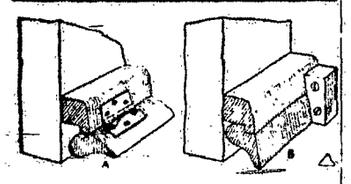
HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Effective Storm Strip For Threshold of a Door.



An effective method of keeping rain from beating in under a door is to equip the bottom edge of the door with a closing strip, as shown in the accompanying sketch says Popular Mechanics. The strip will also prevent dust from entering.

Two pieces of wood, as long as the door is wide and shaped as shown at A, are hinged together and the upper strip is fastened with screws to the door. The lower strip swings outward when the door is opened because its upper part is the heavier. When on the other hand the door is closed the lower strip strikes a block, as shown at B, which is fastened to the door casing and causes the strip to close tightly over the outside of the threshold strip.

Roast Turkey.

Select a young turkey, pick, singe, draw and wash quickly in cold water, wipe dry with towels, then season inside with one-half tablespoonful salt, fill with bread dressing; sew the turkey, rub tablespoonful salt all over it and lay in roasting pan, spread tablespoonful butter over breast then place pan in medium-hot oven to roast. Turn often and baste freely with its own gravy till the bird is a light brown on all sides, then add one cupful boiling water, continue to roast basting frequently until done allowing fifteen minutes to a pound. Place the giblets in a saucepan over the fire cover with cold water add one-half teaspoonful salt. When it boils add some onion and cook till done. Shortly before serving lay turkey on a warm dish remove threads, also fat from gravy, mix one tablespoonful corn starch with cold water, add to gravy, stir and cook three minutes, add soft part giblet broth to make creamy sauce; cook five minutes, then strain chop giblets very fine, add them to the sauce and serve.

Baked Beans.

Pick one quart of pea beans (or any other kind), cover with water and let stand overnight; drain in the morning, cover with water again and parboil just enough to crack the outer shells; then drain, rinse with cold water, put half of the beans into the pot; then add a scant teaspoonful of salt and also saleratus, one-half teaspoonful of mustard and three-quarters of a pound of lean mixed pork, two tablespoonfuls of molasses and also one of sugar. Now add another half of beans, cover with warm water and bake six hours in a moderate oven. Add more water if required.

Potato Soup.

Three medium sized potatoes boiled until tender in salted water, then mashed. Fry three tablespoonfuls of chopped onion in three tablespoonfuls of butter, add to this two tablespoonfuls of flour and one quart scalded milk. Cook five minutes, then add potato; then add one and one-half teaspoonfuls salt, one-half teaspoonful each celery salt and paprika, three tablespoonfuls of tomato ketchup, one teaspoonful chopped parsley. Serve immediately.

Homemade Soap.

In making soap, dissolve one can of potash in three pints of cold water. Let stand until cool and then stir in two tablespoonfuls of borax and half cupful of ammonia. Lastly, pour in slowly a five pound pail of grease, warm, but not hot. Stir until it begins to thicken and then pour into a shallow tin that has been well greased and covered with paper. Before it gets too hard mold it into cakes as you wish.

Pork Pie.

Cook two pounds of pork loin; cut into small pieces and cover bottom of baking dish with them. Sprinkle chopped onion, sage, salt, pepper and a dredging of flour over. Repeat the layer of meat and seasoning till the dish is filled, about three layers. Add the pork gravy or a generous cupful of stock, with two tablespoonfuls of tomato ketchup. Cover with a pie crust and bake about one hour.

Curried Oysters.

Melt one tablespoonful of butter, add one small teaspoonful of curry powder and one tablespoonful of flour and stir until well browned. Add gradually one-half cupful rich milk and one-half cupful of strained oyster liquor, season with one teaspoonful of onion juice and pepper and salt to taste; stir and cook until smooth and thick, then add one-half pint of drained oysters and cook until plump.

Sauce For Plum Pudding.

Cream together a cupful of sugar and half a cupful of butter. When light and creamy add the well beaten yolks of four eggs. Stir into this one wineglassful of wine or brandy, a pinch of salt and one large cupful of hot cream or rich milk. Beat this mixture well, place it in a saucepan over the fire stir it until it cooks sufficiently to thicken like cream. Be sure not to let it boil.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Blackie's Plight.

The day was fine, and Mrs. Pig
Came grunting round the stack
And with her came her babies ten
Nine white ones and a black.

