

# Efficient Housekeeping

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Once a little girl told me she watched in her mirror to see her countenance growing. Her mother had told her that God gave us faces, but that we made our countenances by thinking good or evil thoughts. It is just so with rooms. They are empty, four-cornered things, to begin with, and we make them interesting or the opposite.

Money has nothing to do with the inviting aspect of your home's interior. For we all have seen bad-looking rooms that have cost a great deal. The thing that makes a room attractive, is the element of charm. A great lady once declared that if the corners of her drawing room were made bright and gay, the rest of the room would take care of itself. This is not always the case. One must put some of one's own personality into it.

"Glorify the room," cried Sidney Smith, each morning, when he threw open his shutters. But Mark Twain did better: at "Stormfields" his windows were placed to give enchanting views at all seasons, and were left uncurtained.

Who would not live happily in a flood of sunlight? Without it, money, labor, taste, are all thrown away. Flowers cannot grow in the dark, nor can we; it is as unwholesome as it is gloomy. How many stay-at-homes, we wonder, have been killed by curtains—for instance, those heavy, thick hangings, too costly to treat to a bath of soap and water, too fine to hang out in the wind. Brush them aside to peer out, and a shower of dust assaults you. Better have a shilling chintz that can be washed and ironed quickly, than the most gorgeous tapestry ever woven, if it cannot be cleaned.

Solomon's throne would not have shone to advantage in the average home, but it would be almost as appropriate as some of the furniture you see that has nothing in comfort nor association to recommend it, and so cannot add beauty to the room's expression.

The walls, the floor covering, tables and chairs, all speak to one, the instant one crosses the threshold. They tell one if it is a snug and cozy place; or they betray their owner's secrets shamefully. You know if she is neat, or what the Scotch call "neatly neat", or over-particular. If she is untidy, dull and heavy, how loudly do their voices speak! A room acts not only upon the visitor, but upon the family. We may not know it, perhaps, but what raises or lowers our "feelings", is the reaction of our surroundings.

So, you see, women must care enough to take pains with their homes and not be content when rooms are austere, "sinfully clean" and hard to live in. The Spirit of the Family Life is a very real thing, as delicate as an anemone. Love and beauty flourish in, not gold. We have seen it glowing in a humble settler's cottage more often than in mansions. The man who can say truthfully "I have the best wife in the world," usually has a good-looking home, full of cheer and happiness.

"I never realized that kerosene was an aid to housework until after we

had installed electricity for lighting, and gas for cooking. Suddenly I discovered I was buying more cleansing powders, soap and scouring materials than I ever had, and my hands were rough and chapped," said a mothers' club member recently in a talk before the domestic science department. "Now she continued, 'I keep a small can of it on hand constantly.' Here is the list of uses she suggested, and no doubt all of us can add more to it.

Kerosene evaporates, leaving no odor or trace of grease; it has a great affinity for dirt and cuts into grease and grime, soot and dust, more quickly than soap. For washing woodwork, make a soda, as usual, and add one tablespoon of the coal oil to a pail of water.

You may ask, "why not use the napha soap?" It is excellent, but more expensive than other soaps, and now we are especially asked to save soap on account of the need abroad for fats, potash, and other things soap contains.

Tin, granite, iron, intact all kitchen utensils should be washed thoroughly and then be rubbed with a heavy cloth dipped in kerosene and scalded with boiling water containing washing soda; after this, they may be polished in half the time and, if scalded as they should always be, there will be no trace of the cleansing agent.

Marble washbasins, porcelain tubs, bowls and enameled woodwork can all be kept free from spots and immaculate, if gone over with a clean cloth dipped in kerosene. It is most helpful for cleaning around door-frames and for wiping the spots from baseboards and the bottom edges of doors.

On sweeping days you will find a tablespoon of coal oil in a pail of warm water an aid to cleanliness. Dip the broom in this, and shake it well, so it no longer drips. Sweep lightly in one direction and there will look brighter and be cleaner than usual.

With a pail of fresh hot water and another tablespoon of kerosene, you are ready to wipe the base of heavy furniture that cannot be moved, and to reach under such pieces, and around them, with a wet cloth. You will be surprised to see how the cloth takes up the dust and how often it will be rinsed and fresh water brought.

