

OUR HOME PAGE

HOUSEHOLD NOTES

TO FILL HOT WATER BAG

When filling a hot water bottle pour in enough water to fill it one-third full. Then place the bag on a flat surface, flat side down, and gently raise the neck of the bag, filling it until the water appears at the base of the nozzle. Then quickly screw in the top. By exhausting the air in this manner I find that the heat is retained for a considerable length of time.

A protest, has been raised by some girls against the use of the term "flappers" as applied to themselves. They prefer to be called "moderns."

But the name in itself is not of so much importance as what it stands for. If the word "flapper" has a bad reputation, the girls should change it and give it a good one. They can do this by showing that while they are cultivating independence and resourcefulness they still possess the girlish qualities which everybody is compelled to admire.

Many of the names originally bestowed in derision have come to be regarded as honorable.

COCOA STAINS

To remove a cocoa stain that has been allowed to dry on a linen cloth, stretch the marked portion over a jug or basin, sprinkle with borax, and pour boiling water through it. Repeat if necessary.

OWN A HOME, PANACEA FOR MARITAL TROUBLES

"The couple who own their home are in little danger of grounding on the divorce rocks," according to Judge Joseph Cabath, of the Superior Court of Cook County, Illinois, known nationally for his work as a divorce judge.

"Very few people who own their homes come into the divorce courts," Judge Cabath said in a recent address. "Men are eager to stay in their own homes, to drive a nail or two and cut the grass. Having a home of her own gives the wife the opportunity to serve her husband that she does not have in rented quarters and this will make him love her more. If the home is hers she, too, will improve it and create a home life that will be attractive to and hold her husband."

TESTED FAVORITE RECIPES

Pumpkin Sausages

(By Mrs. Aylmer Macpherson)

One cup cooked and strained pumpkin, 1-2 cup of finely chopped salt pork; fine crumbs, 3 table-spoons finely minced onions, 1-2 teaspoon white pepper. Mix the pumpkin, pork and seasoning. Form into flat cakes, roll in crumbs and brown slowly in melted fat in the frying pan. If pumpkin is very moist add 1-2 cup of crumbs to the mixture before shaping into cakes.

BURNING COKE

Kindle fire in the usual way. When fire is well started, fill the furnace with coke, and then shut off all drafts. Open all cool air dampers to check the fire as much as possible. If the fire should go out, do not dump. Just build a new fire on top of the old one.

Keep a large bed of fire, for it is more economical to have a large bed of fire with low drafts on than a small fire forcing under strong drafts.

To bank the fire for overnight, fill the fire box as full as it will hold, even several inches above the door level. Open all drafts and let fire get a good start for about five minutes. Then close off all drafts, open all check drafts and if this is not sufficient check leave the feed door ajar.

To bank, throw on a few shovels full of coke screenings, pea coal or ashes over the top of the fire, which will in ordinary cases hold the fire overnight, and keep the house warm.

Some Suggestions

Do not allow ashes to accumulate in ash pit. Shake the fire only once a day. It is better to poke the fire from above around the edge of fire pit, rather than clear the grate bars of ashes by shaking. Coke burns better and lasts longer when moist. To get lasting and best results from coke make it burn slowly.

The white of an egg will remove chewing gum from anything. Rub the egg white on the gum and it will remove it from cloth, hair or hands without leaving a spot.

THRILLS IN LIFE OF MEN WHO RADIO TOWERS

A series of remarkably lofty radio towers have recently been erected by the British post office, at Hillmorton, to flash message direct to Australia and India. Up the centre of the main mast, which is eight hundred and twenty feet high, crawls a small electric elevator, and a vivid idea of the height of this tower is impressed upon the mind when it is realized that the elevator takes twelve minutes to ascend from the ground to the summit.

So far above the earth are these aerial masts that clouds often veil the tops from the eyes of the observer gazing up from below, and if he stands on the top of the tower, looking down from that dizzy height, he sees only a floor of clouds into which the slender steel mast vanishes earthward. Strangely, these tall towers are both based directly upon the earth, but rest upon a ball, so that when the winds blow, the girders and lattice-work of the towers sway gently to and fro.

The men who built these towers of steel, far transcending in height the skyscraper, endured great physical hardship. Rains and cold winds made this work difficult and hazardous, for often they could not descend from their lofty construction stage where they were hammering, riveting or painting, with only a narrow steel girder between them and death.

It cost seventy-five thousand dollars to erect one only of these mast towers, and altogether, two hundred thousand dollars has been spent on the equipment of this radio station.

