



GOOD NEWS FOR FISH

Customer—Is this a fishing tackle store?

Clerk—Approximately.

Customer—I couldn't tell from the window. It had everything but fishing stuff in it. I'd like to see something in a fishing rod.

Clerk—Who wouldn't?

Customer—You mean you have no rods?

Clerk—There was a fellow who came in here a month ago with a nice rod, but he had a police escort and wouldn't let me handle it.

Customer—Did he want to sell it?

Clerk—No, he was just showing off.

Customer—But the war has been over for months; aren't the fishing rod plants reconverting?

Clerk—Search me.

Customer—What are the factories doing?

Clerk—Whatever they are doing they are not making rods.

Customer—What's delaying them?

Clerk—They tell me it's the bamboo.

Customer—The damned who?

Clerk—Bamboo, bamboo! The Japs had all the bamboo. And it has to be seasoned anyhow before we can use it for rods.

Customer—How's chances for a rod by spring?

Clerk—Not too good.

Customer—What'll we fishermen do?

Clerk—It looks as if you'd just have to go on losing fish.

Customer—There used to be auctions of fishing equipment left in the estates of sportsmen.

Clerk—Not any more. If a man dies today and leaves a rod it constitutes a big estate and is confiscated.

Customer—What if he also leaves a reel?

Clerk—It means a contest by all the heirs.

Customer—I suppose if the estate included 300 yards of good line it would go to the Supreme court.

Clerk—Right.

Customer—Well, I'm sorry to bother you.

Clerk—No bother and we always like to see a man come into the store these days. There's always the possibility he may have a used rod to put in on commission. Like to look in our showcases while you're here?

Customer—Why?

Clerk—Darned if I know!

Add curious sights in Gotham—The Caswell-Massey drug store in the heart of the Grand Central zone, which still has the mortars, pestles and conisters it used back in 1859 . . . and the green and red-lighted window jars and the ancient medicine containers with the Latin names in gold against a black band. It takes us back to Simpson's at Howard and Syron back home . . . and to Apothecary Hall in Church street.

We know a fellow who is trying to get into a two-room apartment which his uncle left to him IN TRUST.

Bing Crosby rates a big hand as a human being. He is sponsoring, directing and working harder than he ever worked for the movies in the national drive for the Sister Kenny Infantile Paralysis fund.

All Done by Mirrors

Joseph L. Lockard is out of the army and back at his home in Williamsport, Pa. Remember him? He was the one man at Pearl Harbor who was on the alert, who spotted the incoming Jap planes and who reported it to a superior who laughed it off. It develops that Lockard got to be a first lieutenant. The fellow who ignored the Jap planes, believe it or not, has risen to be a lieutenant colonel.

That trial of the war criminals in Germany is being stretched out to a point where inclusion in it almost seems a guarantee of long life.

President Truman says that reconversion is ahead of expectations. He must have expected it by stage coach.

Meat, it is officially reported, is harder to get than ever, but we notice that lots of restaurants manage to display it in the front window almost as freely as they display the ice.

Eugene O'Neill has a new play called "The Iceman Cometh," and Ins Dodo thinks it must be about a long war.

The play, by the way, has been put off until next season and it will, obviously, open cold.

A New Jersey taxicab driver has been left \$50,000 by a fare who liked the way he talked with him on sports topics to end from the office. Probably the driver confined himself to "Yes, sir" and "Right you are, mister."

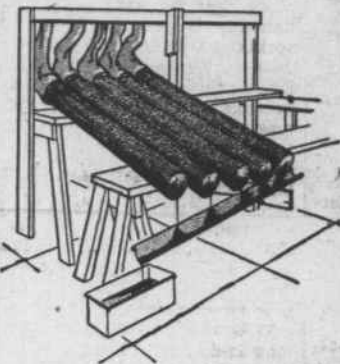
There is a restaurant in Gotham which advertises "the hamburger with a university education." "Take this one back," ordered Elmer Twitchell the other day. "It must have been tied up in the reform school."



