



Hello Homemakers! Not so many years ago the woman who bought a vacuum cleaner before her floors were covered with carpets or rugs would be putting the cart a long way ahead of the horse. Yet today the purchase of a vacuum cleaner when flooring is hardwood or linoleum or mastic is quite conventional. Attachments furnish the answer as to why rugs and carpets have become merely two important items in a long list of reasons for a vacuum cleaner's purchase. In a carpetless home, for instance, the homemaker uses the various attachments available with her cleaner to keep waxed floors shining and to clean upholstery, draperies, curtains and mattresses. The homemaker dusts furniture and Venetian blinds as well as baseboards, doors, walls and ceiling. She can keep moths at bay, spray insecticides or wax as well as paint — all with various attachments of the vacuum cleaner.

Some people own a wax-buffer attachment that makes a difference to polished floors and can be used by the husband for polishing the car. (Attachments of any cleaner are a great help in cleaning upholstery and floor of car.) One gentleman has reported using a cleaning attachment on basement furnace piles—and another, on his hat.

Today the selection of a vacuum cleaner is made according to its weight, the ease of adjustment for the attachments, the storage room and lastly the material of the rugs in the home. The types of vacuum cleaners are upright with motor-driven brush or agitators, a com-

bination type, tank or cylinder type and bagless cleaners that collect the dirt in a wastebasket receptacle or in water. It may also be a precaution to check on the trade-in value of such equipment. If you can plug in the cleaner at the store or your home when a radio is operating you can check on the noise of the motor. In a home where rooms may require air circulation or collecting smoke fumes, the type which has this ability may be of great advantage.

Take a Tip

1. Several manufacturers of vacuum cleaners have made facilities for keeping attachments handy. In some cases attachments are carried right on the cleaner, itself; but, more generally, an easily carried rack holds the attachments and often the wands as well.
2. Keep the vacuum cleaner emptied of collected dust and clean to maintain its value.
3. Occasionally, wind the cord in a figure 8 instead of around and around the hangers for the cord.
4. Do not pull the plug out of the wall outlet except by the rubber or bakelite cap.
5. Never run over the cord or move the machine by pulling the cord.
6. Do not wash the filter bags of the cleaner.
7. Keep the vacuum cleaner accessible for frequent use.

The Question Box

Mrs. S. T. asks: Is there anyway in which I can use jelly which has become sugary?
Answer: You might use it to sweeten dried, fruits as they cook.

Or, heat the jelly to dissolve sugar. Strain through cheesecloth and add ¼ to ½ as much water as jelly. Bring just to boiling and use as syrup for waffles, johnny cake or gingerbread.

Mrs. D. M. asks: When bread crumbs are listed in a recipe should one use the dry bread graded or "pulled" bread?

Answers: Bread crumbs usually refer to dry-graded type commonly as topping for casseroles, coating for chops and croquettes. Soft crumbs can be used in stuffings, meat and fish loaves and certain bread puddings.

Miss C. D. asks: During broiling, should steaks be browned on both sides or only on one? Should they be seasoned before or after cooking?

Answer: Depending on thickness of steaks allow 12 to 18 minutes for broiling each side. It is preferable to season meat before cooking but may be done later.

Miss A. R. asks: How do you know how to increase a small quantity of left-over gravy?

Answer: Add sufficient water to the gravy to make two cups of it. Bring to a boil and add a bouillon cube. For a brown colour, add Worcestershire sauce. To thicken mix a tablespoon of flour and a tablespoon cornstarch with enough cold water to make a thin paste, then stir into gravy. Add salt and pepper to taste.

STOMACH ACHE WAS FOUR-INCH HAT PIN

Linda Abernathy, three, of Detroit, is finally rid of a stomach ache that hurt her for four months. Cause of the pain—a four-inch hat pin which pierced the stomach wall and entered her liver—was removed in a 20-minute operation.

The child's mother said she doesn't know how or when Linda swallowed the pin. The little girl has been complaining of recurring sharp pains early in July.

The pin wasn't found until X-rays were made late in September.

'Mad About Horses' Owns Three Farms, Peer Winter Fair Judge

(By W. G. Matters)

If there's one man in Britain who knows more about horses than any other he must be Lord Digby, the British peer who is to judge hunter classes at the Royal Winter Fair show next week. Accurate or not, certain it is that Lord Digby is one of Britain's most experienced judges of hunters and an outstanding horseman whose all-round knowledge of his subject makes him a great authority in the equine world.

As soldier, sportsman, farmer, livestock breeder and horticulturist, Edward Kenelm Digby, 11th holder of the Digby barony, created in 1620, has a great reputation in many spheres. He is operating head of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, of which the Princess Royal is this year's president, life member of the British Dairy Farmers' Association, member of the committee of the Royal Horticultural Society and a leading figure in several other agricultural organizations.

On a tour of his ancestral estate in Dorset, Lord Digby took me through grapes, peaches and other fruits hung in profusion. There were orchids and exotic flowers, rare plants and shrubs brought from all parts of the world. This was only part of Lord Digby's extensive market garden activities all of which are under his personal direction. He runs three farms, totalling about 1,000 acres, and talks with enthusiasm of his pedigree livestock, Jersey and Guernsey cattle, Dorset Horn sheep.

But his greatest interest is horse-breeding — as both pastime and business.

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An Ancient Landmark Worth Preserving

"The Temple" at Sharon, now the museum of the York pioneers, is the oldest building in the County of York. It was originally the temple of the "Children of Peace," an off-shoot of the Quakers led by "Prophet" David Wilson who came to Upper Canada from New York state in 1801. It is a landmark worth preserving, and the York Pioneer and Historical Society is entitled to credit for having it saved from destruction.

But the building is not in good repair. A violent hailstorm broke many windows, and the whole structure needs painting and attention. At the very least the repairs will cost from \$1,200 to \$1,500, and Chairman J. C. Boylen has written to York County Council suggesting that this expense should be met out of county funds.

It would seem to be a reasonable request. Left unrepaired, the building will slowly disintegrate and its valuable contents will suffer damage. York's ancient landmarks are all too few, and this, the most notable of them, should not be allowed to decay.

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