THERE SHOULD BE NO EMIGRATION FROM CANADA

Over 500,000 Canadians have gone to the U. S. A. for jobs, since the Liberal Party took office in 1921. Think of this stupendous loss of fine men and women, which we have educated and developed by our taxes.

The Canadian government pays a subsidy to encourage immigration from Europe, many of whom cannot speak, read or write English, these and their children gain education more or less at our expense.

Yet, in the face of all this expense, the Liberal party have framed a tariff policy deliberately, which closes industries by the thousand and has driven 500,000 Canadians to the States.

These exiles should be brought back to Canada, by a vigorous national policy of Canada for the Canadians. Those exiles if residing in Canada would be buying Canadian goods, paying Canadian taxes, make traffic for Canadian railroads, and help in restoring Canadian prosperity.

Instead of this these people are forced to reside in the U. S. A., are buying U. S. A. goods, paying American taxes, making traffic for American railroads, and building up American prosperity.

Vote to stop the leak. Stop the emigration to the States. Vote to bring your boys and girls back home. Reunite your families.

BEAUTIFUL HANDS

In these days of dainty, perfect grooming the application of creams and massaging of the hands are equally important functions of the boudoir as the care of the face and throat, head and scalp. It is especially important to give the hands regular and careful attention during the summer.

In washing the hands, one should be very certain of the quality of the soap, and select that which seems to agree best with the skin. When the skin is inclined to dryness, one of the almond-meal preparations will frequently be found less drying and keep the hands in better condition than soap would.

More Building in Toronto

Building permits to the value of \$19,465,960, have been issued by the city architect's department to date this year. The amount for the corresponding period last year was \$17,116,968, the increase this year being \$2,348,992. There is to date, however, a decline for the month of September, during which in 1924 permits representing a value of \$2,640,120 were issued as against \$1,848,930, a decrease of \$791,190.

Issue Cards for Snow Shovelers

Toronto, Ont.—The Toronto Employment Bureau is making its plans to do something to meet the emergency unemployment of the winter months, as the officials stated recently to issue their snow-shoveling cards. The system to be followed is much the same as that of a year ago, when 3,500 cards were issued to the city's married men; and the same rule is to apply with regard to the men who are entitled to receive a card. Only married men who have been living in Toronto for one year or more will be given a card; and this card will entitle the holder to a job at snow-shoveling whenever there is any call for such work. In emergency cases, where single men can show that they are the sole support of a widowed mother, cards will also be issued, but the general idea is that the married men should have the preference at such work. The city is being divided into sections, and within a month the snow-shoveling shacks will be put up at various points, to be used as the headquarters from which the shovelers will work when the call comes.

Bookbinders Strike for Pay Raise

London.—One thousand two hundred members of the National Union of Printing and Paper Workers have ceased work over the refusal of their employers to discuss an application for an increase in wages of 17s. 6d. per week.

As a result of a seven weeks' dispute in 1922, these workers suffered a reduction of 19s. 6d. per week.

The agreement covering this reduction was terminated on September 31 by the union giving three month's notice.

The union subsequently put forward new proposals on behalf of their London members, in which was embodied the application for the increase.

At a recent meeting the employers refused to discuss these proposals, and the negotiations broke down.

Moscow Paper Starts Paris Edition

Paris.—The Moscow newspaper Izvestia, chief organ of the Soviet Government, has announced that it will begin publication of a Paris edition, and this journalistic extension of the Soviet's operations is attracting keen political interest. The Paris Izvestia will be printed for the most part in Russian, but with two pages in French.

White Russian emigres here say the chief purpose of the new edition is to offset the influence of the anti-Communist gathering of White Russians, which is planned to be held in Paris in January, 1926.

For the ten months of 1925, Jan-revenues of the National System amounted to \$20,455,721, as compared with \$10,769,664 in the same period of 1924, and \$1,114,717 in 1923.

A FOOLISH MOTHER

A woman I know who was the eldest of a large family, not too rich, had to work very hard during her girlhood. She cooked, did house work, looked after the younger children, did without many things she wanted and when she married and her daughter was born, she said: "My daughter will have all the things I missed," and so she has never demanded anything of her child. She lavished the most expensive toys on the child, and every luxury she could give her, with the result that now, at fifteen, the girl is utterly useless in the house, does not even know how to make a cup of tea, and expects (and gets) the latest styles in frocks, while her mother's hats and dresses are remade and turned and made again. Everyone says, "What a selfish, stupid girl," but I say "What a selfish, stupid mother!" She has gratified her own passion for giving at the child's expense. They are not wealthy people and the girl will some day marry without the knowledge of how to manage a house or even of how to tell anyone else what to do.