"Now children, keep your noses down
And follow me about,
Then if some titbits lie around
You'll sure to sniff them out."

The white ones promised to be good
And do as they were told,
But Blackie shook his curly tail
And ran away and hid.

"Whatever is the good," said he
"Of walking in a row?
If a pig's bad as that old sky
I'll have some fun, I know."

And so he trotted round the yard
His nose up in the air
To see the many wondrous things
That were assembled there.

But soon there was a dreadful splash
And screams of dismal scream
For Blackie's head was held so high
He never saw the stream.

He [illegible] off,
And [illegible] Blackie's plight
She [illegible] would be the owned.

Oh [illegible] said last
[illegible]
We [illegible] take
[illegible]

But [illegible]
And [illegible]
Here [illegible] world
No [illegible]

—Toronto Eagle.

Your Fingers.

Doubtless you feel sure you know where your fingers are and certain that they will mind you when you want them to move. But if you try this experiment you will get all mixed up and won't know which finger is which.

First cross your arms in your lap with the palms of your hands facing each other fingers spread. Then clasp fingers together bring them toward you and turn them around so that you could put your little finger in your mouth (that's not a part of the experiment. It is merely to explain how you have to hold your hands).

Now look at your fingers and decide which one you want to move, or else get some one else to choose one, and you will probably find when you try to move it that you are moving a different finger from the one you wanted to move. The person who knows must not touch the finger but only point to or you will be able to tell which one you ought to move.

After you have tried the trick yourself go and try it on some one else.

Riddle and Answer.

Being a funny man he was at it again.

"I say," he remarked to those assembled, "I bet you can't answer this riddle."

"Well, what is it?" asked a chorus of voices.

"Can you name an animal that has eyes and cannot see, legs and cannot walk, but can jump as high as the Eiffel tower?"

Everybody raked his brains, and there was a deep silence for a moment.

"I don't know," remarked some one, "I give it up."

The rest of the party also signified their inability to solve the riddle.

"The answer," said the funny man, "is a wooden horse. It has eyes and cannot see and legs and cannot walk."

"Yes, but how does it jump as high as the Eiffel tower?" came the triumphant shout.

"The Eiffel tower" said the funny man as he made preparations for hurried departure, "can't jump at all!"

The Stork.

As a rule storks live in marshes and feed on reptiles, frogs and their spawn as well as on fishes and young birds. They are in all the old countries, where they live a privileged race on account of their usefulness and of the havoc they make among the noxious animals. Their migration takes place in great flocks. They are easily tamed. Of these birds the common or white stork of Europe is probably the best known. This species is from long habit very tame, approaching the dwellings of man without fear.

In the continental towns tame storks, which have been taken from the nest when young, may be often seen about the markets, where they are recognized as scavengers, cleaning the place of fish entrails and other offal to their own and the citizens' satisfaction.

Early American Weavers.

In 1640 the court of Massachusetts passed two orders directing the growth of flax, ascertaining what colonists were skillful in breaking, spinning and weaving. Boys and girls were taught to spin and weave and offered a bounty for linen grown, spun and woven in the colony. Connecticut passed similar measures. The industry received a fresh impetus through the immigration of about 100 Irish families from Londonderry. They settled in New Hampshire, on the Merrimac, in about 1719 and spun and wove with far more skill than prevailed among those English settlers who had already become Americans.

A Neat Trick.

Place three small biscuits on the table in a row and cover each of them with a borrowed hat.

Raise each hat in turn, gravely eat the biscuit and with appropriate patter and a suggestion of sleight of hand replace the hat.

Now undertake that the three biscuits shall be under whichever hat the audience may select. This promise is easily fulfilled by placing the chosen hat upon your head.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Experts Think Yamada Is Coming Billiard Champion.

Photo by American Press Association.

Maurice Daly the veteran billiard player regards Koji Yamada, the Jap, as a candidate for championship honors. In talking about Yamada recently Daly said: "He has a lot to learn, but will get a lot from observation and experience. At present he depends on his execution and lacks system. When he becomes more methodical he will be the player most likely to have a chance to beat Willie Hoppe for the championship. His temperament seems to be an ideal one for a billiard player. If he is susceptible of any emotion his immobile countenance does not betray it. Apparently all opponents look alike to him."

