

Tests for Clothing Material

By the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

When buying staple clothing materials, if you are not a good judge of quality, it is an excellent idea to look at several pieces of the same type of material but with different prices and compare the weight, color, and firmness of weave. Such a comparison will often emphasize the fact that the most expensive piece is not necessarily the best quality. It may be the season's most fashionable color and weight, and its high price probably is due to slight variations in the finishing and the fleeting popularity of the style.

There has been a tendency to abuse the practice of asking for samples from dress goods departments, but at times a sample is quite justifiable, as it will give the opportunity for home tests. Cotton and linen are affected by acids and very slightly affected by alkalis, while the reverse is true of wool.



TESTING SILK BY BURNING.

Silk on right, heavily loaded with mineral matter, keeps its shape after burning, while the ash of pure silk, on left, crumbles.

The alkalis found in the home are washing sodas and the washing powders. The office of home economics of the United States department of agriculture suggests using the following simple test to determine the amount of cotton in a mixed fabric:

Add four tablespoonfuls of washing soda, or five tablespoonfuls of washing powder, to a pint of soft water. The washing soda should be rolled to a powder before measuring. Bring to boiling and add sample, which should be about one and one-half inches square. Boil carefully, to avoid spattering, for 20 minutes, adding water at intervals to replace that lost by evaporation. Transfer sample to cold water and rub between the fingers. The wool, which is gelatinized by the boiling, will disappear on rubbing and the cotton threads will be left unchanged.

Weights of Vegetables

Housewives Warned of Short Measures.

That housewives may be protected against short weight practices of wagon peddlers, Chicago's city sealer has issued a table of weights of vegetables to the peck and bushel.

Warmer weather is coming on and with that the wagon vendors of the vegetable needs of the family are becoming more numerous on the streets and alleys. The sealer warns against purchase by measure, which is prohibited by ordinance, and advises that every housewife insist that the commodities be weighed.

He advises that the following list be cut out and kept in a handy place:

Number of pounds to the peck.	
Apples.....12½	Peaches.....12
Beans, green and string.....8	Peanuts, green, 5½
Beans, wax.....8	Peanuts, roasted 6
Beans, castor.....11½	Pears.....14½
Beans, white.....15	Peas, dried.....15
Beets.....15	Peas, green, in pod.....8
Carrots.....12½	Potatoes, Irish.....15
Cranberries.....8½	Potatoes, sweet.....12½
Cucumbers.....12	Quinces.....12
Gooseberries.....10	Rutabagas.....12½
Hickory nuts.....12½	Spinach.....3
Onions.....14½	Tomatoes.....14
Parsnips.....12½	Turnips.....13½

The bushel weights are, of course, just four times the figures given above.

Unnecessary to Slit Crows' Tongues to Enable Them to Learn to Talk—It is Cruel

The organ of the Agassiz society contains a discussion by prominent bird authorities concerning the old idea of slitting a crow's tongue to make the bird talk. The following is abstracted:

"It is a common practice in the West to catch the young birds in early June and place them in a cage, where they become very tame and usually talk as well as a parrot. Many people keeping these birds have believed it necessary

to slit their tongues before they could learn to talk. This is wholly unnecessary and cruel and should be prevented by law.

"The discussion of slitting crows' tongues is relegated to the medieval limbo of belief of the ill luck of peacock feathers; of dragon flies sewing up one's ears; of whisky for snake bite; of man-eating shrubs; of rabbit's feet and the number 13; of going under ladders, spilling salt and breaking mirrors."

Sheep Around the World.

The world's census of sheep runs to well over 450,000,000.

MOTHER'S COOK BOOK by Nellie Maxwell

Seasonable Dishes.

The common vegetables become uncommon and unusual when served in a new way or with a new garnish.

Mashed Potatoes.

Press hot boiled potatoes through a ricer, and for each quart add a teaspoonful of salt and four tablespoonfuls of butter. Add hot milk and cream to make of the right consistency and pile into a baking dish. Brush over with a white sauce and sprinkle with buttered bread crumbs. Set into a hot oven and bake until brown.

Hot Potato Salad.

Boil a half-dozen potatoes and slice while hot; fry thin slices of bacon, (half a cupful), cut in bits until brown. Pour off all but two tablespoonfuls of fat and into this stir one tablespoonful of flour; mix one-quarter of a teaspoonful of mustard with a quarter of a teaspoonful of salt and a few dashes of cayenne; stir and mix until well blended then add a half-cupful of mild vinegar; let the dressing boil; add the bacon bits, a small

NEIGHBORS

As often as we thought of her,
We thought of a gray life
That made a quaint economist
Of a wolf-haunted wife;
We made the best of what she bore
That was not ours to bear,
And honored her for wearing things
That were not things to wear.

