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Why Not Discard the Back Breaking Spring and Fall Bouts of Old and Clean One or Two Rooms Wall Each Month?—Modern Women Are Doing This With Success.

Every housewife dreads the awful housecleaning period which comes both spring and autumn. The overstrict, too conscientious housewife observes both periods and religiously cleans every room in her house twice a year. Almost every woman cleans house at least once a year, either in spring or in autumn.

It has always seemed more sensible for city dwellers to have their housecleaning period in the autumn rather than in the spring. In the first place, the average city apartment is closed up for the summer. As tenants and occupants leave town during the hot weather.

During the hot weather much more dust sifts through windows and doors from the street and settles on the furniture than in the winter, so that when the autumn arrives another cleaning is needed.

Consequently it has always seemed more to the point to clean your home in the autumn and have it neat and in good order for occupation all through the winter. Now, we might suggest that, instead of devoting ten days or a fortnight to uninterrupted housework, you take a room at a time and do one room a week.

This idea, or one similar to it, originated in the brain of a clever housewife who had dreaded the very idea of the annual housecleaning for years. She had hated all the heavy work, bunched in together for one long stretch. Finally the idea occurred to her that by doing one room a month she would do away with that hated period. This housewife had a six room apartment, and she found that by cleaning one room the first Thursday in every month she gave every room a thorough cleaning twice a year.

So she started putting the idea into execution. The first month she cleaned the living room, the second the dining room, the third one of the bedrooms, the fourth the kitchen, the fifth the second bedroom and the sixth a little room which was used as a sort of study and the bathroom as well, because both were small enough to do in one day. Then the seventh month she began all over again.

It made no difference in the affairs of the house, because she arose a little earlier one Thursday a month and did extra baking and cooking for that Thursday on the day preceding.

She found that this method did away with all the unsettled state usually attendant on housecleaning periods, and still more important, relieved her from all that after-exhaustion which so often follows a too thorough housecleaning.

When you have the house once in condition you can adopt some such schedule and give up one day a month to cleaning thoroughly one room. You will surely be delighted with the arrangement if you once try it.

BOILED DINNERS.
 How to Cook and Serve This New England Dish.

Clean beets. Have a large kettle one-third full of boiling water. Get five pounds of fancy brisket corned beef and put beets and beef in kettle at 7:30 or 8 a. m. Peel, slice and wash turnip. Pick cabbage in pieces and look over carefully. Scrape and wash carrots and peel potatoes. Put all to soak in cold water. At 9:45 add turnip to beets and beef. Keep not boiling, adding water from kettle as it boils away. At 10:15 add cabbage; at 10:45 add carrots. Use separate kettle with a piece of pork for cabbage. Put cabbage on at 10:30. At 11:15 put in potatoes and squash, putting squash on top as it cooks quicker. As soon as the squash is soft enough in fork will pierce it easily take it up. Mash, put in a little sugar, a spoonful of butter and salt to taste. Put in serving dish and set in a warm oven, leaving door open. Take potatoes up and put in oven. Take carrots, chop and butter and put with rest. Mash turnips and butter. Take up beets into a dish of cold water, slip off skins and slice. Put beef on platter, slice enough for dinner, and put pork on platter with beef. Skim up cabbage. Cut across it several times and serve in deep dish. Put beef in center of table, potatoes at the left of beef, and arrange the other dishes around it. Always have warm apple pie for dessert with this dinner. Your dinner will be ready at 12 o'clock if these directions are followed.

HER SCHOOL COAT.
 Hoydens Like Best Plain Clothes That Are Comfy.

Prune brown broadcloth is here used for this durable garment. The skirt is corded on to a round rock closed.

