

orders to her son and daughter-in-law and expects them to be carried out to the letter. While she likes her daughter-in-law in a way, she constantly complains that she is not doing enough work. That she is a poor manager, that when she herself was young, she could do many times as much work as her daughter-in-law. Her whole attitude, her words and actions are a continual condemnation of the daughter-in-law. What may be the outcome?

Why do I refer to these cases? What good will this reference do? It cannot help the two first unfortunate. Possibly it may do no good at all. It may be, however,—let us hope not,—that amongst those who read this there will be some who may be led to inquire into the conditions in their own homes. Possibly there are some who unconsciously are playing similar parts. Should such prove to be the case, and through reading this article they should be led to recognize the serious affects that may result from their attitude and actions, then the writing of this letter will not have been in vain."—The Country Philosopher.

Housecleaning Time

Plan your housecleaning campaign a week ahead. Have jotted down on paper, or at least firmly fixed in your mind, just what your plan of work is to be, so that things will move like clockwork. Also prepare most of your dinner the day before, so that you won't have to cook a large meal just when you are perhaps the busiest.

Old newspapers should be saved for a week or two ahead in anticipation of this day, for they are invaluable for housecleaning. Indeed, in the general daily work of the kitchen they are mighty good things to have at hand. The windows can be polished on with them, stoves rubbed up, and any floors that you are particularly anxious to keep the least spot off of may have a thick layer of old papers laid over them. They are also handy for table tops and other highly polished surfaces, and may be thrown away with a clear conscience when the battle against dirt is over with.

Dusting and floor cloths, window-rags and the like should be all clean and ready beforehand, and several yards of fresh cheesecloth be on hand for finishing off baseboards, paint and glassware.

It is a good idea to keep one room to work from, and the room containing the least furniture is best suited to this purpose. Pile the furniture carefully in a corner, cover it with old carpet or spreads; lay paper over the floor and window-sills, and up against the baseboards for protection from paint spatters. Here you may mix your paints and varnish with impunity, keep your floor oils and cleaning fluids, and not be always picking

them up and carrying them from one place to the other. This work-room may be cleaned last.

In packing away clothes and other perishable goods a plan worth trying is as follows: If you have a closet to spare, first burn some sulphur in it, next with a small bellows blow insect powder into the cracks between the floor and baseboards, then line the closet with tar paper, being sure to place the folds of the paper well over one another, tacking closely. Have place them and things ready aired, as usual, sewing bags of camphor balls, cedar chips or tar balls into them if you like. Keep this closet closed and locked, though if a house was on fire it would be well to take the contents out once during the season and hang in the sunlight for a whole day. This in the South. Blankets, rugs and curtains may be wrapped in tar paper or bags, sealed up and laid on the floor of this closet.

A good way to keep blankets fresh after they have been cleaned is to make a slip of cheesecloth to go over each blanket. This slip can be taken off and washed as often as necessary and will preserve your blankets from dust and light soil. It is an excellent idea.

If you are going to put linen covers on your sofa cushions do not simply slip them on over the others. Remove the heavier ones, clean, and you are placing your winter articles, made with buttons and buttons, should be so that they may be easily removed and laundered as often as ordinary pillow slips.

All painted floors of ordinary pine boards should be gone over with crude oil or a coating of paint, and rugs of home made—such beautiful ones are possible in a day—or matting heavy rugs. Walls that are to be papered or kalsomined should be done, ular housecleaning begins.

If you have wooden bedsteads, they should be taken apart at least twice a year, placed out in the yard or on the roof, and left to the searchings of the sun's rays; also common gasoline should be simply flooded over them, keeping it away from all fire or flame or lamps. Then with a toothbrush scrub the mattress wherever there is a seam or button, made of the beaten whites of two eggs and a half-ounce of quicksilver.

Your summer draperies go up last, dotted swiss curtains hang before every window, table and tub covers have a new dress of enamel cloth, not omitting a generous portion of this last for a place back of your stove in order to save your newly kalsomined wall.

