

GRASSROOTS

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WORTH OF DOLLAR MEASURED BY WHAT IT WILL BUY

WITH NO OTHER present day standard the value of the dollar is measured by what it will buy of staple commodities. The price of such commodities is determined by the cost of their production. Technology, and the applied sciences, as they affect industrial production, have increased the value of the dollar, in that they have produced commodities at less cost so they could be sold at lower prices.

The benefits derived from technology and applied science would be more than offset by labor if the demands for wage increases, and decreased hours are met. They would mean a greater increase in cost than could be offset by improved methods of production, and production can not long continue when increased costs are not met by increased prices.

Over the years both labor and the buying public have profited from technological advances in that wages have gradually increased while prices have gradually decreased. The benefits derived from an ever-advancing technology, thanks to our competitive system, have been shared by both labor and the purchasing public. That advance has maintained the purchasing value of the dollar.

It was but a few years ago when Henry Ford set a new precedent by fixing \$5 a day as a wage minimum in his plants. His improvement in manufacturing methods, the introduction of mass production, made that possible. Competition made it necessary for other manufacturers to pay labor an equal wage, and to sell their product at an equal price, value considered, if they were to stay in business.

That was evolution in the matter of wages and prices. The postwar demands for increases in wages are not evolutionary, they are revolutionary. Union leaders have not attempted to ascertain what wage industry can pay at present dollar values, but have demanded what they want without regard to the maintenance of dollar values. Meeting those demands means one of three things to be determined by the future. Either technology can so improve production methods as to absorb the increased cost of the demanded wages and decreased working hours, or prices must be increased to meet the demands, or the quality of the product must be decreased, and the dollar value go down because it buys less. It must be one of these three or a stop in production.

Unreasonable demands on the part of labor, demands that cannot be offset by technological advances, can break the value of our dollars, and throw us headlong into an inflation that will be more disastrous than any depression.

PEOPLE WHO LOWER OUR STANDARDS ARE UNWANTED

WE AMERICANS are not prejudiced against people because of their color, or the language they speak. What we object to is the lower standards of living they introduce in our communities. Regardless of race, color or language we object to having as neighbors any family, who by neglect of their own premises depreciates the property values of our neighborhood. We object to those whose low moral standards demands no privacy, and who flaunt those standards at our front door. On the West coast the Jap is not condemned because he is a Jap, but because he makes no effort to measure up to American standards. He works for a cheap price because he lives on a cheap scale. He is objected to as a neighbor, not because of his color, or his loyalty, but because of what is felt to be his uncouth, unAmerican way of living.

IT MAY NOT BE CALLED a black market in tobacco products, but the established brands of smoking tobacco, cigars and cigarettes have largely disappeared. Many new brands, never before heard of, have appeared on the counters of dealers. In cigars the new brands represent a five-cent quality selling at from 15 to 25 cents. Much the same thing is true of smoking tobacco and cigarettes. If you want to smoke you pay your money and take what is offered.

IT IS THE EXCEPTION that proves the rule, not that the rule is wrong.

A PROPOSAL being considered by the senate would, if adopted, provide for governmental control and operation of all outgoing or incoming cable or wireless communication of both text and pictures. Its passage would be the first nail in the coffin of freedom of the press.

DO NOT EXPECT a new car very soon. The old bus, or old Dobbin, must still serve for a while yet, if we are not to walk.

Woman's World Cheerful Curtains for Kitchen Are Made from Chintz Goods

By Ertta Haley

Smile, Little Boy

ARE your kitchen curtains weary after year-long use? Is the material too heavy to be suitable for warmer days ahead?

If you have either of these problems and cannot find a nice material for curtains, perhaps you have an old chintz bedspread or drapery material tucked away in an old trunk in the attic. This is ideal for sewing gay attractive framing for kitchen windows.

A single-sized bedspread will usually yield at least two pair of one or two piece curtains for kitchen windows. Yes, this includes ruffle from the same material, too. Of course, if you prefer to make the curtains look just a little bit more tailored, then you might consider trimming the edges with a contrasting colored piping, particularly if the pattern of the material is well-covered with a floral design.