Kerosene also benefits the carpet sweeper. Clean the brush whenever you empty the sweeper, and then rub it with kerosene. Keep it out of doors and you will find that rugs and carpets look much better for being cleaned with a sweeper treated in this fashion.

A brush dipped into kerosene or a cloth wet with it and wound on a stick, will clean spiral bed springs and other springs quickly and well.

"The baby has gone to school. Ah me!

What will the mother do: How can she keep herself busy all day,

With the dear little "bother" away?"

What has school to do with house-keeping? A great deal. Home and

# Scene of Devastation in Section of France, Retaken Just Before Fighting Stopped, Showing How Vast Reconstruction Task Will Be



Large sections of France have been literally blasted away by heavy gun fire—first by the Germans and then this photograph British troops are seen advancing over ground captured only a short time before the armistice and gives an idea of the immensity of the task of reconstruction in France.

school are so entwined, in the family life, that each helps or hinders the other.

All schools are not perfect, and all homes are improved if some of the school rules for discipline and faithfulness are copied in them. Often the "dear little bother" is hurried off to school to give the busy mother more time; and consequently soon the youngster is one of the army of "big heads and little bodies—too quiet, too nervous, too constrained to seem like a real, live, happy child. Schooling is one thing; education is another. And if the mother in the home is the real motherly sort, the important facts of life and living are taught right in the home.

Children that are persistently "snubbed" at home for six years, and then sent to school, usually fail to make progress. "Poor teachers," declare the parents, never thinking they are the ones who took the edge off their child's natural curiosity.

Observation is as great a teacher as experience—for one sees many things one may never experience. So teach your children to keep eyes and ears open to everything about them, in the house, on the street and in school. Their senses are their teachers, and the elements of education are found in seeing, hearing, talking and thinking about the simplest things in this beautiful world. If they ask a bookful of questions a day, try to answer them or show them how to find the answers for themselves. Then when they leave home for school, they will have pegs upon which to hang the facts given them.

It is the place of the parents to see that the children are kept in good physical condition. All parents are not able to judge a child's condition of health, and so visiting nurses make periodical examination of the little ones; and the school doctor remedies weak backs, strained eyes, and prescribes sensible shoes and insists on needed dental work being done. This

work is carried into the homes. Sanitation, hygiene and better living conditions are taught through the school. Sensible mothers encourage all such school work, knowing that the children's teeth, livers, and backs, should be made perfect as well as their minds. Some mothers there be, though, who think of school as a place of detention for the children until her work is done.

Mothers' clubs are for such; they teach mothers how to let the school improve the home life.

If a ham is allowed to cool in the water in which it is boiled it will keep best for a long time.

To polish grained wood soak a flannel in a little linseed oil, rub the wood well, then polish with a dry, soft cloth.

If sausages are rolled in flour before they are fried it will prevent them from bursting and also improve the flavor.

To remove wax from cloth hold a red hot iron within an inch or two of some blotting paper laid on the cloth over the marks.

Soap rubbed on the heels of stockings will prevent blistering during long walks and will prolong the wear of the stockings.

In cooking potatoes put a cloth over the saucepan before you place the lid on and they will cook in much less time and be very mealy.

Nearly all the cauliflower can be cooked. The stalks of the leaves are stripped and cut up and they will cook and taste as good as the head.

If you single the roots immediately upon digging up the beet this will prevent bleeding and conserves the flavor and dark red color of the beet.

To poach eggs successfully do not drop them into water while it is boiling, but draw the pan aside and drop the egg in when the water is still.

Marks on mahogany caused by dampness may be removed by rubbing the surface with a soft cloth moistened in a little sweet oil. Rub it in well.

When fruits, such as currants, raisins or citron, have become hard and dry they may be made fit for use by placing them in a warm oven for a while.

When roasting or baking a piece of meat, skewer some thin stick over it. This saves the trouble of basting, prevents it from bursing and flavors the meat nicely.

The scales may be easily removed from a fish if you immerse it for a minute in boiling water. Pour the water over it very quickly and do not allow the fish to remain in it.

Jelly should not be poured into mold until it is on the point of setting. If this rule is followed there will never be any difficulty in turning out the most delicate cream jelly or aspic.

