

Tips On Buying Household Linens



It's a wise homemaker who shops for household linens at the traditional January White Sale. Whether you buy muslin or percale, decide in advance whether you want regular sheets or the fitted type. Fitted sheets, by way, can be chosen for top or bottom use. You'll find fitted sheets in color, six different patterns, and of course, white. There's new pink lilac, for homemakers who have

been seeking orchid sheets. And a lovely rich true blue. In buying bath towels, look for a firm, close weave. This is best seen at the plain area of the towel, near the hem or border, where there is often a strip without loops. For drying a terry towel's loops, being like small sponges, create its absorbency. The more of course, white. There's new pink lilac, for homemakers who have

Tangerines Tops For Wintertime Snacks



Plump little Florida tangerines with slip-off peel are a bright idea for snacks this time of year. Serve the fresh sweet fruit with a platter of cheese and a bowl of hot Florida Toddy. Guests will welcome the change from the too-rich food of the holiday season. Put out a platter of the zipperskin fruit seen at Florida for the kids to enjoy as between-meal snacks. Youngsters can't get enough tangerines, and the fruit is good for them. The tangerine, like all Florida citrus fruit, is an excellent source of vitamin C, a nutrient we need daily. Florida Toddy is a new combination of Florida orange juice, cranberry juice cocktail and spices. Here's the recipe:

Florida Toddy
 2 cups Florida orange juice
 1 cup cranberry juice cocktail
 1 cup sugar
 1 teaspoon whole cloves
 2 sticks cinnamon
 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
 6 Florida orange slices

Combine all ingredients except orange slices in sauce pan. Place over low heat, bring to boiling point; simmer 5 minutes; strain. Pour into heated bowl or pitcher. Float orange slices on top. If desired, 1 table-spoon red cinnamon candies may be used for color; omit cinnamon sticks. YIELD: 6 to 8 servings.

Striking, startling colors in home decoration are more suitable for halls and entrance halls where little time is spent. Soft, comfortable colors such as blues, greys, greens and blue-greens provide nice backgrounds for the more lived-in rooms of a home.

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History Reveals Fascinating Customs in Use of Gloves

The tables have turned in many things over the past few centuries in what is considered fitting and proper for milady. Today the weaker sex "goes to business," drives automobiles, plays golf, and casts her vote right along with the male of the species.

One of the most surprising changes that has come about for the girls over the preceding centuries is in the wearing of gloves. While today no lady would be caught without her gloves, it has only been since the 16th Century that the wearing of gloves became a woman's prerogative. Until the time of the Reformation, the wearing of gloves was almost wholly confined to men!

AN HISTORICAL researcher recently has come up with some fascinating facts about gloves and the symbolism surrounding them. Nearly every reader of swashbuckling historical novels knows the casting down of the glove as a challenge to combat, but there are many other equally engrossing customs.

In ancient times, the glove was accepted as a symbol of faith and affection, as well as authority. Thus, rulers and other powerful men who could not always personally conduct public business transacted business by sending the glove of the right hand as a greeting and sign of good faith and honorable intention. A king would frequently send his glove to a neighboring monarch as testimony of good will or perhaps as the opening of a truce.

GLOVES WERE delivered as a pledge, to bind a bargain or to attest to the transfer of property. When a gift of lands or other offerings were made to the church, a glove was placed upon the altar as a sign of permanent tenure.

The original use of gloves was restricted to the clergy and the nobility—and this restriction was enforced by law! Then, at the beginning of the 16th Century gloves came into general use by women of the nobility.

But, as in all things, when the girls got into the act, they really take over the show. Today there are nearly three times as many women's dress and semi-dress gloves as are made for men. Last year U. S. glove makers turned out 56,430,000 pairs of dress and semi-dress gloves to cover feminine fingers.

GREAT CHANGES have come about in glove materials since medieval times. In those days gloves were made chiefly from the skins of the dog, deer, goat, kid, moose, sheep, and lamb. In the time of Queen Elizabeth gloves reached their highest state of ornamentation with lavishly trimmed leathers, silks, and embroidery—with jewels, gold, and silver hanging on them.

Today fine cotton is used more than any other material in the manufacture of women's gloves. Cotton gloves in every style and color to suit every occasion and every ensemble make up the glove wardrobe of the smart, modern woman. She is different from her Elizabethan ancestors in that she prefers the simple, tailored style to the more ornate designs. Probably the most popular single glove style is the snowy white cotton shortie which the American woman wears summer and winter.