There was a distance in her look
That made us look again;
And if she smiled, we might believe
That we had looked in vain.
Rarely she came inside our doors,
And had not long to stay;
And when she left, it seemed somehow
That she was far away.

And once, when we had all forgot
That all is here to change,
A shadow on the commonplace
Was for a moment strange.
Yet there was nothing for surprise,
Nor much that need be told:
Love, with its gift of pain, had given
More than one heart could hold.
—Edwin Arlington Robinson,
in Yale Review.

Governors' Terms of Office From One to Four Years and Salaries \$2,500 to \$12,000

The governor's term of office varies in different states from one to four years. Massachusetts is the only state that has a one-year term. The following states have two years: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Wisconsin. The following states have four years: Alabama, California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

The salaries of the governors range from \$2,500 to \$12,000 a year. The governor of Nebraska receives \$2,500 a year. The governors of Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, South Carolina and South Dakota receive \$3,000 a year. The governors of Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Nevada, Tennessee and Texas receive \$4,000 a year. The governor of Maryland receives \$4,500 a year. The governors of Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin receive \$5,000 a year. The governor of North Carolina receives \$6,000 a year. The governors of Massachusetts and Indiana receive \$8,000 a year. The governors of California, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania receive \$10,000 a year. The governor of Illinois receives \$12,000 a year.

This Planet Has Experienced a Great Many Glacial Periods

One often hears of "the glacial period" or "the ice age" of the earth, but, strictly speaking, this expression is not correct. It is now established beyond all reasonable doubt that this planet has experienced not one but a great many glacial periods. Evidence has been found which proves that the latest, or Pleistocene glacial epoch, had several important subdivisions and that all of the present continents have experienced glacial epochs at different ages. Great ice sheets were formed at different periods back of the Proterozoic age—that is, the age of the oldest known sedimentary rocks, a great many million years ago.

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Life in the Dead Sea.

In one of the Jericho hotels there was preserved a declaration jointly signed the same year by over a dozen tourists that they saw fish actively swimming in the Dead sea. At many spots along the shore there are places in which acres of reeds and many trees flourish, and at such spots animal life and bird life are abundant.

Its Drawback.

Jinks—"You don't mean to say your wife wants to sell that prize toy terrier you bought for her?" Blinks—"Yes, she does." "Why, I thought that toy was said to be the smallest dog in the world!" "That's the trouble. It's so small she keeps mistaking it for a mouse!"

HAVE DARK HAIR AND LOOK YOUNG

Nobody can Tell when you Darken Gray, Faded Hair with Sage Tea.

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and attractive with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, all ready to use, for about 50 cents. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair.

A well-known downtown druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound now because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use, too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and beautiful. This preparation is a delightful toilet requisite. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

Keeps Cheese Fresh.

Moisten a sheet of wax paper with vinegar, wrap the cheese tightly in it, then wrap with another paper; the cheese will keep for days without getting hard. The vinegar doesn't affect the taste of the cheese at all.

YES! MAGICALLY! CORNS LIFT OUT WITH FINGERS

You corn-pestered men and women need suffer no longer. Wear the shoes that nearly killed you before, says this Cincinnati authority, because a few drops of freezone applied directly on a tender, aching corn or callous stops soreness at once and soon the corn or hardened callous loosens so it can be lifted out, root and all, without pain.

A small bottle of freezone costs very little at any drug store, but will positively take off every hard or soft corn or callous. This should be tried as it is inexpensive and is said not to irritate the surrounding skin.

If your druggist hasn't any freezone tell him to get a small bottle for you from his wholesale drug house. It is fine stuff and acts like a charm every time.—Adv.

Seemed Like Wasted Time.

Markets for a short time during the war were not doing any delivering. Mary, age five, one night at bedtime was saying the Lord's prayer. Coming to the part "Deliver us from evil," she exclaimed, "Mother, what is the use of praying for that, they won't deliver a thing in this town."

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You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications.

A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

Don't Forget Cuticura Talcum

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Jest and Joke.

A joke is often rougher and less delicate than a jest, as a practical joke, but jest often suggests more of lightness or scoffing than a joke, as to turn everything into jest. Joke is the word to use when action is implied, while jest is generally applied to something said.

The "Black Death," or "Black Plague," was also known as the "bubonic plague," and was a scourge in Europe and Asia in the years between 1334-1351, when millions were swept away by the scourge. It has recurred from time to time since then, but never so severely.

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