A tablespoon of turpentine added to the rinsing water will make calicoes and gingham like new.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Deep feelings of gratitude and thankfulness, greater than can come to a nation through material prosperity, pervaded America's observance of Thanksgiving day. Peace with victory after 18 months of war gave the day much added significance. Successes of the nation's military forces on land and sea made the occasion a "victory day," as well as a Thanksgiving day.

Many celebrations of the day centered directly around the soldiers and sailors. Community Thanksgiving services, community song services and "victory celebrations" were held in many parts of the country.

Citizens throughout this country opened their homes to men in uniform while abroad and in the navy preparations had been made to bring as many home comforts to the men as possible.

ORDER CONFIRMING SALE

There were no objections by the defendants to the sale of real property in the case of Jennie V. Gleason vs. Nary L. Wagner, and the sale was confirmed by the court. The property was sold for \$1998.

# HENRY ALBERS ENTERS PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—Not guilty was the plea entered by Henry Albers, president of the Albers Brothers Milling company, in Judge Wolverton's court today, to an indictment alleging violation of the espionage act returned against him by the grand jury.

Albers was first arraigned Friday, but upon the request of his attorney, Henry E. McGinn, he was allowed one additional day in which to enter his plea.

In the absence of United States Attorney Haney, no trial date was set. Indications are that the trial will be held early in January, as the court calendar is filled for the month of December.

The indictment against Albers contains seven counts, one less than was in the one returned against Dr. Marie Equi, who was recently convicted in Judge Bean's court for a similar offense.

The first four counts were committed October 8, it is charged, while Albers was en route to Portland from San Francisco. The other counts were based on remarks made between July 1, 1917, and May 1, 1918.

Since his arrest, Albers has resigned as president of the milling company. He is at liberty under \$10,000 bond.

# SHERIFF LOSES CAR IN PORTLAND BUT IT IS RETURNED SOON

Thursday afternoon Sheriff Wilson decided the proper way to wind up Thanksgiving was to go to Portland and take in a good show. He parked his car around the corner and after enjoying the show went to get the car. It was nowhere in sight and the sheriff immediately thought of thieves or perhaps some bootleggers were after revenge and took the car.

He went to the police station to tell them of the loss and when asked the number of the car could not tell it. After the police had searched through the records they found the number and the sheriff gave a description of the car.

It was found Friday morning on the East Side where the joy riders had run out of gas and left it. Wilson was informed by phone that the car had been located and officers brought it to Oregon City in the afternoon. The car was not damaged in the least and the sheriff says he is ready to go after the bootleggers again.

# LIVE WIRES APPOINT A COMMITTEE FOR Y. M. C. A.

A. R. Jacobs, president of the Oregon City woolen mills; B. T. McBain, manager of the West Linn plant of the Crown Willamette Paper Co.; E. J. Noble, of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Co.; Rev. C. H. L. Chandler, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and R. W. Kirk, superintendent of the Oregon City schools, have been named as a committee to make an investigation of the practicability of establishing a Y. M. C. A. in Oregon City. Their appointment was announced by Colonel C. H. Dye, main trunk line of the Commercial Club Live Wires. Tuesday. The committee will make a thorough investigation of the matter entrusted to them and is expected to file a report next Tuesday.

The Wires, at their weekly luncheon held at the Crown Willamette Inn at West Linn, were shown through the new hotel from top to bottom and from end to end. The structure was completed by the company and is occupied by the mill employes to capacity. It is one of the best equipped hosteleries in the Northwest, having every modern convenience and appliance obtainable. The Wires were given an elaborate spread by the management.

The Commercial Club will be represented at the hearing scheduled by the Public Service Commission at Portland, December 13, on the application of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., and the Oregon City & Farmers Independent Telephone Co., for increases in local rates, by the following committee: Dr. L. A. Morris, C. Schaebel, A. R. Jacobs, W. A. Huntley and M. D. Latourrette.

The danger to motorists at the north end of the Clackamas River bridge at Gladstone, due to the sharp turn, was referred to C. W. Robey and Joseph Swartz, with a request that the Gladstone city council place a danger signal at the approach or paint the sides of the approach white, so that it may be plainly seen at night.

# FEDERAL JUDGE SETS JANUARY 16 AS DATE OF H. ALBERS' TRIAL

Federal Judge Wolverton Monday set January 16 as the date of the trial of Henry Albers, after United States Attorney Haney told the court this was the first open date on the docket. Albers is charged with violation of the espionage law.

