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SMART HOME FOR SHOES



A shoe case that hangs on the inside of your closet door is the cleanest, most convenient and simplest way of keeping shoes off the floor where they get dusty and scuffed. A most attractive one may be easily made at home in a short time and at almost no expense. Any baker will sell you one of his empty flour bags for a very few cents and one of these, with five yards of bias tape and two small brass or celluloid rings is all you need to make a case that would cost at least a dollar in any of the shops.

The sack is swiftly unripped by pulling out the chain stitching. To remove the stamping, lard the inked places or soak in kerosene overnight. Wash out with lukewarm water. The average bag is 36 by 22 inches. Cut off a strip 32 by 22 inches and fold in half so that you have a piece 16 inches wide by 22 inches long. This is the back of the case. The pockets are made out of two strips of the cloth, each nine by thirty-six inches. The top edges should be bound with tape, which should be of some bright color, and the lower edge laid into four box pleats and then bound. The pockets are stitched down to the back, four inches apart. The outer edges of the case are then bound with tape all the way round. A narrow strip of the goods stitched about two inches from the top of the case holds the small strip of wood—a piece of old window blind that will do—across the case taut.

Sew one of the celluloid rings at each top corner and the case is finished. It will hold four pairs of shoes. By slipping out the strip of wood, the case can be easily laundered.

Home Decoration

By Jane Suedlor.

This department on Home Decoration is for the benefit of all women who have household problems to solve. Queries pertaining to problems of this kind may be addressed to Miss Suedlor, care of Women's Department of the Mail Tribune.

Query: Why are some living rooms so much more restful than others? Mrs. J. M. H.

Answer: Everything depends upon the personality of the people who live in them for even when a professional has done the work he has studied the owners of the room. Good color harmony, orderly arrangements of furniture, open uncrowded spaces, comfortable chairs, convenient lights and a few intimate personal touches and you have the living room of your dreams.

Query: What is a banister back chair? Mrs. D. F.

Answer: A chair with a straight back made with vertical posts all alike like a stairway banister. These were made early in the eighteenth century in both England and America.

Query: It is ever advisable to wash a piece of furniture? Mrs. T.

Answer: Sometimes, yes, but it must be done bit by bit and with a pure soap and dried at once with a clean soft cloth. When all dampness has evaporated apply shell wax and polish well with clean cloths.

Query: Is veneer something to be avoided or looked for when buying an old piece of furniture? Mrs. E. T. M.

Answer: The great cabinet makers of the past have always used veneers and they were usually well protected. It was used to obtain beautiful graining rather than to economize.

Query: What is an "armoire"? This is one of the oldest words in the cabinet-maker's vocabulary and one of the most ancient pieces of furniture. A closet or cupboard solidly constructed of wood furnished with locks and sometimes secret drawers for keeping valuables.

Mention is made of them as early as the thirteenth century, and a few specimens of those days, mostly church pieces are still to be seen.

Flower Gardens For Children

Small fingers are such busy fingers. They can go a long way on the road to mischief or on the road to achievement. If we parents would only think to give them a few flowers to busy themselves over during the summer. A few flowers that are their very own, to care for and to pull and give away.

There are some flowers that are especially interesting and appealing to children. The snapdragons are one of these. When you press on their sides they will open their mouths so lifelike. These come in so many lovely colors now, and grow on taller stalks so that they are lovely for a cut flower.

Four-o'clocks are another flower children like. They bloom in the afternoon, and their odor is so delightful and strong that they perfume the whole yard. Zinnias are hardy and attractive as cut flowers. The new zinnias come in beautiful shades and are as attractive as dahlias and much easier grown.

All children love pansies, their attractive elf-like faces are so appealing and so beautiful in all their rich colorings. As called or "Johnny-Jump-Ups" are we called them were the first flowers I ever grew. And how many pleasant childhood memories of my dear old home do they recall today. Pansies should be planted in boxes and the plants transplanted to the child's garden.

My children liked to plant a package of mixed flower seed and watched with great interest to see what kind each one would be. In this way they learn a great many different flowers.

When they grow a little older I interested them in starting a wild flower garden. They were already interested in learning the names of the wild flowers in our locality.

