

# PROPER CARE OF CLOTHES

### If Looked After They May Be Made to Retain Their Fresh and Attractive Appearance For a Long Time.

**A** GIRL who has a very small allowance for dress, yet always manages to look spick and span, was asked the secret of her jauntness.

"It's because when I do get new clothes," she answered, "I take good care of them. I have no wardrobe in my room, but I have managed to improvise for myself a very handy little cupboard. I fixed up two wide wooden shelves against the wall, one to form the top of the cupboard and one to form the bottom. An inch or two under the top shelf I have fixed a row of hooks, on each of which is a coat hanger.

"Then I bought a length of cretonne cheap at a sale. Of this I made a curtain, which I suspended from the top shelf to about three inches below the lower one, making it to pull backward and forward by means of rings on a curtain rod. Under the lower shelf I keep my boots and shoes. My dresses are further protected by a large sheet which I cut in half and sewed up to form a gigantic bag.

"Before I put my hats away I stuff the crowns with tissue paper. For this serves to keep them in shape. I have made myself a neat little hat ottoman out of an old packing case, which I covered with cretonne to match the curtain on the cupboard. I think it is such a foolish plan to put away hats in cardboard hat boxes under the beds, for in this way they get all the dirt and dust which flies about when the room is being swept.

"When my skirts get creased I fold them in half and lay them on sheets of brown paper under the mattress before going to bed at night. In the morning, as a rule, the creases have quite disappeared.

"I am very careful to put my shoes on trees as soon as I take them off, and this is what always keeps them in shape. When they show signs of becoming the least little bit down at heel I send them to be mended at once. Not only are 'down at the heel' shoes unsightly, but by wearing them when in this condition you permanently spoil their shape. I never leave my boots lying about the room and am most particular in regard to their cleaning. I keep a special chamol leather with which I give them an extra polish when they are cleaned.

"People tell me that I am fussy over my clothes. Well, perhaps I am, but if I were not I could not manage to look half so nice for such a small outlay."

## SOME TIME SAVERS.

When a skirt is finished it is well to press it on the wrong side. To do this successfully a damp cloth and a hot iron should be used.

An excellent way to mend a silk umbrella is to fasten a piece of wet black court plaster over the hole on the inside of the umbrella and leave it to dry.

When emptying feathers from one pillow to another sew the openings of one to the other. In this way no feathers will be wasted.

When ironing any garment with sleeves be sure to iron the sleeves first. The remainder of the garment may be ironed with fewer wrinkles.

Wax the thread well before stringing beads or sewing them on material. This makes the work easier and gives a stronger fastening.

A towel rack with the three arms placed on the inside of the closet or wardrobe will be found handy to place the neckties on. They can be easily selected without hunting through the box.

## Imitation Furs.

Skunk fur is more fashionable even this year than it was last. Of course it is expensive, but, then, how beautiful it is!

A thriving industry in imitation furs has sprung up within recent years. Rabbit and other similar skins are dressed to imitate the more expensive furs as closely as possible. In some cases the imitations are very good, especially in the case of the better imitations of fox furs.

A great deal of art has been applied to this imitation, and so it is that, whereas five years ago many women would scorn to wear imitation furs, today they hail them with delight, for some of them are so well got up that none but trained observers would notice their difference from the real articles.

## For Blackheads.

Blackheads must first be steamed over boiling water and then squeezed out gently. You need not worry yourself about them unless they are really noticeable, for if you try to squeeze them while they are still quite tiny you will only hurt your face. Just let them alone till they begin to stand up a little from the skin. At this time they are loose and will come out easily.

## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest from the Seat of Government.

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### The War Game in a Country of Peace

There appears to be a new opportunity for the "oldest inhabitant" or the "only survivor" of the Fiji-Australian war to fix the time when the American lords of the army and navy did not bemoan the unpreparedness of our fighting machines, and the lack of men to uphold properly the peace and dignity of our country. This we are reminded by the declaration of General Wood, chief of the staff of the army, is just simply tee-r-r-ible—plus a big T and a vowel. Ah, but let us hail the senator from Oregon, who adds a dash of hope to his remorse. "An army without adequate material for war is useless," says Senator Chamberlain, and he adds that he believes in pursuing a liberal policy toward the army.