There are many devices and methods that aid the housekeeper at housecleaning time. The following suggestions will probably be of practical use: The scraps of soap that have accumulated throughout the past months can now be used to advantage. Before the actual cleaning day a kerosene emulsion can be made by taking pieces of a good white soap about the size of half a cake or bar, shave these finely, and add them to a quart of warm water in which two tablespoonfuls of powdered borax has been thrown. Place this on the fire and after which add this soap is dissolved, oil, bottle at once, and cork tightly. And there will be ready for use at any time.

Another kerosene emulsion, which is also most serviceable, and should be always kept on hand, is made from a bar of old white soap shaved fine. Dissolve this in two quarts of hot water, and stir until it makes thick lard. Then heat smooth and add a large

tablespoonful of borax made wet with cold water. Following this add two tablespoonfuls of kerosene, stir for a minute before adding two tablespoonfuls of household ammonia; bottle and cork.

A pulverized soap can be made by dissolving in half a gallon of boiling water, five pounds of sal-soda; to this add ten pounds of shaved good laundry soap; melt this slowly, but do not boil, when nearly melted stir until it is a uniform thick mass, then place in tumblers or jars having the top wider than the bottom. When it is cool and solid, run a sharp knife around the edges and turn the cake on to a clean cloth. With a sharp knife divide each cake into thin strips, place on clean wrapping-paper and let them dry in a draft of air. If properly dried, the strips will be brittle and more easily rubbed into a coarse powder. If desired, the soap may be kept in bars as ordinary soap.

The Summer Care of Furs

Mrs. R. T. Gillespie, Durham Co., Ont.

One is often at a loss to know just how to best care for furs during the summer season when moths, etc., are liable to attack them. I have frequently wondered how the large furriers ensure themselves against loss from insects on the stock that they carry between seasons. Many recipes are advanced for the purpose of protecting furs from moths. While in Toronto recently I decided to find out at least one up-to-date practice in this particular. I was in Dineen's fur store and on inquiry learned that their practice was to store their furs in ordinary tar building paper.

For a fur-lined coat, for instance, strips of paper were cut off the roll and one sheet was placed under each sleeve of the coat. A larger oblong was placed over the main part of the lining, then the whole was packed away. There is no reason why anyone may not store furs in this manner. Tar building paper is very cheap, and there is usually some on hand on the average farm.

Just for To-day


Lord, for to-morrow and its needs
I do not pray;
Keep me from sin and stain and wrong
Just for to-day.
Let me both diligently work
And duly pray;
Let me be kind in word and deed
Just for to-day.
Let me be swift to do Thy will,
Prompt to obey;
Help me to sacrifice myself
Just for to-day.
Let me no wrong or idle word
Unthinking say;
Set Thou a seal upon my lips
Just for to-day.
So, for to-morrow and its needs
I do not pray;
But keep me, guide me, hold me, Lord,
Just for to-day.

—Selected.

New Institute Work

It is evident that the members of the Women's Institutes of Ontario do not spend all their time on home problems, food and the exchange of recipes. The following information furnished by Mr. G. A. Putnam, Supt. of Women's Institutes for Ontario, will surely be of interest to all members of women's institutes.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture has arranged for the holding of 670 women's meetings throughout Ontario during the coming summer. This is over 50 more than last year and creates a departmental record. All the constituencies will be covered, except a few in eastern Ontario, and organized meetings will be held in those districts which were never served before. The series in-



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cludes over 100 meetings in northern Ontario, which indicates the growth of settlement and agricultural effort in the newly-organized districts.

The Women's Institutes are materially extending the scope of their influence and effort. Many public-spirited enterprises have been undertaken by their organizations. In Mantoulin they purchased a buggy for the Presbyterian student who ministers to the spiritual needs of the district. In another locality they erected a fine fence around the local burying ground.

In two villages they undertook the lighting of the streets at night. At other points they have defrayed the expense of putting in drains and water service, while in a great number of places they have inaugurated and paid for a tree-planting and beautifying campaign. In Parkhill the Institute has entered into a co-operative campaign with the Grand Trunk for the beautifying of the surroundings of the railway yards.

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