We have had many disappointments in trying to transplant these from their native haunts. But each year we get a few new ones to live and our wild flower garden is becoming a spot of interest and beauty. We have found that to make wild flowers live when transplanted, a few precautions must be taken. A cloudy, misty day or late in the afternoon is the best time to transplant them. Water them before digging up so that the dirt will stick to the roots, and carry home a bucket of the woods dirt to pack around the roots.

The daytime sleeveless dress is worthy of summer revival, according to various reports.

CRYSTALLIZED FRUIT PEELS

Orange Peel—Remove the peel from fine fruit that has a thick peel, being careful not to get any of the white skin that lies between peel and fruit. Cut into diamond shaped pieces and for each pound of peel allow 1 1/2 pounds of sugar and 6 ounces of water. Cook until the syrup will spin a thread. Put in the peel and cook until transparent. Remove to a container and set in a dry place for six or seven days. Lift from syrup and dry in the sun if possible.

Grapefruit Peel—Prepare the peel as for the first method of crystallizing, put into the syrup and cook slowly until all syrup is absorbed. Remove and roll each piece of peel in granulated or powdered sugar, being careful not to break or crush it. In preparing the peel in this way it is well to test it by removing a small piece and rolling it in sugar, so the evaporation of the syrup is carried on. When the fruit stiffens enough to retain its shape, it is done and should be removed and rolled in the sugar, whether the syrup is entirely boiled away or not.

Florida Lemon Peel—Select fruit having a thicker peel than the ordinary lemon, and grate off a considerable portion of the outer covering. Cut peel in small sections and boil up once in water, being careful not to soften it. Cook in syrup following same directions as for grapefruit peel above.

Infinite Variety the Keynote of Spring Handbags

Shell Frames Are Endorsed by Leading Designers

Accessories can make or mar a costume, and especially is this true of handbags. Such infinite variety is shown in handbags, this season that it is no trick at all to find just the one that fits in the particular frock or ensemble you are wearing. If one can afford it, it is better to have a number of bags for different occasions and degrees of dress, but if only one is possible, let it be as simple in line and indelible in influence.

The envelope shape is the most logical one for the tailored bag, and is still the most popular. Metallic kidskin is the newest innovation in handbags. With pearl-encrusted frames and handles, they are decidedly arresting and on special occasions in color as you can find.

Antelope bags continue to be popular, probably because of their fine wearing qualities. They are designed along modernistic lines and may be ornamented with maracas or rhinestones for dress wear. They usually have striking clasps.

The strictly tailored variety favor the rougher leathers, such as reptile, and, while severe in shape, are often made of several leathers in a combination, with intricate designs of decidedly modern occasions can be used with charming effect. Woven kid or two-tones is another novelty which blends attractively with light colored gowns. For summer use, with thin dresses the bright colored straws, trimmed with stylized flowers will continue to be popular.

Shell frames are strongly endorsed by all the fashion designers. They have a distinction that is all their own. This year shell has lost something of its erstwhile dignity, and adorns its clasps with elephants, foxes, camels and dogs. Some of the smartest bags for day-time wear are made of handloomed homespun in the popular street shades. They are mounted with amber or shell frames.

Needlepoint bags in floral and scenic patterns are extremely popular and the imported French beaded bags continue to hold their place. Frames for these bags are usually of gold and rather inconspicuous. Evening bags include rare brocades in similar styles to the sport group. Rhinestone bags are likewise appropriate for evening wear.

Designers Introduce Novelty in Belts

PARIS—Belts are still an important part of fashion, but they are not the same. Many novelties have been accepted by the designers.

Crocheted belts are among the newest and most popular in the spring showings. They may be of white or the color of the dress. Belts of especially knitted jersey are also featured, particularly in metal weaves, although frequently they are in plain colors of the sport costume they are worn with.

Beaded belts, worked on the dress, are the accepted evening fashion, and one dressmaker embroiders belts on sports costumes with light tops and dark skirts.

