

EASY TO REPAIR WOODWORK

Little Labor, With Inexpensive Materials, Will Put It in Quite Presentable Shape.

No matter how badly in need of repair, woodwork and furniture may be, you can put them in presentable shape if you have care, perseverance and a few inexpensive helps at hand.

To begin with, get the wood ready for some sort of finish. If it is badly battered up and the color of the stain is faded and spotted and worn, get sandpaper and cut it in two-inch squares. With this rub off the old paint or varnish. Coarse paper may be needed to begin with, but finish scraping with fine-grade paper and rub the wood smooth. This work is tedious, so do it for only a short time at a stretch.

After all the old paint or varnish is removed dust the wood and then wipe it with an oily cloth. Then make little pads of cotton—de a six-inch square of cheesecloth around a wad of cotton batting—and dip them in paraffin oil, and then in shellac and then pat the surface of the wood with them. Pat the wood until it has absorbed all the finish it will take. The finish will be attractive and durable, but it must be carefully put on.

OLD PACO CEMETERY TO GO

Famous Burial Place in Manila, More Than Century Old, Is Threatened With Demolition.

Manila faces the demolition of the old Paco cemetery, which has always been very interesting to visitors. The cemetery was built in 1810, in the form of two circular walls, an outer and an inner wall of great thickness.

In these walls are burial niches sealed with marble stones bearing the usual inscriptions, and before each niche is a marble shelf on which lighted candles and flowers are often placed. In the center of the circle is a modest chapel. At the extreme rear of the inclosure is what remains of the "bone pit," a most necessary institution, for the niches are rented for a period of five years only, and if friends and relatives of the deceased failed to pay the rental for another five years the bones were unceremoniously removed from their niche and dumped into this pit. The "epitaph" before this common resting place of the remains of the forgotten is a tablet ornamented in relief by a pile of skulls and crossbones.

Beautiful Bermudas.

There are about 300 islands in the group of Bermuda Islands, but only about a score of them are inhabited. Their total population is about 20,000, of which about one-third are white. The Bermudas attract visitors because of the mild climate, which knows no frost, and by their scenic beauty. The evergreen islands are clustered with exotic plants of numerous variety. The roadways are bejeweled and scented with sweet smelling flowers, the shores are penetrated by crystalline coral pools and the waters about are noted for their ever-changing and vivid color.

Worse and Worse.

Miss Greene had been invited to be a bridesmaid at quite a smart wedding, and spent much time in planning her new frock.

Mercury Mines in Spain.

Mercury is produced in the provinces of Ciudad Real, Granada and Oviedo, but the most important mines in Spain are those of Ciudad Real, which are located at Almaden and cover a surface of 485,187 acres. They are owned and operated by the state.

Endurance Nearing Limit.

Madge's twin sister is much more serious minded than she and often scolds her for the tomboyish things she does. One day after one of these sisterly lectures Madge turned on her with: "My, but I wish I could get untwinned."

Some Never Learn That.

Young Mrs. Perkins says that if experience were as good a teacher as advertised, Charley would by this time have learned something about which horse to bet on.

Ginger a Valuable Crop.

Ginger grown in Jamaica has always commanded more than double the price of any other. Under favorable conditions an acre will produce as much as four thousand pounds.

Height of Business Capacity.

Jud Tunkins' idea of a good business man is one who can keep doing mental arithmetic while he lets the other fellow attend to most of the argument.

Pliny and the Rose.

Pliny wrote of the rose at the beginning of the Christian era. "It is a flower known to all nations equally with wine, myrtle and oil."

Well, It Made 'Em Happy.

Hara-kiri, or Japanese form of suicide, was a privilege "enjoyed" by noblemen and gentlemen who would not die like common criminals.

All One Color.

All of the presidents of Haiti have been black.

Covered Them All.

At Leicester, England, there is an inn upon the wall of which years ago a pastor wrote: "I pray for all." The village lawyer, seeing in this a means for free advertising, wrote underneath: "I plead for all." One day a farmer thought he was justified in adding: "I feed all," and an army officer passing through the village left: "I fight for all." But an unknown author added the last line by writing: "I take them all—the devil." The host, not wishing to show any partiality, has hung out his sign: "The House of All Five."

Stolen Fruit.