Hanging Pictures.
 The largest pictures should have first choice for the most important wall space. Pictures should never be hung way up near the molding or over doors and windows. Such an arrangement gives a topsy-turvy appearance to the room and prevents the pictures from being plainly seen. The largest and most important pictures should be hung so that the bottom line is five or five and a half feet from the floor. One should strive always to have the pictures on a level with the eyes when standing upright. Never hang a picture so that it will slant away from the wall at an acute angle. When pictures are hung over the mantle or bookcase no part of the pictures or frame should be hidden by vases or other ornaments. Portraits of relatives or friends should never be hung anywhere except in the best rooms.

Baked Finnan Haddock.
 Select a thick haddock and allow it to soak in milk for one hour; then put it into the roasting pan with a little of the milk; butter it thickly, dust it with a little pepper and bake about thirty minutes. Serve on a hot platter with a little sauce made from the dish gravy and a little added cream.

Astonishing Colors.
 Some perelines accompany single creased waistcoats after the period of the revolution. The fashions for all these things are set in astonishing colorings—orange mingled with green, and light tinged tussore, shades and turquoise worked with metal threads, and silks of Egyptian coloring.

FOR AFTERNOONS.
 Striking Model For Matinee and Dressy Affairs.

This frock has a bodice and tunic of white georgette crape banded on the bottom and edges of the double



BLACK AND WHITE. capes with sealskin. The plain skirt sets off this gorgeousness, a rather straight cut one of black velvet.

BULBS FOR WINTER.
 How to Have Bloomers For the Holiday Season.

For those who like to have blooming bulbs in the house during the late fall and winter months there is a simple method that requires little time and no skill. Paper white narcissuses, Dutch Roman hyacinths and daffodils are most easily grown, although tulips, crocuses and other bulbs that are capable of being forced can be grown without difficulty.

Use shallow six or eight inch pots and any loose, sandy soil that you can get. Do the planting any time before frost. If you do it later than that the results are not likely to be so satisfactory. Fill the pots partly full of soil and place the bulbs so that there shall be some space between them; then cover them with soil to the depth of perhaps an inch, water them freely, bury the pots in the ground outside and cover them with soil to the depth of three inches. Mark the spot so that you will know where each variety of bulbs is buried. When the top of the ground begins to freeze cover the buried bulbs with leaves to keep them from freezing. The buried bulbs will at once begin to grow and will need no attention until they are ready to bring into the house.

Rapidly white narcissuses develop most rapidly, but should be allowed to remain buried for at least five weeks. When dug up they should be watered and left in the cellar or some other dark, cool place for a few days before they are brought into the full light. If placed in a cool, sunny window and watered freely they will bloom by Christmas. Other pots of narcissus may be brought in at intervals of a few days to replace those that have finished blooming.

Dutch Roman hyacinths will be ready to bring in by the middle of December and other kinds of hyacinths later. Daffodils, crocuses and tulips should remain in the ground until about the first of February and should be brought in at intervals until the first of March.

In that way, with little trouble and experience, one can have bulbs in bloom from November to April. There need be no fear of failure if, after the bulbs have been brought into the house, they get plenty of sunshine and plenty of water.

Necessities For Comfort.
 Having given to a living room that audible thing called "atmosphere," which depends so largely on the right choice of color scheme, the rest of its furnishings is chiefly a question of comfortable tables and chairs. For the first are quite as necessary to our comfort as the last. Indeed, half the comfort of a so-called "easy" chair depends upon having right at hand a big or little table to relieve you of everything from a book or workbag to a coffee cup or a cigarette. After these simple essentials add that other of comfortable lights, perhaps the hardest essential of all, and your living room, whether of high or low degree, is pretty sure to be a success. Finally, remember that as many living rooms are spoiled because of overcrowding with nonessentials as for lack of the few necessities.

Tips For Mothers.
 Intelligent motherhood conserves the nation's best crop.

Heavy eating, like heavy drinking, shortens life.

Many a severe cold ends in tuberculosis.

Sedentary habits shorten life.

Neglected ailments and defective teeth in childhood menace adult health.