Special Recipes

DINNERS FOR LENT

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- Eggs a la Suisse
- Baking powder biscuits
- Strawberry Jam
- Pepper and Grape Fruit Salad
- Calumet Jelly Roll
- Whipped Cream Coffee

Cocoanut Custard Pie

3 tablespoons sugar, 1/4 level teaspoon salt, 1/2 cup shredded cocoanut, 1 1/2 cups milk, few gratings nutmeg, 2 eggs.

Beat eggs slightly, add sugar, beat well and then add salt and milk. Line plate with plain paste and build up a fluted rim. Strain mixture and sprinkle with a few gratings of nutmeg and cocoanut. Bake in a quick oven at first to set firm, decrease the heat afterwards, as egg and milk combinations need to be cooked at low temperatures.

Pie Paste

3 cups flour, 1/2 level teaspoon baking powder, 1 level teaspoon salt, 3/4 cup lard, cold water.

Sift dry ingredients thoroughly. Work in lard with knife or round-edge of a tablespoon or spatula. Moisture to a dough with cold water. Put lightly on floured board, roll thin.

Baked Stuffed Potatoes

Select six medium sized potatoes and bake. Remove from oven, cut slice from side of each, and scoop out inside. Mash, add two tablespoons butter, salt, pepper, and three tablespoons hot milk; then add whites of two eggs well beaten. Refill skins and bake 5 to 8 minutes in a very hot oven. Potatoes may be sprinkled with grated cheese before putting in oven.

Eggs a la Suisse

4 eggs, 1/2 cup cream, 1 tablespoon butter, salt, pepper, cayenne 2 tablespoons grated cheese.

Beat a small omelet pan, put in butter, which is melted, add cream. Slip in the eggs one at a time, sprinkle with salt, pepper and a few grains of cayenne. When whites are neatly firm, sprinkle with cheese. Finish cooking, and serve on buttered toast. Strain cream over the toast.

Pepper and Grape Fruit Salad

Cut slices from stem ends of six green peppers, and remove seeds. Refill with grape fruit pulp, finely celer and English walnut meats broken in pieces, allowing twice as much grape fruit as celer, and two nut meats to each pepper. Arrange on chileory or lettuce leaves, and serve with mayonnaise dressing.

New Sport Dresses Bare One Shoulder

PARIS—Society women are no longer afraid of being sunburned.

The one fear is that they will not tan consistently and that there will be a hiatus between the line of their tan and the décolleté of their evening dresses. To quiet this fear the dressmakers show beach costumes, tennis dresses and plain sport costumes with backs as low as those of evening gowns.

The fashionable woman now wears her bathing or beach costume at the same décolleté as her lowest evening frock.

Some dressmakers show simple sport costumes with one shoulder entirely cut away. These dresses are sleeveless, the necklines running diagonally from the single shoulder strap to a point well under the arm, leaving both arms and one shoulder exposed to the sun. Usually there are jackets for wear over the dresses.

Parent-Teachers' Associations

Council Meeting

It is very important that every P. T. A. president, lay member and officer attend the council meeting on Monday, April 2nd, at the Junior high.

A representative of the Health Unit will present the matter of the elaborate health program to be put on on May 1st. As the associations are to help with this it will save a great deal of time if these plans can be matured at this time. This will not be possible unless every association is fully represented.

Mrs. Bert Anderson will speak on the Jackson County Humane Association in which the Parent Teachers are interested.

Every one who has child welfare at heart is welcome at these meetings. In no other way can the purpose and accomplishments of the whole be so well understood.

Superintendent Hedrick of the city schools spoke to the parents at the Daddy's meeting last evening on some facts and figures of the Medford school system and explained the working of the Junior high school. The former will be reserved for a later report.

In speaking of the Junior high school organization, Superintendent Hedrick said the central thought around which it was organized was that of a better adjustment to the needs of each individual. To that end each grade division is divided into groups:

The fast group covers two years work in three semesters, and besides does a more difficult type of work; the average group covers two years work in the regular time or four semesters; while the slow group covers two years work in five semesters. The groups are formed in each subject independently of every other subject.

The group a pupil is placed in, or kept in, depends solely upon a pupil's ability and willingness to work. As soon as any of the elementary school subjects are completed by a pupil, high school subjects are taken up without loss of time.