Henry McGinn, counsel for Albers, objected to such an early date, stating that he believed his client would not receive a fair trial on account of the prevailing sentiment against Germans. He said Mr. Albers spoke broken English and that he feared this fact would tend to go against him. The court said if such was the case the trial might be set over on January 16 to a later date.

# BIG FLEET FOR PACIFIC COAST IS PROBABLE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—With the passing of German sea power, the compelling strategic reason for keeping the main strength of the American navy massed in the Atlantic ocean no longer exists. Naval officers here anticipate, therefore, that substantially one-half of the navy's main fighting strength will go into a reorganized Pacific fleet.

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# RAY FOX TO BE IN CREW OF PEACE SHIP

Ray Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox, the latter formerly residents of this city but now of Portland, is on the U. S. transport George Washington, and this boat is to carry President Wilson and his party to France, leaving today. The young man is the grandson of Mrs. Elizabeth Fox and nephew of Mrs. Rosina Fouts Evans of this city. The young man, according to letters received during the past few days, is looking forward to the time of sailing with the noted party. He says the boat is all in readiness for the sailing and handsomely furnished quarters are prepared for the President and his wife. The young man has made a number of interesting trips to France on this transport. The George Washington is one of the liners formerly owned by Germany and taken over by the allies. A portion of the interior has not been disturbed, and is handsomely furnished.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The diplomatic corps in Berlin has asked the German government for protection against the anarchistic propaganda of the Spartacus group, which is agitating for the general arming of the proletariat, according to Exchange Telegraph dispatches from Amsterdam.

Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian premier, is losing prestige, according to Munich advices. A Copenhagen dispatch says Eisner was hissed by his own partisans at Munich during a celebration in honor of returning soldiers.

A Berne dispatch to the Mail says it is believed that Bavaria is gradually reaching a conclusion to retain its unity with the rest of Germany rather than to seek a separate peace. This message also reports evidences of growing hostility toward Eisner, adding that there are signs in Munich that a crisis is approaching.

# KING NICHOLAS OF MONTENEGRO LOSES THRONE

LONDON, Dec. 2.—King Nicholas of Montenegro has been deposed by the Skupstina, the Montenegrin national assembly, according to a message received here from Prague today.

The dispatch was sent from Prague by the Czech-Slovak press bureau by way of Copenhagen. It says that the Skupstina voted the deposition on Friday last and declared for a union of Montenegro with Serbia under King Peter.

# REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Rosalind and John H. Gibson to Mabel E. Hoge, lands in Logus tracts; \$10.

John and Annie Westman, Amanda Nelson, Harrie Morehouse to Samuel M. Warnock, tract of land in Robert Cauffield D. L. C. No. 53; \$1.

D. C. and C. D. Latourrette to C. W. and Elizabeth Jenkins, lots 1, 2, block 143, Oregon City; \$1.

Samuel L. and Alma Olds Lee to I. C. and Rose S. Nelegh, 10 acres in section 28, township 2 south, range 2 east; \$1.

Walter and Ella B. Applegate to Frank C. and Minnie M. Barnes, blocks 9 and 19, Lake View Villas; \$1.

Rufus H. Molnckton to Bert Williams, lot 4, section 32, township 3 south, range 4 east 11.50 acres and roadway; \$1.

Minnie L. and George H. Blackburn et al. to R. J. and Henry I. Spiers 20 acres in section 34, township 1 south, range 4 east; \$3000.

Charles T. Terrill trustee, to Francis Welsh, C. T. Toozie addition to Oregon City; \$1.

O. I. & S. company to Zora A. Ziegler, block 31, Lake View Villas; \$1.

O. I. & S. Co. to Lory P. Moyer, block 64, Bryant Acres; \$10.

D. M. and Nellie Lloyd to W. P. Jacob, lots 30, 31 and 32, block 15, Minthorn addition to Portland; \$1000.

Cadiz Pratt and William and Marceline Hammond to Sarah Bell Pratt, 35 acres, James Shrey et ux D. L. C.; \$10.

Theo. C. and Anna Scheer to John J. and Anna J. Yeske, land in S. 26, T. 4 S., R. 1 E.; \$10.

G. H. ad Rena Carico to Laura I. Lombard, lot 4, block 15, Zobrist addition to Estacada; \$10.



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