

About Your Home

By FRANCES DELL

There are thousands of gadgets to help the home-maker. Some cost hundreds of dollars and others as little as ten cents.

In the more expensive bracket, think what an electric, automatic washing machine and dryer means to the household with several children! Great grandmother would not have believed it possible. Add to these two pieces of equipment an automatic electric ironer and the back-breaking work of old laundry days is completely eliminated.

A deep freezer will save hours of shopping for the housewife. It will also enable her to take advantage of food sales of perishable goods. A freezer seems to be more of a luxury than modern laundry equipment.

I doubt if there is a single piece of cleaning equipment more beloved by those of us who do our work than the vacuum cleaner. Here again the modern version does many extra jobs about the home.

While the costly items save work there are some gadgets that will be a tremendous help if you will take time to find out about them. For example, I have a potato peeler and bean stringer I would be lost without. The cost, twelve cents—tax included. I also have a wire spoon, cost thirty-five cents, that does so many jobs I could write a column on it alone. This little spoon will sift flour and is perfect for making gravy. It is an egg separator that can't be beaten. It is used for serving vegetables, making pie crust and beating eggs to name some things it will do.

These inexpensive kitchen aids make grand gifts and are fun to shop for.

Every home should have one room that is rough and tough, warm and cozy where the entire family can relax and play together. It can be a room for your children to entertain their friends in and where your friends will feel instantly at home.

The room need not be large. The main requirements are that it be comfortable and decorated so that you need not worry about damage to rugs, floors or furniture.

It is a good idea for the whole family to have a hand in choosing the colors and furnishings of the room. They can really indulge their taste for strong colors and unusual touches. Teenagers will be delighted with a juke box and, if there is room, include a soft drink bar with gay bar stools.

These rooms usually carry out a particular theme. It may be tropical, Western or Oriental. A basement or attic can be converted into a charming family room.

If you still have the problem of what to do with the television set, this room will solve it. Instead of dominating the living room, put it in the family room where the small fry can gallop about, accompanying the cowboys, to their heart's content without damaging your best furniture.

The attractiveness and coziness of a family room is enhanced by a fireplace. Be sure to include an extra wide one for indoor cooking.

During the month ended Nov. 15, the index of prices received by U. S. farmers rose less than half of one per cent to 241 per cent of the 1910-14 average. The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, including interest, taxes and farm labor, remained unchanged from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15 of 1959. Parity ratio remained at 81, about four per cent more than a year earlier.

First-Rate Family Dinner



Need something new flavor-wise to boost appetites? Something to stretch the food dollars until pay day? About this time of year most people need such a menu booster, and Vienna With Sauerkraut is the lucky find. Beef flavored tomato sauce and Vienna sausage go well with the tanginess of sauerkraut to make a first-rate main dish. To round out the menu, add baked potatoes and apple, crushed pineapple and nut salad, letting it do double duty as dessert.

Vienna With Sauerkraut

- 2 cans (4 oz. each) Vienna sausage
- 1/4 cup butter, or margarine
- 1 large onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 cup canned condensed beef broth
- 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
- 1 can (1 lb. 11 oz.) sauerkraut

Brown drained Vienna sausage in butter; remove sausages. Cook chopped onion and minced garlic in butter until tender. Stir in flour and sugar. Add beef broth and tomato sauce; cook until thickened, stirring. Mix drained sauerkraut into the sauce and arrange sausages on top; cover and heat slowly a few minutes. Four to six servings.

New Idea: Olive-Cheese Pie!



For a delicious late evening snack, instead of the usual sweets, serve up "Ripe Olive and Swiss Cheese Pie." Meaty ripe olives and smoky crisp bacon fleck the custard-like Swiss cheese filling. Assemble the ingredients in advance, but fill the shell and bake this enticing pie at the last minute so you can serve it in all its golden beauty still warm from the oven. Raw vegetable relishes are good accompaniments, and you might follow up with mixed nuts and Tokay grapes.