From the Inland Printer, Chicago, Ill.: "On the bottom of a printer's calendar we read the following statement: 'Dull business is often traced to economy in printers' ink.' True, indeed. As we look out over the great field of business we find that the firms which have made the most notable successes are those that have used printers' ink most freely. Emphasize these facts when talking to customers—but first take a dose of your own medicine."

Instinct of Birds.

The circumstance of the bluebirds being emboldened by the cold, suggests the fact that the fear of man, which now seems like an instinct in the birds, is evidently an acquired trait, and foreign to them in a state of primitive nature. Every gunner has observed, to his chagrin, how wild the pigeons become after a few days of firing among them; and to his delight, how easy it is to approach near his game in new or unfrequented woods.—J. L. W.

Reaping Machines.

Over two hundred different reaping machines have been patented. The first one was invented in the eighteenth century, but failed through its intricacies. The Rev. Patrick Bell appears to have originated the first practical machine of this class in 1826, and it was first used in 1827, the principle being that on which the best machines are now constructed.

Derivation of "Hoodlum."

Hoodlum now means a young, rough rowdy. The term is derived from a gang of toughs in San Francisco, under the leadership of one Muldoon. They were called for the name of their leader, the syllables of whose name, out of contempt, were reversed and slightly modified. Instead of Muldoons they were called Hoodlums.

Newly Painted Windows.

To prevent newly-painted windows from sticking, open and run them up and down two or three times a day for three or four days. Unless this is done the windows are almost bound so stick. Always paint them as early as possible in the day so as to give them a chance to dry before you fasten them at night.

Chinese Leather Novelties.

The finest and most expensive leather goods are produced at Chun-Chan-Foo, in China. The leather is made from lizard, shark, dolphin and snake skins, which are very strong and durable. Snake skins are used for numerous articles, such as canes, pipes, purses, pocketbooks, etc.

Better See Father First.

"Will you," he asked, his voice trembling—"will you give me a kiss?" Gently but firmly Angelina thrust him from her.

China a Meat Source.

China is assuming importance as a possible future source of meat supply, and already the American army in the Philippines is being provided with fresh beef from Tsingtao under a contract with an American firm calling for 12,000,000 pounds. Swine and sheep are also available. Some Chinese cattle furnish meat of a fair quality, which could be improved without difficulty by careful breeding.

TIME TO HUSH.

"This fellow Dempsey is the greatest fighter who ever lived." "Softly, my friend; softly." "What's the matter?" "You are being overheard by an eighteen-year-old boy who lost a leg in the Argonne."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

SOUNDS OF TUMULT.

"What is your objection to a typical Wagnerian opera?" "The war's over, isn't it?" "Yes." "Well, I don't want to hear anything that reminds me of a fight."

MEASURED UP.

Mr. Speedup—That's a neat little car you have. What's the horsepower? Mrs. Motorily—We usually have it towed by one.

Little Pitchers.

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LISTEN TO AMBITION'S VOICE

Desirable Companion May Fail to Call Again if She Is Not Accorded Recognition.

Most young people seem to think that ambition is a quality that is born in one and which cannot be materially changed, but the greatest ambition may be materially injured in many different ways. The habit of procrastination, of postponing the habit of picking off the easier tasks and putting off the difficult ones, for example, will very seriously impair the ambition. Whatever affects the ideals affects the ambition.

Ambition often begins very early to knock for recognition. If we do not heed its voice, if it gets no encouragement after appealing to us for years, it gradually ceases to trouble us, because, like any other unused quality or function, it deteriorates or disappears when unused.

Be careful how you discourage or refuse to heed that inner voice which commands you to go forward, for if you do it will become less and less insistent until finally it will cease to prod you and when ambition is dead deterioration has set in.—From "Ambition and Success," by Orison Swett Marden.

MOTHER MIGHT HAVE KNOWN

Small Boys Don't Usually Pick Up Slang Expressions From Pages of Their School Books.

"Mamma, why do some people call dollars 'bucks?'" said little brother at the dinner table.

"Oh, that's just a slang word, and it's not very nice for little boys like you to say it," was the reply.

After he had consumed another cupful of sweet potato-brother again broke out:

"And mother, why do they say six 'bells' when they want to tell the time?" Mamma was decidedly perturbed, and had visions of her offspring having been in undesirable company.

"Why, brother," she said, "who in the world have you been listening to?" "Mutt and Jeff," was the grave reply.