Tire-Tube Method Of Post Treatment

Life of Fence Posts Extended Thirty Years

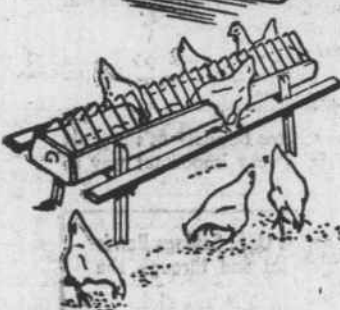
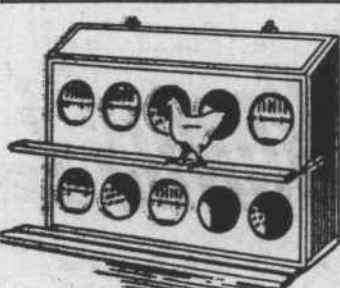
Fence posts of nondurable wood can be made to have 20 to 30 years of life, or even more, by the simple method of tire-tube treating. By this method the bark is peeled for a distance of 4 to 6 inches from the large end of the post, to provide a smooth, clean surface.



A section of old inner tube about two feet long is slipped over the peeled surface and bound in place. The post is then laid on a rack with the large end about two feet or more higher than the small end. In a short time the preservative, contained in the tube, will begin to flow into the sapwood of the post, forcing the natural sap out at the small end. When all the preservative has flowed from the tire tube into the wood, the tube is removed and the post taken from the rack.

The length of time required for the preservative to flow will depend upon quantity used, condition of wood, season, and other factors, and will vary from 3 to 24 hours. The preservative can be coal-tar creosote or mixtures of creosote with other suitable oils.

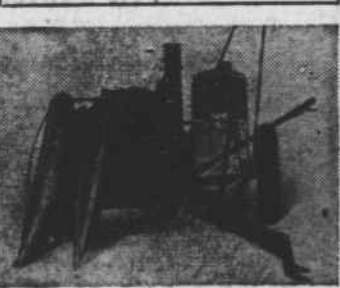
New in Machinery Poultry



Proper nests make it possible to secure the greatest returns possible for eggs produced. Cracked and dirty eggs must be a total loss or sell at a discount. Feed must be taken out of the bag and put into the hen without waste.

Upper cut shows an ideal tier of nests. Lower a modern metal feeding hopper. They are both products of the Oakes Manufacturing company, Tipton, Ind.

New in Machinery Silage



Next season will find many of the new Papec Machine company's silage harvesters in operation. Farmers, again faced with labor problems, are placing their order for the silage harvester, which enables silage to be put up with half the usual help.

Dairy Cow Minerals

There are five minerals likely to be different in practical dairy rations: common salt, calcium, phosphorus, and iodine. All the other minerals which dairy cattle need are usually supplied in common feeds.

Mineral supplements are not needed except when there are definite signs of a deficiency. Feeding mineral supplements is an expensive and a poor remedy for underfeeding. Persistent desire of cattle to lick or eat dirt shows calcium deficiency.

Rustling Taffeta Now a Favorite With Party-Going Teen-Agers

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



A VERY important social season, this. With holiday festivities and other midwinter gala events crowding one after another on the present program, comes the "big moment" for gay and flattering party frocks. In a young girl's wardrobe of pretty-pretty "date" and dance frocks, there is always room for one more. Especially is it true this winter, when the homecoming of men from the services is bringing about an exciting new urge among the fair sex to dress up and look one's most attractive self.

Then too, members of the teenage group who have been spending their holiday vacation at home will be wanting to have at least one knockout new dress to "show off" when they go back to their respective colleges and schools. It's a simple matter to make this dream dress come true just by choosing the season's favorite dress-up fabric, taffeta, and putting the sewing machine to work.

One reason that girls who have learned or are learning to "make their own" at their local sewing center are all enthusiasm over crisp, rustling taffeta is that they find it so easy to work with they can whip up an elegant little frock in double quick time. Now that the gadgets and attachments on modern sewing machines perform almost miracles in way of shirring, ruffling and tucking, it is becoming a hobby with ambitious girls everywhere to learn to sew. The more they see what charming clothes they can turn out at comparatively low cost, the more intrigued they become with the idea of taking advantage of the endless opportunities offered in local sewing centers and sewing classes held in most of the big stores.

