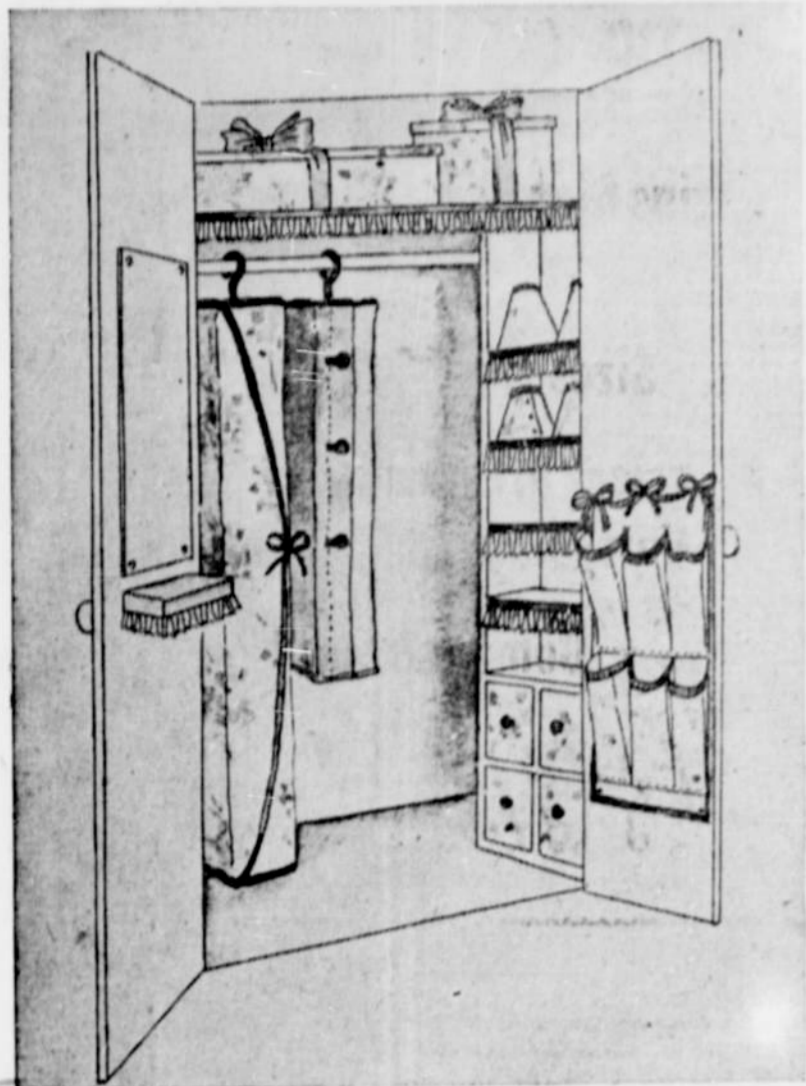


**BANISH CLOSET GLOOM WITH BRIGHT ACCESSORIES**



A clothes closet will radiate with new life when dressed up with these gay accessories. Try using flowered chintz for a closet whose neatness and attractiveness will be the envy of all who see it. Made in matching sets, the garment bags, shoe bags and hat stands will be welcome Christmas gifts. Directions for garment and shoe bags and hat stands may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Needlework Department of this paper, specifying design S-13-23.

**Hat Cleaning No Mystery; Simple Method Revealed**

How a professional hat cleaner takes a dirty felt hat and returns it in a short time clean and new-looking has always been more or less of a mystery to most people. There is nothing magical about it, explains Lucy Lane, extension specialist in clothing and textiles at Oregon State College, who says any homemaker can do a good job of felt hat cleaning with a little care. Where cleaning establishments are swamped with Army requirements, or for those living far from town, this type of cleaning may be a worthwhile contribution in saving war-needed labor and materials, she adds.

Here are Miss Lane's suggestions and directions for cleaning hats: First, be sure to use only dry-cleaning solvents that are not explosive, rather than ordinary gasoline, high-test gasoline, or naphtha, which are not safe for home use. Cleaning solvent can be purchased without ration stamps at filling stations. Even with these it is always advisable to work out of doors, choosing a warm sunny day if possible. The solvent works better if heated by placing its container in a larger one of near boiling water, giving a double boiler effect.