George Slosson's opinion of the Japanese cueist is: "He can't help but be a knuckle of tossing and nobody will have any advantage over him."

Honus Wagner Fooled By Fake Ball.

"Jake Beckley was one of the few players who ever made me look like a sucker," said young Honus Wagner the other day. "It happened in Louisville years ago and Tim Hurst was umpiring. I was on first base and saw Jake hide the ball under his arm. I told him several times I was wise to such bush league stuff, but Jake pretended he did not hear. Finally when Hurst was not looking I grabbed the ball from under Jake's right arm and threw it into right field. Then I started for second base, only to have the pitcher throw another ball to the second baseman, and I was run down between the bases. I felt so cheap I could have dropped clean through to China. Beckley had been hooking a dummy ball."

Ritchie Will Raise Weight Limit.

Willie Ritchie, the lightweight champion, will not insist on the weight being made at the ringside. While the new champion can make 133 pounds he will permit his opponent to make that poundage from three to five hours before the men are asked to begin operations in the ring.

The clubs, managers and newspaper men are asked for this change, and he is perfectly willing to make this concession.

Will Play Water Soccer.

The ax has finally fallen upon American water polo. The everlasting squabbles and fights of the past few years gradually brought it into disrepute, and the Amateur Athletic Union has dropped it and taken up water soccer instead, hence the rules of the International Federation of Swimmers will hereafter obtain.

Hopes to Play a British Rugby Team.

California is hopeful that a combined Rugby football team from the universities of Oxford and Cambridge of England will pay them a visit in 1913. The Australian team now playing in California wants the English college boys to go to Australia for a tour and will try to include California in the trip.

Olympic Medal For Oarsman Butler.

Everard F. Butler of the Argonaut Rowing club of Toronto, who represented Canada in the single sculling events at the Olympic regatta at Stockholm, has received a handsome diploma of merit and a medal from the Swedish Olympic committee.

Betting Retards Britons.

Charles E. Holway, the American professional sprinter, who has competed in various countries, declares if there was not so much betting in England there would be better athletes in that country.

To Number Basketball Players.

College basketball players will wear big numbers on their backs in future for the purpose of identification. This innovation was decided upon at the meeting of officials in New York recently.

A. A. U. Has 17,508 Members.

The National Amateur Athletic union has 17,508 registered athletes throughout the United States, also 440 clubs enrolled.

HUMOROUS QUIPS

After Many Trials.

He was a sad faced American tourist, and as he seated himself in a London restaurant he was immediately attended by an obsequious waiter.

"I want two eggs," said the American, "one fried on one side and one on the other."

"How is that, sir?" asked the astounded waiter.

"Two eggs, one fried on one side and one on the other."

"Very well, sir."

The waiter was gone several minutes and when he returned his face was a study.

"Would you please repeat your order, sir?"

"I said very distinctly two eggs, one fried on one side and one on the other."

Oppressive silence and then a dazed "Very well, sir."

This time he was gone longer, and when he returned he said anxiously:

"Would it be awfully too much, sir, to have you repeat your order, sir? I haven't the 'ave it right, sir, you know."

"Two eggs," said the American coldly and pointedly, "one fried on one side and one on the other."

More oppressive silence and another and fainter "Very well, sir."

This time he was gone still longer. When he returned his collar was unbuttoned, his hair dishevele and his face scratched and bleeding. Leaning over the waiting patron he whispered, beseechingly:

"Would you mind tyking bottled eggs, sir? I've had some words with the cook."—Ladies' Home Journal.

All Right.

A story which H. Boyd Carpenter has been heard to recount concerns an occasion when he was to perform the ceremony at a very smart wedding in a London church. As usual a great crowd of people stood about the doors and lined up on either side of the strip of red carpet. Magnificent carriages and motorcars rolled up and disgorged the splendidly dressed guests but at the end of a long string of equipages came a dejected ramshackle cab from which a diffident bridegroom timidly descended the strip of red carpet.

A couple of policemen dashed to the cab.

"Here, hi," they shouted. "You can't stop here. The bishop's just coming!"

The old cabman regarded them with a scornful eye.

"Keep yer 'air on," he said. "I've got the bloody duffer inside!"

And Dr. Carpenter opened the door and stepped out.—Strand.

A Friendly Tip.

The restaurant manager stood behind the cashier's desk wearing his stock in trade smile for each customer.