Superintendent Hedrick stated that one abuse of the group system which he observed was the tendency of parents, perhaps through a false pride, to urge their children into the fast group. This, he believed, resulted in the working of some children of nervous temperament too hard, it also had a tendency to push young children into groups above their social age from the standpoint of general development.

Unless there was an especially good reason for placing a child in a fast group, and this should be left to the teacher and principal to discover, he should be kept in the average group and, instead of forging ahead, be given a chance to enrich his course by doing more work in some of the special subjects, such as music, some economics, manual training, or junior science.

Superintendent Hedrick praised highly the work of the principal and teaching force of the Junior high school, and stated that complex as its organization is it is one of the most smoothly functioning schools in the entire system.

Household Hints

Paper Bags—Do not discard the paper bags in which you buy your groceries. Make several turns at the top in the form of a collar, and when you are paring vegetables or baking the scraps can be placed in the bag. They can be thrown in the garbage can or carried to the basement and burned in the furnace.

To Prevent Tomato Soup from Curdling—Add 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder to the tomatoes just before combining with the milk and you will have a soup of smooth consistency.

A Tempting Relish—When serving pickles place a few carrots in the dish. They should be cut the same length as the pickles and about 1/4 inch in diameter. They are very tasty and will absorb some of the flavor from the pickles.

Waxed Paper in Which Bakers' Bread is wrapped is excellent for wiping off the steel top of a range. The paraffin helps to keep the metal in good condition.

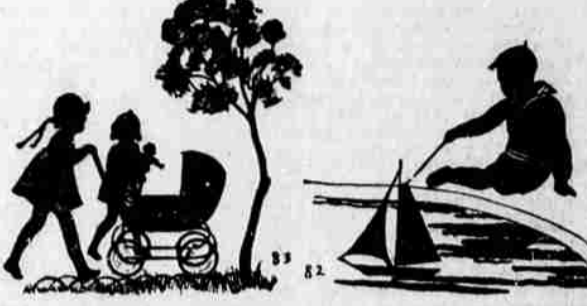
To Remove Starch—From an Article, moisten the scorched part with peroxide, cover with a white cloth and press with a hot iron.

When making a sponge cake do not grease the pan. To grease the pans makes the sides slippery, so that when the cake rises it will not stick to them, and thus help to support and hold up the rest of the batter.

Light Coats Newest

Three important dressmakers stress the idea of light coats for dark dresses this spring. White silk coats with black linings, beige coats with brown linings and gray coats with navy blue linings are new.

Children's Pleasure Column



Edited by Mary Ann

This department is for our younger readers. We want you to write freely, telling us your experiences, adventures and of interesting happenings in your neighborhood. Tell of your favorite books or authors, favorite flowers, etc. Original poems and stories will also be appreciated.

Write with pen and ink on one side only of the paper. Do not use pencil. Help one another to make this page both interesting and instructive. Address your letters to Mary Ann, care Mail Tribune, Medford.

The child is just clay in the hands of the human potter. What he will be depends largely upon the wisdom and skill of those of us who mold him—not by preaching or by mottoes on the wall, but by example in our daily lives.

Little Acts of Kindness
"Life is all too short, dear,
And sorrow is all too great
To suffer our slow compassion
That carries until too late.

It isn't the thing you do, dear,
It is the thing you leave undone
That gives you a bit of heartache
At the setting of the sun."

Little acts of kindness are too often neglected in home life as well as to others outside our homes. Most of us could do more little kind acts for each other than we do, and omit little things as well, unkind words especially, that are disagreeable and cause unpleasantness in the home.

But "to suffer our slow compassion that carries until too late" may cause many unnecessary heartaches that carry dull misery to the brink of life and our compassion has been all too slow, then our heartaches must linger on "till the setting of our own last sun."

Try to absorb the meaning of the above lines. Some of you may already be familiar with them. My high school boy was memorizing them a short while ago as part of his English class lesson, and I thought them worth passing on. Don't you, too?—Mrs. H. L.

Dear Mary Ann: I enjoy this column very much. Here is a story that I wrote myself.

The Fairy Dream
One day Jack and his sister Elizabeth were sitting by a pond which was near their home. After a short time they fell asleep and began to dream.