Brush the felt hat thoroughly and place it in the hot solvent, which is best used in a container large enough so the edges of the hat will not touch the sides. Allow the hat to remain covered for 15 to 30 minutes, depending on how soiled it is. Next pat the brim with a soft brush, giving particular attention to perspiration stains, which are brushed and patted but not rubbed. Rinse in a second container of solvent, lift and drain.

Place on a hat holder made by rolling a Turkish towel and shape

**STEPS IN BRAISING**

*a moist heat method*  
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1. Season with salt and pepper
2. Brown meat on all sides in hot fat in heavy utensil
3. Add small amount of liquid, if necessary
4. Cover tightly
5. Cook at low temperature until tender

Hal Davis, who was recently inducted into the army, is now stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

the hat over the towel, keeping the edges off the support. The hat may be hung to dry by the edge of the lining band. Even badly soiled men's hats, as well as women's, may be cleaned in this way.

A spot cleaner for hats consists of corn starch moistened with carbon tetrachloride, which paste is spread on the spot, allowed to dry, and then brushed off, repeating if necessary.



Although economy in cooking during war times is necessary vital elements of nutrition should not be sacrificed. Here's a dish which combines economy and wholesome food content:

**LAMB PATTIES**

- 1 pound lamb (shoulder or other cheap cut)
- 1 cup ground raw carrots (about 5 small)
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 teaspoons minced onion

Trim waste from meat. Put through food grinder. Blend with ground carrots. Add egg and seasonings and shape into patties. Roll in flour. Melt enough margarine in skillet to cover bottom generously. Fry lamb patties until browned. Cover skillet and fry very slowly 10 minutes. Transfer meat patties to platter. Stir 2 tablespoons flour into drippings left in skillet. Brown smoothly. Add 1 1/2 cups stock or water. Cook until gravy thickens. Pour over patties.

Other favorite low-point recipes are found in a 32-page cookbook "Ration-Time Recipes." Free copy may be obtained from National Cotton Council, Box 18, Memphis (1) Tennessee.

**CALENDAR ODDITIES**



**ALASKA** WOKE UP JULY 17, 1941, WITH A BILL FOR OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS SPENT IN CELEBRATING ITS 200TH BIRTHDAY THE DAY BEFORE, ONLY TO FIND THEIR CELEBRATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN DELAYED UNTIL JULY 27, OWING TO A CALENDAR CHANGE NO ONE HAD CONSIDERED IN OBSERVING THE "OFFICIAL HOLIDAY."

**DO YOU KNOW that** The World Calendar of 12 months and equal quarters, if adopted in 1944 on December 31, the new World Holiday, will always begin every new year on the same day and month-date, Sunday, January 1. This calendar change calls for no adding or dropping of days.

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Miss Elma Simmons returned Sunday to resume her studies at the Southern Oregon College of Education after spending the holidays with her parents at Junction City.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Johnson on December 20, a daughter.

Jack Gunter, seaman 2/c of Farragut, Idaho, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gunter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Colwell of Merrill, Oregon on Dec. 27, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murphey were ill with the flu over the holidays.

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**Freedom of CHOICE**

WITH ALL THE TALK about Freedoms, what about freedom of choice?

After all, freedom of choice can mean the same thing as all the other freedoms people are talking about—and a few others besides. In large measure, freedom of choice is what this war is about.

Freedom of choice means such ordinary things as trying soy beans in the south field next year, if you think it's the thing to do. It means buying the kind of flour you think gives you the best biscuits. It means you and your boy doing the deciding whether he'll go to college, or learn to be a toolmaker.

Freedom of choice is the soil in which character grows.

This freedom of choice—and its counterpart, a sense of responsibility for the decisions made—has done much to develop the character that is going to win this war—on the battle fronts, on the farm, in industry. And when the victory is won, the kind of America we have fought and worked to preserve must be a country in which every man and woman, and every boy and girl, will have freedom of choice in even greater measure. **General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.**

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