A STUPID SERVIAN

By SARAH BAXTER

In the great world war, while the allies were fighting in the Balkans, one day they captured some prisoners. One of them, a Bulgarian, told the French officer who captured him that he was a Servian who had been impressed into the Bulgarian service. He did not wish to fight against his own countrymen, but for them. He wished to be enrolled in the ranks of the allies.

He had been captured by a French company commanded by Captain Leferre. The captain had lost many men and was anxious to fill his depleted ranks. Therefore, instead of sending the man to the Servian commander, he put him in among his own men. Boris was the captured man's name—that is his first name. His other name would be unpronounceable in English; therefore it is not given.

Boris was found to be without the ordinary requirements for efficiency. He seemed never to have been drilled, and his captain at once put him under a sergeant with orders to teach him the manual of arms. In an hour the sergeant reported to the captain that the man was too stupid to learn anything. He seemed to be an ignorant peasant, more like a beast of burden than a man. The captain concluded to report the case to his colonel, who reported it to the general commanding the brigade. The general was constantly finding the necessity for getting a view of the enemy.

Boris reported to the general and was made an orderly, a man to do such work for his chief as required no special education. But the general, having been informed of his stupidity, didn't trouble him to do anything but stand up to be shot. The first time the officer went to the front to have a look at his enemy he chose a spot where a good view was to be had and ordered the man to go out and see if there was an enemy near.

Boris, instead of obeying the order, put his hat on the muzzle of his rifle, held it up and got a bullet through it. "I am a hunter in my country," he said. "I make my living by getting the skins of animals. I kill in the mountains and am a very good shot. If you will let me climb a tree I can see what you wish me to see and at the same time pick off some of the hated Bulgars."

The general told him to climb up the nearest tree, which he did, taking care to keep the trunk between him and the enemy. When he reached the branches he sang out lustily that the enemy were some 300 yards distant. His rifle cracked, and his commander inferred that a Bulgar had been dropped. It cracked again and again, while the general asked questions as to the disposition of the enemy's forces. But the replies were so unsatisfactory, indicating such low intellectual condition on the part of the soldier, that the general decided that he might be permitted to continue for awhile to pick off the "awful" Bulgars, and the general, who cared nothing what he did, left him in the tree and rode away.

A couple of hours later, when he had forgotten the man, an officer in command of that part of the line where Boris was picking off Bulgars went to the general and said:

"Do you wish, general, that your orderly should be left up in that tree for sharp shooting?"

"I don't care whether he is there or not," replied the commander. "There is something singular about his shots," said the other. Taking out his watch, he held it in his hand, looking at its face. There was a shot from the tree. After an interval of several minutes there were two shots in rapid succession. Then there was an interval of several minutes, when there were two shots in rapid succession, followed by thirty seconds later, then four shots near together.

"What does it mean?" asked the general.

"I don't know, but I think the first shots represented the numbers 1 and 2 or 12. The second bunch of shots may represent 32. I shouldn't be surprised if the fellow is sending messages to the enemy by a code. Twelve may mean 'You are firing too high' and 32 'Farther to the left.'"

A sudden light burst out in the general's eye. "Bring the fellow here," he said.

The officer went off to execute the order, but found shells dropping all about the tree in which the stupid Servian was stationed and didn't think it prudent to go near it. He called to Boris, but Boris could not or pretended he could not hear him. Six shots rang out from the tree in quick succession. A line of Bulgars sprang over their works, and within a couple of minutes their line had advanced beyond the tree from which they had been getting signals.

The advance was maintained, and the French were obliged to dig themselves in several hundred yards to the rear.

Meanwhile Boris descended from his tree, fighting on the ground at the same time that the commander of the attacking force reached it. "Good day, colonel," said the sharp shooter. "The scheme worked very well, didn't it?"

"So well, lieutenant, that you shall have a captaincy for it."

As for the French general who had treated the stupid man for a bulgar to his own safety, he was relieved of his command.



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