They dreamed that bright lights appeared in the water, then suddenly they could see fairies dancing there on its glassy surface. Elizabeth saw them before Jack did. She became frightened and said as she came closer to her brother, "What are they, Jack?"

"What?" said Jack, who had been writing and hadn't taken time to look up.

"Those things in the water," said Elizabeth. "They look like fairies, but where is the queen?"

"There!" said Jack, pointing into the air, "and there are many more besides the queen," for the rest of the fairies were rising up out of the water, and were circling around in the air with their gauzy wings spread out.

The fairy queen began to sing and all the rest of the fairies sang too. While they were singing they came lower and lower until they were on the ground before the children. Then the fairy queen turned into a beautiful woman who seemed to be calling them, but the children had heard their mother's voice. So up they jumped and ran to meet her, very sorry that their wonderful dream was over.

LOIS SCHAFER,
Central Point, Age 10.

Dear Mary Ann: This is a story of my own composition for your Children's Column.

"The Bold Brothers"
Once upon a time, long ago, the people did not know about the world as they do today. They were afraid to venture very far from the coast. Now, at this time there lived two brothers who loved each other dearly.

They often dreamed about setting out to sea together with many other friends, but how were they to get money to buy a ship? They were not extremely rich.

Now in a far off country, there lived a rich uncle, the dreams of setting out to sea to explore, were all run in the family for the uncle also had such dreams. Learning about the brothers' wishes he at once set out to find them so that he might give them enough money to buy a ship.

When he arrived at that town, he happened to see two young brothers strolling along the ancient street talking. The uncle thought, "well, these two boys look as if they might be able to tell me where my nephews live; I shall ask them."

He asked them, and they replied, "We, sir, will lead you to the house." They led him to the house where he learned to his surprise that the boys were his nephews.

HOME EDUCATION

"The Child's First School is the Family"—Froebel

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"DINING ROOM MANNERS"

Marion Brownfield

"Now we're eating in the dining room, we must put on our dining-room manners," confided one little girl to her sister.

It had been a warm summer day, and the mother, who usually found serving a meal in the kitchen breakfast nook more convenient than in the dining room, had changed the routine for the sake of cooler, more refreshing surroundings. Her little girl's words now arrested her attention.

"What do you mean, Eunice, by 'dining-room manners'?" she asked.

"Why, our best manners, like company ones," explained Eunice. "Cause when we eat in here, we usually have company, or any way, people who come, see us. That's why you put on better dishes, in here, isn't it Mother?"

"Well, yes," admitted her mother, remembering that there had been, hurriedly, occasions in the kitchen when she had served milk from the bottle instead of the pitcher, but we should always have nice table manners."

"Father doesn't put his elbows on the table in here, either," chirped Dorothy, the youngest.

"They're observant, all right!" exclaimed Eunice. "We'd better stop eating in the kitchen, if we've caught kitchen manners!"

"We only ate in there to have work," reminded Mother. "But now it's summer vacation, the children can help, so we can eat in here all the time."

between the layers, then add nuts and dried fruits to the remainder for the top and sides.

Tea cakes may be baked from any cake batter, then made in muffin tins or small paper cups, which are manufactured especially for baking purposes. These cups may be purchased at a large department store very inexpensively. This is an easy way of preparing them as no pans need be washed or cake cut. These small cakes may be decorated very attractively by dropping a spoonful of fluffy dressing on top of them, sprinkling them with nuts, or some small candy decorations. The beautifully colored gum drops may be cut into attractive designs for decorative purposes. They are so colored that they give the cakes a festive appearance.

Jelly rolls are very good and easily made. They may be spread with a tart jam or jelly which will give the whole an attractive appearance.

Nuts, peaches, chocolate, spices or dried fruit may be added to any good standard recipe to give delicious desserts. They give a variety which is so desired by almost everyone.

Sometimes cake may be cut in slices or squares and served with whipped cream. A cherry or lump of bright colored jelly makes the whole quite beautiful.

Layer cakes may be baked at a higher temperature for a shorter period of time. There may be a filling between the layers or the filling which is used for the sides and top may also be used as a filling. Sometimes to give a bit of variation the filling may be put