Your best pattern for kitchen windows is to cut a tissue paper facsimile of the curtains you now use. I am assuming they are the correct length and fit properly. The important thing in windows is to have sufficient fullness so the curtains do not look skimpy.

If your home, and particularly the kitchen is done in a very early American motif or is strictly modern, you might forego some of the fullness for an effect of simplicity or good tailoring. Then you will plan to clothe the windows differently: avoid the ruffle, settle for bric-a-brac or a contrasting band around the edge, and let the curtain fall in soft folds rather than in a gathered effect.

Correct Measurements For Curtains

Curtains are generally measured from the rod to the sill. If you do not have curtains that fit well, it is well to make the measurement and see that you have ample fullness and length.

If you are using a piece of old material as suggested, and it has



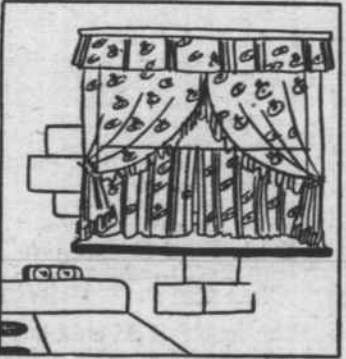
If you have a worn-out bed spread...

been washed, you will not have to allow the two inches per yard of shrinkage as is done in new material, but you will have to make allowances for the following: bottom hem, which is two inches plus a one-quarter inch turn; top heading which is one and one-half inches and casing which is one inch plus one-quarter inch for turning.

If you are making sash curtains—two piece or half curtains, as they are sometimes called—measure from the center rod to the bottom of the sill for the lower half. For the upper half, measure from the top rod to one and one-half to two inches below the center rod. If desired, the two parts may be in different materials and colors.

Procedure Given for Making Curtains

It is very important to have all edges absolutely straight before starting to sew on the curtains, as



Sew some kitchen curtains.

they hang within plain sight of everyone and can give a slightly askew appearance to the room if they are lopsided. Straighten the ends of the fabric by tearing or pulling a thread. Measure from this end

Spring Fashion Notes

Hood for the playsuit? Yes, indeed, and it's especially good with the halter style top.

Look for the unusual in prints right at the moment. You will see geometric figures and designs that give you a sculptured look.

For suits for the week-end out of town, wear something fetching at the neck of your suit. Rippling ruffles are feminine and charming.



This little gentleman doesn't have to be so self-conscious because he's well turned out in a two-piece ensemble of kiduro, the new corduroy that can take a beating such as only a youngster can give it.

and if necessary straighten the fabric. Watch this closely when working with a printed fabric.

Some women prefer leaving the selvage on the curtain to save sewing a side, but it is advisable to cut it off and finish the material. The selvage edge may shrink and give the curtains, and naturally the room, a rather bizarre appearance. If the selvage is removed, make a hem on the fabric.

If plain stitching is not desired for the hem, the material may be hemstitched or darned with colored stitches, featherstitched or even bound in harmonizing or contrasting colors.

Casings at the top of the curtain usually depend upon the size of the rod. This may require from one and one-half to two inches. If you are worried about shrinkage, place a tuck across the curtain on the inside below the casing. Use a long stitch on the machine for this or baste in place.

If you have decided upon ruffles for your curtains, then measure one of the long sides and the bottom and make the ruffle two and one-half times this length. Use long stitches on the machine first, then gather to fit the curtain, the ruffle going to the inside of the curtain and at the bottom. If you have tie-backs for the curtains, here again, use two and one-half times the length of the tie for making the ruffle.

For placing the ruffle on the curtain stitch in place and finish with a french seam. For the tie backs, however, tuck the ruffle in-between the material (tiebacks are made of a wide piece of material folded) and stitch once or twice on the edge, depending upon the fabric.

Furnishings

Women who are handy with the needle can do a lot toward making the home attractive and livable. Slipcovers and draperies, well matched and with an eye to good taste, can bring together a room if it contains many odd pieces of furniture.

