

good strong suds and fill the tub with the sudsy water.

After it cools stir the mess up with a stick a few times, and in the morning you can rub these clothes out in another tub of water and get rid of them about as fast as you can handle them.

You can shake washing powder over the clothes when you put them to soak and put on your water, only washing powders sometimes hurt fine clothes, and occasionally take off the hide.

Clothes soaked twelve hours or more in suds clean easily. They do not need boiling, and generally a single rubbing is enough.

After you have rubbed them out, rinse them in warm water, and any that appear to need more rubbing can be quickly finished. Finish the white clothes in a tub of lukewarm water that has a shake or two of bluing mixed in it, wring out, hang out, and let the sun do the rest.

Colored clothes can be washed in the suds left from the white clothes' first washing, and rinsed through one tub of warm water.

If there's a baby in the house, and some day wife can't handle the diapers, throw the ones not badly soiled in a hot suds, leave them as long as you can, pour off the water, put on some more suds, take down the wash board, rub each diaper with a cake of soap, rub it up and down two or three times on the board, wring out, rinse in clean warm water, and hang on the line.

You can keep a baby in diapers by washing an hour twice a week,

after getting the hang of it.

Don't forget to loosen the screws on the wringer when you put it away.

If you have electric lights get an electric iron. You can press your own pants and save enough to buy an iron in a few months.

With an electric iron you can smooth out the flat pieces, like towels, napkins and handkerchiefs about as fast as you can pick them up. Take in your clothes when they are still damp, fold them in the shape they are to be when ironed, and then go at them with a hot iron, being sure it doesn't stay long enough in one spot to scorch.

Ironing is fun, that is, the plain smoothing ironing that the man has to do. Starched clothes do not come in the emergency class, so long as the laundries are working.

About pressing pants. Use a lintless cloth, dampened frequently. First press out the baggy knees and the remains of the old creases. The moisture and the hot iron draw up the bagginess.

Then fold one leg so that the side seams come together at the bottom and the crease runs straight up to the inside suspender button, next the fly. Iron each leg on each side. Don't forget to dampen the cloth frequently. Use care in turning a leg over.



Let father do your Christmas shopping early, if he gets to chinning about the way you're hanging back.