

Yesteryears Recalled By Favorite, Loved Songs

"Fireside Book of Favorite American Songs" at the city library transports the reader on seven-league wings of popular song on a four-stop flight into the past. First flight lands at 1890. Here are the songs today's grandparents knew as children: "Ta-Ra-Ra-Ra-Boom-De-Re," "After The Ball,"

Gown of Glory; Quareschi, Don Camillo and His Flock; Precotti, The Man on the Donkey; Hartog, The Distant Shore. Non-fiction: Bankhead, Tullulah; Marshall, A Man Called Peter; Holy Bible; Revised Standard Version; Carson, The Sea Around Us; Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl; Chambers, Witness; Overtstreet, The Great Enterprise; Vitling, Windows for the Crown; Prince; Douglas, Beyond the Himalayas; Kirk, Postmarked Moscow; Busch, Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois.

"In the Good Old Summer Time," and the two favorites of the Spanish-American war campaign—"There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" and "Break the News to Mother." In a second flight the years from 1890 to 1932 are spanned. Here is glimpsed a landscape even more familiar than the preceding, for the Civil War songs like "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic," the classics by Foster, sentimental revivals like "When You and I Were Young Maggie" and spirituals like "Oh! Dem Golden Slippers" have become permanent treasures like memories of home. The third flight wings into a stranger era: 1776 and the beginnings of independence. Familiar landmarks are "Yankee Doodle," "Hail Columbia," and "Star Spangled Banner," and the still beloved "Juanita." Then back to colonial days to hear the strains of "Old Hundred" and other great hymns, the lovely words and melody of "All through the Night," and the ever-haunting "Robin Adair."

Nylon Thread Sewing Tips

Many people have been having difficulty using nylon thread in their sewing. Here are some suggestions that might be helpful, says Miss Delores Bracken, Home Demonstration Agent.

For the home seamstress there is only one size of nylon thread available. This is size "A" which is comparable in size to Number 70 cotton, but it has greater strength. There are sixty colors and they come on 100 yard spools.

To sew by hand with nylon thread follow these suggestions:

Cut the thread from the spool and use a shorter length than when sewing with cotton thread. When threading the needle, do not attempt to roll the thread to a point as with cotton or mercerized thread. Simply cut straight across and put through the eye of the needle. Take several back stitches to tack the beginning and ending of seams. Always cut nylon thread, don't break it, as it unravels easily and makes needle-threading difficult.

When doing machine sewing with nylon thread, you will find these directions helpful: Use a sharp needle with no roughness or burrs. For an all nylon fabric, use number 11 needle or comparable size. Use this same size for any sheer fabric. For other medium weight fabrics, use a number 14 or comparable size needle.

The upper tension should be about half as tight as for sewing with cotton thread. Skipped stitches are sometimes caused by too tight tension.

Seams of garments in fabrics from man made fibers tend to draw or pucker at the seams. This is true of the woven fabrics, but rarely ever of the knitted ones. To avoid the puckered seams, choose patterns with seams that are on the bias rather than straight. Even a slight bias helps. The up and down, or warprize, seams pucker more than the crosswise ones.

Nylon sewn seams should be pressed or ironed with low heat—that is at a low rayon or nylon setting—260 to 275 degrees. For fabrics that require a higher ironing temperature, a damp press cloth must be used or the nylon thread will be damaged. Nylon will take a higher moist heat, as with a damp press cloth or from a steam iron, than it will dry heat.

The 135 or more songs of this attractive book were selected by Margaret Bradford Boni, arranged for piano by Norman Lloyd, and gayly illustrated by Aurelius Battaglia. The book is proof that in the songs of the people the movement and spirit of America has been recorded.

Best seller books at the city library are: Fiction: Costain, The Silver Chalice; Steinbeck, East of Eden; Ferber, Giant; Wolk, The Caine Mutiny; Hemingway, The Old Man and the Sea; Spring, The Houses in Between; Turnbull, The

WONDERFUL

For those autumn afternoon teas, try this suggestion. Add 1/4 cup of orange juice and 2 teaspoons of grated orange peel to 1 cup of prepared mincemeat. Mix it well and spread the combination on about 18 crackers.

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