Furniture Fashions



There is much more than meets the eye in today's furniture—so be sure to see the complete demonstration when you visit your favorite furniture store!

For instance, the table shown above may be adjusted either to dining or coffee table height. The mobile brunch cart (new streamlined version of Grandmother's tea wagon) is equipped with concealed ball-bearing wheels. It may be used as a bar, a small host bar or for TV snacks in the living room. Drop leaves and ample storage space are further features. Matching upholstered dining chairs complete this interesting lined oak group.

Double-purpose furniture is all the rage these days and has made a vast contribution to our comfort and convenience.

Food Prices Show Little Variation In Coming Months

Your family food basket will be rounded up a little more in 1953 than in 1952. National food marketing authorities expect food prices in general during 1953 to remain close to 1952 levels.

Here are some highlights on how the 1953 food situation in the United States is likely to affect your food shopping.

The most important change in our meat supply will be a somewhat larger beef supply, which will more than offset an expected decline in pork production. Total consumption of beef, pork, veal and lamb is forecast at 144 pounds per person for 1953 compared with 138 pounds per person in 1952.

Retail beef prices are likely to be moderately lower in 1953 than

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during the past year, but pork prices are expected to average close to the 1952 level.

THOSE WHO ENJOY chicken will have at least as large a supply this year as last year and perhaps a little more. There will be more broilers but fewer laying hens on farms this year. Thus we can expect a two to four percent decline in our supply of eggs and possibly slightly higher average retail egg prices.

We will use about the same amount of dairy products in general during 1953 as in 1952, except for a smaller amount of butter. Retail prices of dairy products are likely to average close to the prices in 1952—if there is a significant difference, the 1953 average prices are expected to be slightly higher.

DURING THE winter and spring months we can expect fresh supplies to be a little smaller than a year ago, but there will be more oranges on the market. Supplies

and prices of canned fruits will average about the same as they did during the first half of 1952.

For the first six months of 1953 there will be more frozen vegetables, about the same volume of fresh vegetables and a somewhat smaller supply of canned vegetables during the same months of 1952. The 1953 white potato acreage is expected to be somewhat larger than last year, and usual yields will mean a larger potato supply for 1953.

There will be plentiful supplies of cereals, fats and oils and sugar throughout 1953.

When shopping for lamp shades, what's planned to know that we consider ease of cleaning. Home economists recommend the following materials as easily cleaned: plastic, metal, simulated wood and especially treated paper.

Here's an idea for a new dessert: combine canned peaches and pears and add sweetened juice of several oranges and a lemon. It will seem like fresh fruit.

Trucks help you balance your Family Budget!



THESE ARE TRYING TIMES for the family paycheck, and the lady of the house has a man's job when it comes to balancing her budget.

She has a friend and helper in the truck, however, for, although she may not realize it, motor transport helps keep the cost of living down by cutting transportation costs.

The average family spends more for transportation than for any other item save food. So it is clear that the ability of trucks to increase the efficiency of moving goods of all kinds results in substantial savings to the consumer.

The thing we have to guard against is allowing politicians to increase taxes on trucks beyond the more than fair share they're already paying, for, you see, every tax increase on trucks actually comes right out of the people's pocketbooks in increased prices for everything they buy.

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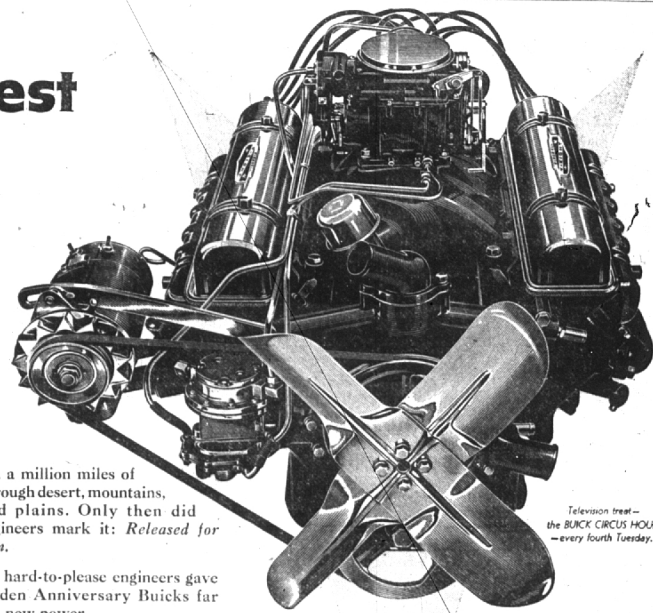
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