our talents should begin promptly. "He that received the five talents went and traded with them, and made other five talents." He bought goods and sold them at a profit.

"In like manner he also that received the two gained other two." The man in the parable who received two talents stands where he is apt to be overlooked, but a conspicuous success and a very dramatic failure. He is the average man.

"But he that received the one went away and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money." There were no banks in those days, and no safe deposit vaults.

"Now after a long time." In order that the judgement may be fair, the reckoning is not made until after a long time. "The lord of those servants cometh." No feature of our Lord's teachings is clearer than his prediction of his second coming.

"And maketh a reckoning with them." There are a few articles in our creed to which we more easily and generally assent than that which affirms that God will come to judge the world by that Man whom he has appointed.

"And he that received the five talents came and brought other five talents." He had received a large sum and he had made a large profit as he should. "Saying, Lord thou deliverest unto me five talents; lo, I have gained other five talents." He was rightfully proud of his work and its results.

"His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant." A philosopher would define a great life. A poet would perhaps demand as many more and a statesman could hardly get along with a less number. But Christ takes the philosopher's hundred, the poet's hundred, the statesman's hundred drops at least 98 substitutes two words which may have been altogether absent from their reckonings, and writes a definition which is well nigh overpowering in its simplicity. "Well done!" "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things." What this parable teaches so powerfully and clearly is absolute continuity of life, and absolute identity of character in this world and the next for us all. "Enter thou into the joy of thy lord." The joy of our Lord becomes for us, not the joy which he experienced but the joy which he bestows.

"And he also that received the two talents came and said, Lord thou deliverest unto me two talents; lo, I have gained two other talents. Probably this man, was disappointed because he did not, like his fellow servant, receive five talents; but he was courageous; he made the most of what he had.

"His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord." The five talent man and the two talent man received exactly the same praise and the same reward, for their fidelity had been equal, and the praise and reward are for fidelity and not for concrete results.

"And he also that had received the one talent came and said, Lord I know thee thou art a hard man." The least scrupulous are often the most zealous in vindicting themselves.

"And I was afraid." He pretends he was afraid of losing the money if he traded with it; really he was not afraid, he was only lazy and indifferent. "And went away and hid thy talent in the earth." And that one talent which was death to him—so said Milton, "Lo, thou hast thine own." In the literal fact the talent was restored; but not in the spiritual interpretation.

"But his lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant." The master condemns the third servant, not because he has no money to hand in, but because of his idle, sullen and wicked disposition. "Thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I did not scatter." The master does not deign to combat the slave's false estimate of himself but convicts him out of his own mouth.

"Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the bankers." Not bankers in our sense of the term, but money-changers such as those whom Christ twice drove out of the temple. "And at my coming I should have received back mine own with interest. If the servant was afraid to risk his talent in the trading by which the other two servants doubled their money, he might at least have employed it in this safe way.

"Take ye away therefore the talent from him and give it unto him that hath the ten talents." The minus principle in the moral world is the thing that subtracts and diminishes. The plus men in the parable were honored with public plaudits.

"For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance, but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away." If our lack of gain is due to neglect, even what we started with shall be taken away. If we have made good use of what we started with, more will be given us, for we shall have proved our ability and earnestness to use more.

"And cast ye out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness; there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth." Outer darkness, weeping and gnashing of teeth were popular terms descriptive of the fate of the wicked in the life.

NEW YORK. — The assertion that women are forging steadily ahead "despite Hitler and all his followers," was made by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt before the Annual Women's Conference on Current Problems, sponsored by the New York Herald-Tribune.

Tracing advances in the field of women's rights from the time the first women's convention was held 86 years ago, the suffragist said at that time a married woman did not even own her own hairpins. Now, she said, the Western hemisphere has progressed so far in this respect that "it fills one with amazement," while in the Eastern hemisphere the women of Turkey have dropped the veil and are now eligible to vote and hold office.

Hitler's order that women drop their jobs and devote their time to home duties she termed "a backward slide."

"Women have lost something," she said, "but not so much as is ordinarily supposed. If men are to hold all the jobs and thus support all women it will be necessary to institute polygamy, since, before the great losses of the war, Germany had 1,000,000 more women than men."

Concluding, she said: "If you do not like this depression, with its unfriendliness toward all things, then set your resolution, firm and strong, against the 'next war,' and let a united womanhood waste no time in lamenting stabs at the feminist movement, which can take care of itself, but stand fast and effectively against another war."

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WHAT THEY WANT IN AUSTRALIA

It is gratifying to notice that here and there the world still has opportunities to offer to ladies who have passed out of the "beauty queen" or "film star" class—if indeed they ever had any ambitions at all in those somewhat overadvertised directions. A Queensland reader sends the following "Positions Vacant" notice from the "Mackay Daily Mercury," and, though Queensland is a long way to go, the particulars may well tempt anyone with the requisite (and considerable) accomplishments mentioned:—

Wanted: Strong Middle-aged Woman to take charge of stock on Dent Island, one able to ride, muster, shear, kill, handy with axe and rifle, and good cook. Four pounds week and keep. No gents or flappers need apply.

There may be many bright young things who, on the strength of a pair of jodhpurs and a hired hack, may feel that they could at least fill the picturesque side of that bill. But they are sternly ruled out—"No flappers need apply." Only the long experienced and authentic Amazon, dyed in the wool and deeply acquainted with the job, will be taken on at Dent Island.

Incidentally, it must be a fairly formidable specimen of the dominant male who is ready to engage a "hired hand," who might, with a weaker employer, presently prove that the grey mare was the better horse and run him off his own ranch.

But in spite of droughts and depressions in Queensland both employers and employed seem to be able to keep their spirits up, at the same time saying what they want in no uncertain terms. Here is another announcement, this time inserted by a "fully qualified cabinet-maker, joiner, carpenter, and French polisher" of Mackay:

Employer Wanted: Must be possessed of at least average intelligence and an elementary knowledge of common courtesy and civility. No cigarette-smoking nuds, amateurs, or incompetent need apply.

The advertiser would seem to be more than a French polisher; he can also put a fairly high and forcible sheen upon his English.

Lastly, the same kindly correspondent from down under offers another and rather more austere example of the Queensland touch:

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CATS AID SCIENTISTS

Animal's Ears Furnish Living Laboratories Where Human Affliction Almost Exactly Duplicated.

Boston.—The house cat is coming to the aid of science in solving some of the problems of deafness which afflict 10,000,000 persons in the United States.

How the cat's ears furnish natural living laboratories where human deafness is almost exactly duplicated came out in one of the clinics of the American College of Surgeons holding its annual meeting here this week. The work was demonstrated by H. Davis, H. A. Derbyshire and M. H. Lurie of Harvard Medical School.

Naturally Deaf. These cats are not sacrifices to science. They come by their deafness naturally, the same as humans, and have nearly all the same afflictions because their ears work very much like human hearing organs. Their ears are not so well protected as man's, so that it is easier to see the puzzling causes of deafness.

A cat cannot tell man that it is deaf, but the scientists are able to read the animal's troubles on a pair of fine electric wires. One of these wires touches the "round window in the middle ear, and the other, the animal's auditory nerve.

Sound travels over this nerve to the cat's brain in nerve impulses that are partly electrical. These nerve impulses readily switch to the wires in the form of measurable electric currents. The wires detect the messages headed for the cat's brain and register them on the dial of a galvanometer.

If the cat is deafened the electric current shows it by weakness, or by absence. The faintest sound which the cat appears to hear is equal after it has been converted by the ear into a nerve impulse to about two-millionths of a volt of electricity.

MUTI AND JEFF—



By BUD FISHER