An old gentleman came up. "I notice," said he, fumbling with his wallet, "that you advertise to make your own pies."

"Yes, sir," answered the manager proudly, "we do."

"Will you permit me to offer a suggestion?"

"Certainly, sir, certainly. We should be most happy to have one."

"Well, then let some one else make 'em."—Exchange.

Just Right.

They met on the avenue.

"Well, well, old man, I haven't seen you for twenty years."

"No. It has been a long time."

"I hear you have a most interesting family."

"Yes, a wife and two grown daughters."

"Fine, fine. Just the right number for bridge."—Pittsburgh Post.

In Wrong.

He has been invited to a parlor concert and is making an effort to say something complimentary to his young hostess, who has just finished singing a song.

"And did you like it?" she asks.

"Oh, admirably. It must take a lot of nerve to face an audience, even if they are your best friends."—St. Louis Republic.

Where He Was.

"Mrs. Jipes, I think I have heard you say you have a cousin in the regular army. He is an officer, I presume?"

"Yes, he holds some responsible position, but I don't exactly know the nature of it. When he wrote to me last, he said he was in the guardhouse, whatever that is."—Chicago Tribune.

Of Course.

A certain plumbing establishment in Brooklyn has this sign on its front door: "Iron and Lead Sinks." One morning as the head of the firm was coming to work the following words were found added to the legend: "Any darn fool knows that."—Lippincott's Magazine.

No Wonder.

"Virtue is its own reward," quoted the wise guy.

"No wonder a man hates to be known as a good thing," replied the simple mug.—Philadelphia Record.

Rough on Father.

"I'm sorry for pa."

"Why?"

"Sis is going to marry a man who makes more money than he does."—Detroit Free Press.

At the Library.

"I want to get some works on electricity."

"Try the shelves marked 'Current Literature.'"—Exchange.

SNAPSHOTS AT CELEBRITIES

Major General T. H. Barry, Who May Be Chief of Staff.

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According to reports in army circles, there will be a new chief of staff when President Elect Wilson takes up his duties at Washington. Gossip has it that Major General Thomas H. Barry, now commanding the division of the east with headquarters at Governors island, New York harbor, will succeed Major General Leonard Wood as chief of staff on March 1 next. With the expiration of President Taft's term the detail of Major General Wood as chief of staff automatically ends. The chief of staff is practically the commander of the army. He is the closest military adviser of the president and secretary of war.

General Barry is a native of New York. He [illegible] years and was graduated from the College of the [illegible] of New York in 1872. The following year he entered West Point and after his graduation served for sixteen years on the plains in the various campaigns against the Indians. At the outbreak of the Spanish war he went to the Philippines as adjutant general and chief of staff. He went to Peking with Chaffee in the Boxer campaign in China and on his return to this country was made president of the Army War college at Washington. In 1907 he was sent to Cuba in command of the army of pacification and the next year received his commission as major general. In 1910 General Barry was appointed superintendent of the Military academy at West Point, going thence to his present assignment.

Maryland's New Senator.

William P. Jackson of Salisbury, who has been appointed by Governor Goldsborough to succeed the late Isidor Rayner as United States senator from Maryland, will hold office until the legislature meets in 1914.

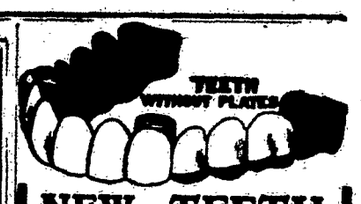
Senator Jackson has always been a liberal contributor to the Republican campaigns and is a close personal and political friend of the governor. He is now national committeeman from Maryland, having first been chosen in 1908. He was an ardent supporter of President Taft. Mr. Jackson has made a large fortune in lumbering and other industries. He is president of the National bank of Salisbury, the Home

WILLIAM PURNELL JACKSON.

Gas company of Salisbury, the Jackson Weislach company and is connected with other institutions.

He is forty four years old and has always been noted for his industry. He was educated in the Salisbury public schools and Dickinson college at Carlisle, Pa. His father served three terms in congress, and his uncle, the late Elihu E. Jackson, was Democratic governor of Maryland from 1888 until 1892.

It is well known that Mr. Jackson has long cherished an ambition to go to the United States senate. He was the choice of the Republican minority in the legislature which re-elected Mr. Rayner, and it is understood he will be a candidate at the senatorial primaries next fall.



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