While the generals of the army are bewailing the conditions in their end of the war game, the admirals of the navy are crying enough tears to float one of those extra \$10,000,000 ships that they want Congress to vote. The secretary of the navy declares that we are going to have an "air navy" along with other instrumentalities of destruction, and he wants to supply every ship with a flying machine. Senator Burton of Ohio points out that about one-third of all the money raised by the government goes into the war game, or in paying the damage, through pensions, etc. And he wonders why, as do millions of others, since we are a people of peace!

Still, "wondering" counts for little, since the gentlemen whom Uncle Sam decorates with his finest gold cord and tassel are able to demonstrate any day in the week how our "niggardly" government has impoverished the army and navy so that mostly any old tenth-rate power could lick the boots off us. There is hope though since that red-headed congressman from New York Fitzgerald, is about due to arise again and make a statement. A twelve-month ago he blew the foam from the high seas which broke over his banquet "schooner" and told an assembly of military and naval men something like this:

"You said that if we would build the Panama Canal it would be easier to protect our seacoast; now you want the number of ships doubled. You said that for the same reason we would need fewer soldiers, yet you now want to put 50,000 troops on the isthmus. For heavens sake why don't you play fair, and tell the truth, about what you do need—and what you simply want?" Fitzgerald belongs to Tammany Hall, and equally deplorable is the fact that he is a New York lawyer. But let joss sticks be burned before his tabernacle in thankfulness that he is chairman of the committee of appropriations in the house of representatives.

### The Nerve of Some People

Bidding them not to remember how he succeeded in convincing the best medicine men of the army and navy that he "couldn't live six months," and thereby securing a pardon from prison—former Banker Morse of New York has asked Congress and the department of justice to investigate the matter of his conviction. He alleges in substance that he "wasn't any worse" than the rest of the big plungers in the New York financial game in 1907, but Morse went to the pen and the others did not. When Al Jennings was restored to full citizenship after having been pardoned from prison where he was serving a sentence for train robbery, it was just after he had helped to pull off a moving picture stunt at the White House showing how a wolf could be caught by hand. Now Jennings is talking of running for governor of Oklahoma. Washington admired the Jennings' nerve, just as New York does that of Morse, who independent of his recent Washington excursion, is getting together a few little "trusts" and syndicates at the metropolis.

Standardization of the Post Offices Standardization in the postoffices of the country is aimed at by Postmaster General Burleson, who has selected some of his best postoffice inspectors to tour the country, establishing uniform methods of handling mail in some of the larger offices.

Six Years; Including Last Nine Months Biff—bang! Congress is off again, saving the country in the same old way, and pulling the continuous performance that has now been in process for more than six years. Great years those must have been, too! Six years ago: Why Roosevelt was president then, busting the trusts, changing the spelling books, lecturing the women on account of the scarcity of babies, razzing Congress, and putting nature fakers and lords of the railroads and frenzied finance into the Annanias class. Likewise he was preparing to have the confirmation of William Howard Taft made by the Republican party and voters. It was done.

Then came the Payne-Aldrich tariff and other painful things, including reciprocity with Canada, in which the latter country refused to reciprocate. William Howard, it is sometimes said, had a private wire into "Brother Charlie's lair," down near Wall Street—anyhow it has been more or less definitely settled that those rich brothers helped to "queer" their poor but famous relative. "Howsomever," it was generally accepted that "old Bill's all right," until a period just before the Chicago convention, when Teddy started in to recall his appointment. Just a little less than two years ago the correspondent of THE WASHINGTON STANDARD dropped into Taft headquarters—rent \$1000 a week—and heard the assistant bazon of the institution who still retains a box stall in the Republican Congressional committee, remark: "Oh, what do we care about Teddy and his rear—we've got the delegates." True enough, they had 'em, and lest it be generally accepted that William Howard Taft was always considered a failure, let us recall that up to the night of election, the Republicans in Washington, and they parrot the sentiment of the country, stood on their very tiptoes and fairly shouted that "Taft's all right."

Passing the post mortems, if you please, there was inducted into the presidency less than a year ago a veritable political upstart. Three years before most people who did not know an alma mater from a hoopless barrel, or a sorority from "soriasis" of the liver were asking: "Hey, Wilson, did you say—who's he? Oh yes, Princeton, Grover Cleveland, Buzzard's Bay. Oh sure, s-h-u-r-e, I know about him." Down the avenue came the bands and the Democratic clubs and Governor "Bill" Sulzer wearing a slouch hat and chewing tobacco. A mackerel sky and soft warm breezes delighted the assembled suffragettes and other millions in painless contrast to the howling, yowling winds and the blinding snow of the fourth of March four years previous. Those were bad omens for William Howard Taft, and in his quiet retreat at Yale he has plenty of time to reflect over it all.