UNACCOMMODATING LOT

FIRMLY BELIEVE IN CHARMS

Afghanists of Every Degree Have an Unflinching Faith in Them, as Averting Evil.

The charms of Afghanistan have, in most cases, been written by mullahs or faqueers, and the people place an unquestioning belief and unflinching trust in them. These charms, spells and divinations seem to show that they are to a great extent the outcome of the religious traditions and beliefs of the country, and, as is only to be expected, a large number are exotic and can be traced to Indian and Persian ideas. No dish of white pudding is ever eaten without Sora "La-ay-laf" being muttered over the dish. This is done to avert the evil of the servants or of anyone who may have looked at the food in such a way as to cause disease to those who eat it. If a party in a boat is overtaken in a storm, passages are read from the Koran to appease the fury of the water. On a dark night a woman who finds herself alone has only to mutter a passage from the holy book in order to shield herself from all evil, and with a sword in her hand and a sora on her lips she can travel any distance without the slightest fear of being harmed.

ASSOCIATION'S GOOD WORK.

While the members of the Associated Mountaineering Clubs of North America are not all devoted to mountaineering, they have a common bond of interest in the preservation of American scenery and in the protection of plant and bird life in their natural environments. The association is co-operating with the national park service for the creation and development of national parks and "monuments." A fine collection of literature on mountaineering has been formed by the association at the New York public library and bibliographies are being compiled and published. When this organization was founded in 1916, it embraced nine clubs and societies. Now there are 29 and the aggregate membership is over 45,000.

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THEATER ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENT.

The theater orchestra's busy trap drummer, required on occasion to produce all known sounds, may now interject his battle scene or hold-up interpretation with single shots, or volleys, without moving a finger. One of the fraternity has devised a "gun" which shoots by foot pressure. An article in Popular Mechanics Magazine describes its mechanism. Its wheel-shaped cylinder holds 60 .22-caliber and 30 .32-caliber cartridges, which may be fired singly, alternately or the two sizes together, the latter making the report of a .44-caliber. A particularly realistic flavor is thus added to motion picture accompaniments.

About the Right Idea.

"Our house is much nicer than your house," boasted Verona.

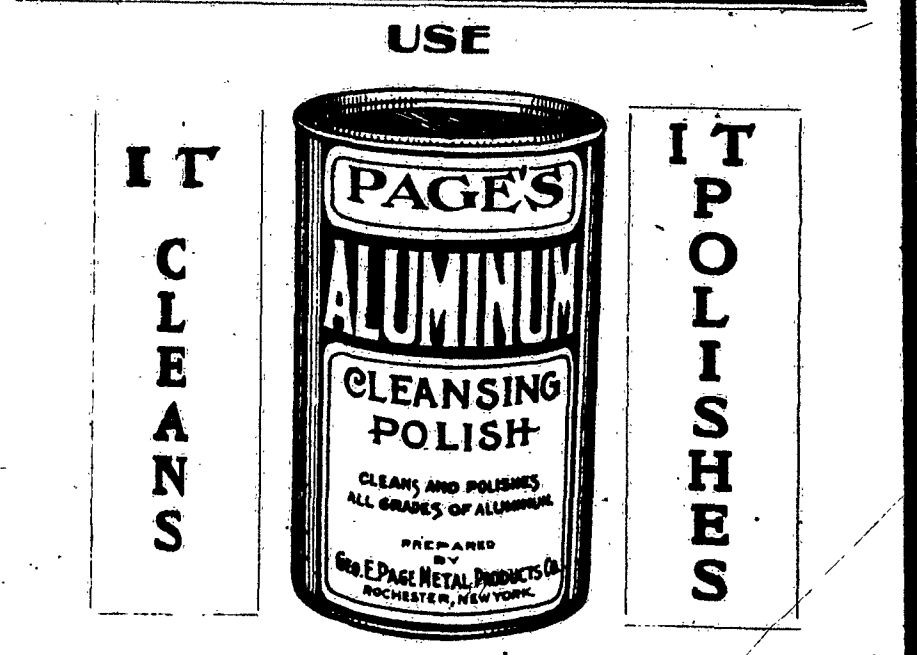
"No, it ain't half as nice as our house; we've got the nicest house in the whole world," proclaimed Effie.

Verona was staggered for a moment, then complacently remarked: "Well, it isn't so much what we has as what we think we has that counts, I s'pose."

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