Decrease in Deaths

The Workmen's Compensation Board awarded during the month of November \$469,162.91 in benefits, \$404,011.06 of this being compensation and \$65,151.85 medical aid. Accidents reported during the month numbered 5,062, of which 23 were fatal.

The year 1925 shows an increase of 656 over the year 1924 in number of accidents reported to date, figures for the eleven months of 1925 being 54,805, as compared with 54,149 during the same period last year. The number of death cases, however, has decreased from 361 in 1924 to 317 in 1925. The benefits awarded during the eleven months of 1925 totalled \$5,961,599.65, as compared with \$5,672,216.60 during the same period of 1924.

Consider Proposal of Trade Congress

London.—In the House of Commons L. C. Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions, said the proposal of the Trades Union Congress that arrangements should be made where by old age pensions could be paid to prospective settlers leaving Great Britain to join their families in overseas dominions would be considered by the Inter-Departmental Committee. This committee of officials of the various ministries, and the Overseas Settlement Committee, was appointed a short time ago to deal with old age pensions, national health and unemployment insurance in connection with migration matters.

Itinerant Workers Moving to Cities

New York, N. Y.—The itinerant workers of the country are commencing to move into the cities and out again, bound for winter jobs, but the volume of industrial employment remains undiminished and purchasing power is tremendous. Evidence of that fact was given in the stores of nearly every section of the country during the week. Christmas buying has already reached a volume where merchants expect to extend store hours. Extra employees, put to work by the thousands, have not been entirely adequate to handle the crowds of customers in some cities.

Rail Workers May Not Carry Mussolini

London.—British Trade unionists are likely to give Mussolini a warm reception if he persists in visiting England to sign the Locarno treaties, as he is scheduled to do.

John Bromley, secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen declares that the railroad workers are quite likely to refuse to move Benito and his fascist cohorts, if they come.

"Our union," says Bromley, "has not yet considered the matter, but it would not surprise me if some of our members refused to work on a train carrying this dictator. If the volume of murmurs increases, our executive committee may have to consider the question officially."

Appointed to Settle Chinese Strike

Hong Kong.—Sir Paul Chater, D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Chow Shep Son and R. H. Kotewall were recently appointed delegates to Canton to initiate negotiations toward a settlement of the long-standing anti-foreign strike. The appointments were made by the general Chamber of Commerce. The Chinese visiting delegates here on a similar mission greeted the action with shouts of acclamation.

The Return of Prosperity

For months, predictions have been made of improvement in the business conditions of Canada. Economic surveys that have recently been made indicate that greater prosperity is already at hand.

The crop returns show that the purchasing power of the farming community will be greater, and it will be more widely distributed. In the prairie provinces the increase over 1924 in wheat is 165 million bushels, and in oats 169 million bushels. The iron and steel mills have large orders. Mineral production records show a steady advance. In the pulp and paper industry, production and shipments for the first eight months were 988 thousand tons as compared with 907 thousand tons in the same period of 1924. During September exports were 23 millions more than in September of last year. In the first six months of the fiscal year ended September, Canada's total exports were 571 millions against 482 millions last year.

A time of prosperity is not without grave moral dangers. A boom period presents many temptations. Canadians have not forgotten the frenzied real estate speculations of fifteen years ago. Many companies also, that issued stock in days of piping prosperity, never got much further than the selling of the stock. The get-rich-quick fever spread like an epidemic. If Canada is to experience another period of expansion, it is to be hoped that sound business standards and practices will be observed.

Not only should particular attention be paid to business practice but a period of prosperity will surely bring in to Canada an influx of new people. Their temporal wants will be supplied through business. Their educational, moral and spiritual needs should have equal consideration, if they are to be properly assimilated and become good Canadian citizens. What Canada needs to-day is men and women at the helm of government, school and church who can and will give proper leadership and who are ready to put personal fame or benefit in the background of their effort to build up Canada.

OLD AGE PENSIONS MEASURE ADVOCATED FOR DOMINION

Ottawa, Ont.—An old age pensions measure for Canada is advocated in a motion placed on the order paper of the House of Commons by Thomas L. Church, Conservative member for Toronto-Northwest.

Iron Workers' Strike Settled

Boston, Mass.—The strike of structural iron workers, affiliated with the Building Trades Council of Boston, has been settled. The U. S. Labor Department's representative reports that these workers went out for an increase from \$1.10 per hour to \$1.25. They returned to work at the old rate; but it is understood that a bonus of 15 cents per hour will be allowed.

Revenue Increases

For the month of October, 1925, the net revenues of the Canadian National Railways, after the payment of the operating expenses, were \$8,159,358, an increase of \$3,466,115 over October, 1924, and of \$2,974,941 over 1923.

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