A gay young frock for the slim-waisted is shown to the right in the illustration. It is made of varicolored striped taffeta combined with stark black crepe. The striped fabric is used for the bodice with its saucy peplum that juts out crisply

over the hips. Briefed shoulder sleeves are shirred into staccato fullness. The bodice stripes below the V-neckline accent and dramatize the styling of this most attractive bodice top. The slim straight skirt is made of black crepe. You will find this a most flattering little frock for most any dress-up occasion.

The frock to the left is a youthful model of green taffeta banded with color-matched velvet. It can easily be stitched up by the girl who has learned to sew, or even by the novice that has taken only a few lessons in the art of sewing. The deep round neckline band holds little shirrings in place at the front, while cluster shirrings adorn the skirt front below the snug-fitting bodice. Wide velvet bands form the shoulder cap sleeves for this charming little gown.

Taffeta is indeed a magic fabric in more ways than one as proved by how successfully it is used in every possible mood this season. For instance, designers are turning out most provocative little frocks of black taffeta that are made to look definitely young because of their ingenious styling with myriads of sprightly little ruffles about girlish off-shoulder necklines and abbreviated sleeves, some trimmed with lingerie beading run through with tiny velvet ribbon. The tiny-waist bodices and full floor-length full-skirted evening gown of gay plaid or stripe taffeta makes a perfect formal for the young girl, as does also the long, full taffeta stripe or plaid skirt with a black jersey top and a dramatic belt. And here's the latest—they are making de luxe tea aprons of handpainted taffeta.

Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Sequined Ascot



The now-so-fashionable sparkling sequin-embroidered ascots that are contributing so much of chic and charm to milady's costume this winter are perfect little wonder workers. With their glitter and their rich coloring they highlight even the simplest costume with indescribable new beauty and glamour. The lovely sequin-embroidered jersey ascot pictured will prove a treasure in any collection of prettifying accessories. This beautiful sparkling and dramatic Echo scarf is available in black, blue or white with multi-color sequins.

Winter Sportswear

Made of Mouton Fur

Something new is happening in the sportswear realm this winter. It's the use of the now-so-popular mouton fur for after-skiing and skating costumes. A stunning skating outfit highlights a yellow wool dress with a peplum of mouton fur together with a short cape and hood in picturesque Crusader style. Featured for a skating costume is a mouton short jacket with matching fur beret, worn with a Kelly green swing skirt, bordered with the same fur. A weskit and tailored slacks of fur present a practical and good-looking outfit for "after-ski" relaxation. Other items created of fur include short capes, jackets, boxy coats with matching berets and fur-topped mittens. Bright crochet or knit togs present many new and fascinating ideas. A wide shawl-like scarf is crocheted of white or bright-color angora wool with long fringe across each end. Appliqued above the fringe are crochet flowers done in bright colored yarn. Beret and mittens to match make a charming threesome.

Pajama Suits of Red Rayon 'Comfy' for Sleep, Lounge

Novel, practical, "comfy" are bright red pajama suits for sleep or lounge wear. They are tailored to a nicety with long-sleeved blouse top. Being suitable for sleeping and lounging they have a dual personality which makes them very practical. Bold red rayon sports material makes them unusual and likable. They radiate cheer and warmth and are really very smart looking.



BILLY CONN has it all figured out. Not only for himself—but also for Joe Louis. The showing made by returning ball players has cheered him up.

The leading challenger for the heavyweight title takes this angle— "A number of people have wondered what sort of fighting form Joe Louis and I would be able to show by the date of our meeting next summer. A lot of them seem to think that the bout will be

nothing but a pair of worn out old timers doing the best they can. That doesn't make any sense in my book.

"You remember they thought the same way about a lot of ball players. There was Hank Greenberg, out four years, around 35 years old. But Hank was almost as good as ever, after a short workout. Then there's Red Ruffing, close to 40. And you can take up Bob Feller, Charlie Keller, and most of the others. Most of the returned veterans have stepped right back into the middle of things. And several of them were older than Joe Louis, much older than I am.