Woodrow Wilson in nine months has forced a new tariff and a great big currency bill through Congress. Now he has tackled the "trusts" and with his well trained boys in the two houses he can do just whatever he wants to do with the crowds of Mammon. Up in Wall Street the little billionaires are trembling in their patent leathers and they have given up as licked. Of course the policies of the present administration have yet to prove their efficiency, or fail. Anyhow, it would be a shortsighted opponent who would attempt to discount the results of these initial nine months. Is Wilson popular in Washington? Hardly—Washington hasn't got his size yet, any more than has the rest of the country. But Wilson has the number of every big and little politician who signs his name on official stationery. While there are plenty of people who are "after him," yet the tale so far is a simple one. 'Tis this: For nine months he has been the magnificent and undisputed cock o' the walk.

It may be different later on, maybe, maybe not; nobody knows.

### Tuberculosis and Cancer Curing

Secretary Lane's energy in cornering the radium beds so that everybody can get a hundred thousand dollars worth, and thereby get rid of his cancer, a la Congressional style, meets with the approval of the nation. Along with this comes a story that the public health service of the federal government is optimistic over experiments being conducted in New Mexico by which air is pumped into the patients pleural cavity every day or two to maintain pressure, and the results observed by means of the X-ray. The lung, figuratively speaking, is put into an "air split" and nature is given a chance to cure.

### POWDERED EGGS NEXT

"U" Instructor Predicts New Form of Cackleberries for housewives.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, Jan. 23—Housewives in the future will do their cooking with powdered eggs, and thus get the laugh on the usual high prices of winter cackleberries, according to experiments now being conducted by the home economics department of the University of Washington.

"There is no reason at all why dry and powdered eggs cannot be used in cooking as well as fresh eggs," said Miss Elizabeth Rothermel, who is in charge of the experiments.

"The United States government recommends them highly, saying that they contain all the nutrients of strictly fresh eggs. The present price of powdered eggs is \$1 a pound, which is equivalent to fresh eggs at 34 cents a dozen. Eggs are 73 per cent. water and can be dried into composite form without any loss of nutriment."

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## WANTS MORE POWER TO CLEAN ORCHARDS

### Commissioner Perkins Says State's Horticultural Statutes Are Deficient.

That the horticultural laws of this state are very deficient is the statement of Commissioner J. H. Perkins of the department of agriculture, who says further that a considerable revision of the laws will be attempted at the next session of the legislature by the agricultural department of the state.

"There is no reason why the horticultural law should not be as effective as the dairy law, or the food inspection law, or the live stock code," said Commissioner Perkins. "We can go in and make an insanitary dairy clean up or stop selling milk; we can make a dealer in food stuffs destroy unwholesome goods; we can make a stock man kill his diseased horses. But there is no way of making a delinquent farmer or orchardist rid his trees of pests.

"An orchard may be allowed to run down and become highly infected with vermin of various kinds and be an actual menace to other orchardists of the community, who want to develop the fruit industry of their section, and we cannot compel him to clean up his property. I think that the law should be remedied in this respect, and I am sure that all of the active fruit growing interests of the state are agreed on this.

"Of course, we find the farmers and orchardists in most cases ready to cooperate when they are shown the true situation, but there are some who don't want to go to the expense of cleaning up their orchards, and who are unwilling to cut them down and burn the diseased trees. There are orchards in this county that have never been taken care of, and that have almost every known fruit pest in them, but which the owners object strenuously to cleaning up."

District Inspector R. L. Dalton of this section of the state has been making an active campaign in the interest of clean orchards for some weeks, and has had a number of Thurston county farmers agree to cut out their old, moss-covered trees and burn them, as reported in the STANDARD last week. Others have refused to do so, and it is stated that some orchards in this county are actually a menace to the fruit industry.

### Less Politics Now at "U" (Camas Post.)

The muddle at the state university seems to be in a fair way of an amicable adjustment, since the appointment of a new board of regents by the governor. The character of the new appointees would indicate that there will be less of politics and more of real management.



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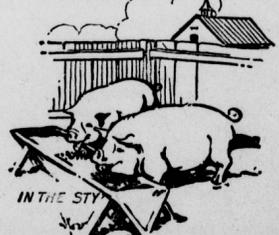
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