Cut 6 slices bacon into 1-inch pieces and broil or pan-fry until crisp; drain well. Drain and slice 1 cup pitted ripe olives. Cover unbaked 9-inch pastry shell with overlapping layers of bacon, olives and 1/2 pound shredded or thinly-sliced Swiss cheese. Beat together 4 eggs, 1 tablespoon flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, 2 cups light cream and 1 tablespoon melted butter. Pour over bacon, olives and cheese. Bake in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees F.) for 35 to 40 minutes, until top is golden brown on top. Serve warm.

"Nothing, in my opinion, would contribute more to the welfare of the States than the proper management of lands."—George Washington.

In 1681, William Penn wrote an ordinance requiring that, in clearing of land, one acre in every five should be left in trees.

Doctor Talk

By JOHN B. REMBERT, M. D.

The general use of the Salk Polio Vaccine has been frequently urged by this writer and all that have not taken the immunizations have been warned of the unnecessary risks being taken. This includes all children and adults to age 40.

Since the initial introduction of the Salk Vaccine much additional work has been done in an effort to develop a vaccine capable of producing complete immunity to Polio. Recently a new oral live virus Polio vaccine has been developed by Dr. Albert Sabin.

The manufacture of this new vaccine in liquid and tablet form has been approved by the Public Health Service. The Sabin Vaccine will probably be ready for general use during the fall of 1961.

The Russians have recently reported on their results using the oral vaccine and it is now felt that the use of the Sabin Vaccine in conjunction with the Salk Vaccine, a killed virus vaccine which is administered by injection, will eventually eliminate Polio epidemics in the United States.

Before the new live virus vaccine is released for general use and technical production problems must be overcome—these two factors alone may mean that this newest form of Polio vaccine will not be in use by the 1961 Polio season.

Until adequate supplies of the Sabin Vaccine are available the public is again being urged by the Public Health Service to take full advantage of the Salk Vaccine. The Salk Vaccine, as now used, has brought about a dramatic reduction in the incidence of Poliomyelitis during the past five years. If the public does not cooperate completely with health authorities even the introduction of the new Sabin Vaccine will not bring about complete eradication of Polio—a successful problem requires the complete cooperation of all individuals.

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Current Fashions

It seems that more American women are learning to sew, and sew well, than at any time since mass-produced garments became the order of the day.

Many things went into making this true. First, the great do-it-yourself craze which is so popular with us now. Next, the high cost of living in general and of ready-made clothes in particular.

We can also thank the improvements in modern sewing machines and patterns. The fabrics of today are very exciting. We find wool and linen dyed to match; solids and plaids to figured materials designed to blend.

You can go wild with costume jewelry. It is worn at the front, back, waist, and hemline, not to mention in the hair, on shoes, bags and gloves.

It is no longer fashionable to accept a drab, unbecoming color of hair just because it is natural. Hair color is the thing of the day, and is accepted as part of make-up just as lipstick or finger-nail polish.

There is one thing that you must keep in mind if you are thinking about coloring your hair—always get the very best. If you can't afford the best or can't go where you can get the best, it is wise to make out with what God gave you.

Never go in for a drastic change. This is always a mistake. The color is usually not flattering, and the time and money involved to keep it right is consuming. Choose a shade or two shades lighter or darker than your natural color. If you are over 25 you will probably find a lighter shade more becoming.

So much progress has been made in the field of hair coloring

that coloring can be done safely with no damage to your hair or scalp at all.

This is the season of gold and glitter—and the idea is beautifully carried out in the new at-home clothes which are being shown in smart shops. Knitted blouses over china silk shimmers with golden beads and can be worn with gold pants—or the pants can be of wool jersey with a glittering over-shirt.

Big jewelry is in again and is frankly non-precious. The long cord necklace with the huge tassel that reaches almost to the waist is worn with the simple dress.

Earrings are fashioned of crystal and colored stones and hang in clusters.

Jet is a favorite for costume jewelry and is combined with pearls to create some of the most attractive necklaces.

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