"Both Louis and I have at least two advantages over most of the ball players—Greenberg, anyway. We've been doing a lot of boxing. I've had something like 350 exhibitions to handle. That's more work than I'd have gotten if I had stayed at home. Louis has had just as much. We've both had enough ring work to keep pretty well sharpened. I mean not to get rusty.

Will Trim to 182 Pounds

"That's one edge. Now here's another—as a rule the ball players returning from service had only a short while to get back in championship shape. Louis and I will have until June. Three months is about all the training anybody needs for a fight. I expect to work my weight from 191 down to 182 pounds. I wouldn't want to go below that. I certainly won't lose any of my speed at 182. That's eight pounds heavier than I was in our first fight, where I was a little too much on the light side.

"I'd also like to say that I don't figure I'm meeting any old, worn-out fellow in Joe Louis. After all he is three years younger than Hank Greenberg and nine years younger than Red Ruffing, and no one is picking on either that I've heard about."

There are still one or two rather important factors that Conn must consider. He is younger than Louis and he is faster than Louis. But Conn must also know that on the day or night they meet, Louis will be in the best possible physical shape he can reach.

What about Conn? Billy has always had a leaning in the general direction of the primrose trail. And no such trail ever leads to any top, barring a few exceptions. Conn is young and headstrong, a fellow who likes a good time. Who doesn't? But no one is going to beat even an aging Joe Louis liking a good time.

Joe Louis at 31 is far from being an old man. He is a trifle over the hill, but not so far over. He has always been a great fighter, and he will be pretty close to being a great fighter the night he meets Conn, or any one else, with the blue chips down.

Billy is a fellow you like, but he has always been irresponsible and hard to direct. He has supreme confidence in himself. He had too much confidence in himself the night he met Louis. For an example, after the 12th round of that fight he wasn't looking for a mere victory, he was looking for a knockout.

Peril of Over-Confidence

What Conn's many supporters are afraid of is this—that Conn will take it for granted that he can whip Louis in their next meeting, without working too hard to reach this difficult goal. If that happens Conn won't have a chance. After all, he can't punch with Louis, either with the right or left hand.

It might surprise Billy to know how many experts rate Louis the better boxer, granting that Conn has more speed. Taking no credit from Conn, Louis was verging on the side of staleness when they met before. It is my belief that the Bomber will be even harder to beat when they meet again.

Conn has never been any too keen about the grind of training. Few ring men are. But this time Pittsburgh Billy will need all he can get—especially road work—and the type of training needed to bring back or to increase his speed. This doesn't mean that the likable challenger will have to spend all his time until next June on the job.

It does mean, however, that he should get started along the right road and gradually bring himself to the day he actually moves to his training camp for the final spin. Summer isn't so far away.

SEWING CIRCLE PATTERNS

Junior Frock Has Brief Sleeves Smart Go-Everywhere Two-Piecer



Well-Fitting Frock

JUNIORS love it—the gay cap-sleeved frock that fits like a dream. This long-waisted version has soft waistline gathers to accent a tiny midriff and a flattering sweetheart neck. Make it in a pretty all-over floral print for that "most-important" date.

Pattern No. 8901 comes in size: 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 18. Size 12 needs 3 yards of 29-inch or 3 1/2 yards of 36-inch material.



Cook meat at a low temperature to keep essential juices, for better flavor and to make the protein more tender.

When roast chicken is half done, sprinkle lightly and restrainedly with nutmeg, finish baking and hear the praises of the diners.

If grease spills on a wooden floor, pour cold water over it at once. This hardens the grease so it may be scraped off before it penetrates the wood. Then scrub floor with hot, soapy water.

An old sheet spread over the floor around the sewing table will catch threads and ravelings and make picking up easier.

It's handier to pour waffle batter from a pitcher than to spoon it from a bowl.

To make a new hole in a sewing machine belt, pierce with a hatpin heated very hot.

To save the last bit of shortening that clings to a jar, try this trick. Pour water just ready to boil into the container and melt the shortening. By the time the water has cooled, the shortening will have come to the top, congealed, and be ready to remove with little trouble.



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