For dark rooms, consider the lighter fabrics to add cheer to the room. For bright rooms, you may use darker colors.

If you live near an industrial section, choose fabrics that launder easily so that you can keep clean and still be kind to your cleaning budget. It is worthwhile to buy good fabrics with good finishes for covering much-used chairs, etc.

When selecting binding and draperies for chairs and sofas, make sure that the material is washable or easily cleaned. It's far better to hunt than try to mend or re-dye the binding after the first cleaning.

Special patterns are now being created in cotton to make that textile attractive even for dressy frocks.

Lady-like elegance is the phrase being used more often as we get back on a prewar basis in the world of fashion. That's why you're seeing flowery hats, swathed in veiling, dressy suits and blouses that are the height of frilliness.

The Once Over H.I. Phillips

BASEBALL UNIONS

Unionized baseball is now in the works. We may yet see the regular umpires replaced by the NLRB with Bob Wagner stepping into "Happy" Chandler's shoes and the battery for the day including J. Caesar Petrillo or John L. Lewis.

The next few years may bring a demand for the five-inning game!

Possible news from the baseball game of tomorrow:

CHICAGO, MAY 30.—Today's game with the Yankees was stopped in the third. Players on both teams refused to continue until they were granted the right to examine the company books.

PHILADELPHIA, JULY 2.—Following the walkout of the home team and the Boston team here yesterday both clubs were taken over by the government today. Connie Mack was carried out by four members of the state militia. President Truman promised the fans the balance of the season would see the best games of which the Democratic party is capable.

NEW YORK, JULY 15.—Before the game could get under way here today both club owners had to submit to a demand that no pitcher could be removed from the box without six weeks' notice, subject to immediate reinstatement unless sufficient cause shall be established in hearings before joint state and federal boards.

Large crowds were on hand to see the first contest played under the new union rules which entitle the batter to five strikes.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., AUGUST 10.—Fans who arrived here early to see the teams warm up were surprised to find that all pre-game practice had been abolished by the National Labor Relations board following a two-months huddle on union demands. The board upheld the players' contention that batting and fielding practice constituted capitalistic exploitation of the ball players, deprived them of spare time to which they were entitled as free men and was in violation of the Wagner act.

ST. LOUIS, MO., AUGUST 4.—The new rule, under which all the pitchers on any one ball club get full credit for any victory won by any one pitcher, went into effect here this afternoon.

Next week will inaugurate the newly won union concession under which no errors are publicly called or published.

BOSTON, AUGUST 22.—No game today. Contest called off on account of picketing.

Lines to Bobby Sockers

"It is a sorry thing when the most publicized American girl is the one who wears a man's dirty shirt, a sagging skirt and socks bogging around the ankles. The bobby sockers are awful."—James Montgomery Flagg.

Blessings on thee (in reverse) Little girl who can't look worse! Bobby-socker, honey chile, With your catch-as-catch-can style.

Rumped miss who always looks Very anti "Use-No-Books"; Happiest when dressing calls Just for shirt and overalls, Careless as the barefoot boy, You, too, lead a life of joy If life is, as some declare, Just a case of what you wear.

War Vets and Street Signs

A sergeant, now stationed at Okinawa, wrote home asking for the street signs from the corner of Church street and Flatbush avenue near his home in Brooklyn. The city promptly took them down and sent them to him. Ex-Pfc. Oscar Purkey wrote in today to state that he understood perfectly the desire of the Brooklyn man. "I felt this yen for street signs, especially when the fighting was on. In the Battle of the Bulge I asked for the signs from the corner of Riverside Drive and Shubert Alley at once. That shows you how groggy I was," he writes.

PEACE AT LAST

The highest priced private in the world is James Lewis Triplet of Vallejo, Calif., who has just enlisted in the air services. He has a wife and ten children, the kids ranging from under a year to 9 years of age. To make provision for all these, Uncle Sam pays Private Triplet between \$300 and \$400 a month. This is not paying a man to serve his country, it is underwriting a needed rest and a little quiet.

W. Averell Harriman has received a gift horse from Russia. A follower of the tactics at the U. N. conferences is justified in assuming it has three paces, the walk, the walk and the walk.

"HAUNTED house wanted by family who are just ghosts of their former selves. Box 1149 Journal of Rec."—Providence Bulletin.

We know how it is.

Form Topics

Correction of Soil Compaction Urged

Deep Plowing and Fertilization Needed

Heavy farm equipment used in plowing and preparing land for crops and in cultivating and harvesting operations later, is harming the structure of some heavy textured soils and shutting off ventilation needed for the roots of growing crops, according to Dr. George N. Hoffer, agronomist at Purdue university.

Soil, either dry or wet, is compacted by the weight of tractors and other heavy equipment to a depth of 18 to 24 inches, Dr. Hoffer pointed out. Present plowing and cultivation practices are largely limited to 6 or 8 inch depths as originally determined by light weight implements drawn by mules or horses.

"Ventilation requirements of a good soil with a high organic matter content, are based on the escape of approximately 1,100 cubic feet of carbon dioxide gas daily from each acre in a corn or tomato field dur-



Carbon dioxide released daily at the above rates will provide carbon for plants yielding at 80 bushels per acre.

ing the growing season," Dr. Hoffer declared. "At the same time the entry of approximately 4,000 cubic feet of air into the soil daily is necessary to support this combustion of the decomposing organic matter."

"Thus changes in the compaction of the soil from 6 to 12 or 18 inches in depth due to heavy equipment, interfere with these gas exchanges, and often contribute to the creation of oxygen deficiencies that result in the suffocation of the roots, or in the possible accumulation of carbon dioxide and other materials toxic to the roots."

Correction of these soil compactions which occur immediately below the plow furrow lies very probably in the use of deeper plowing equipment. One new type of plow breaks the compacted soil in the 6 to 12 inch zone and permits better aeration and the deeper placement of fertilizers.

Aerosol Bomb Suited For Farm Buildings



DDT aerosol bomb used to kill flies and other insects as well as germs in dairy barn.

Get rid of the flies and your cows will give more milk. Get rid of the flies and your hens will lay more eggs. Two wartime developments will make this possible. DDT, the new insecticide and the aerosol bomb, the new insecticide dispenser, are the answers.

A small cylindrical metal container with a valve on top, the bomb contains concentrated insecticide dissolved in Freon. Freon is a liquid under pressure; when the valve is opened to release the pressure, the Freon expands, changes to a gas and escapes from the bomb, carrying the insecticide with it.

Hay Waxing Treatment Conserves Carotene

Alfalfa and cereal grass can be stored with little loss of carotene if they are autoclaved, pressed into blocks, and the blocks sealed with flexible wax, according to the University of Wisconsin. While expensive, it offers possibilities for vitamin supplements such as alfalfa leaf meal or dried cereal grass. No other satisfactory method has been found to conserve the carotene in forage.

SEWING CIRCLE PATTERNS

Ideal Sports Set in Three Parts Scalloped Daytimer for Matron



Outdoor Sports Set

HERE'S a three piece sports set that's ideal for your life in the open. The youthful, brief-sleeved dress buttons down the side and has a bright contrasting color to edge the round neck and skirt bottom. Bra and shorts complete as clever an outfit as you'll find.

Pattern No. 1448 comes in sizes 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 18. Size 12, dress, 2 1/2 yards of 35 or 36-inch; shorts and bra, 1 1/2 yards; 1/2 yard contrasting fabric.

Slenderizing Frock

DESIGNED especially for the matron, this scalloped daytimer for summer has slenderizing lines and careful attention to detail. Why not try a soft all over flower print, and accent with unusual novelty buttons. You'll be the envy of all your friends.

Vibrant Melodies

Melodies played on the famous old carillons of Europe are heard for more than a mile because their bells are suspended from heavy pieces of timber, says Collier's. Many modern American carillons cannot be heard with reasonable fidelity for more than a block or two because their bells are suspended from steel girders connected with the structure's framework, which absorbs and grounds from 80 to 75 per cent of the musical vibrations.

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