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**TRUMAN AVOIDED MAKING ERROR THAT WILSON DID**

IN THE RECENT congressional elections President Truman took no part except to cast his vote, as every citizen should. He made no appeal to the voters of the nation, or of any state, including Missouri. His action recalled an incident in the administration of President Wilson in 1918, just before close of World War I.

Before and during that conflict the Democratic party controlled congress, as the same party has for the past several years. Just before the 1918 elections President Wilson appealed to voters of the nation to return a Democratic congress that his administration might not be hampered in the work of reconversion. Despite that appeal, the election resulted in a Republican landslide, and for the last two years of his administration the President was faced with a Republican congress.

That appeal on the part of President Wilson was made at the request of several members of his cabinet. It was a member of the cabinet who had not joined in that request who told me the sequel, "off the record" at that time. At the first cabinet meeting following the election the President entered the cabinet room without his usual cheery salutation to those gathered around the cabinet table. He walked to a window overlooking the White House grounds and, speaking to no one, he said, in a quiet voice:

"I accepted the advice of friends, and doing so led me into political error."

He then turned, took his place at the head of the table, and the meeting proceeded without comment of any kind on his statement or the result of the election. His statement was accepted as a rebuke to those advisers who had induced him to make that last-minute appeal, which did not prove effective.

**TRAVEL UNCOMFORTABLE, DIFFICULT AT PRESENT**

NOW IS A GOOD TIME to stay at home. There have been in the past, and will be in the future, times when traveling will be enjoyable. Such a time is not now. Unless you make train reservations far in advance, you will sleep in an upper berth, and consider yourself fortunate to have that. After a long search you may find a hotel that will accommodate you with a room for from one to a maximum of five nights. More likely you will sleep on a cot in a hallway, or in a chair in the lobby, provided the management does not throw you out. The one privilege you may have is to dream of the comforts you left at home; of the pleasant room, the comfortable bed, the pleasure of human companionship. All forms of transportation are crowded to the extreme limit, and then some. The hotel problem is worse, even, than that of transportation. Now is the best possible time to stay at home where you can enjoy home comforts.

That less than three million of America's G.I.s applied for, and have drawn, compensation under the so-called G.I. Bill of Rights is a tribute to our fighting men. More than 10 million have preferred taking a job to living at government expense. The three million does not include any sick or disabled.

**MANUFACTURERS CONSTANTLY IMPROVING THEIR GOODS**

THE MAN ON THE FARM and the man on the street are realizing more than they did in the past the importance to themselves of the expenditures industry makes for laboratory and technological experiments, for improved machines and general expansion. This, briefly, is how it works: General Motors, for example, sets aside 2 1/2 cents out of each sales dollar, to be used for engineering and other experiments, improved machinery, production expansion, etc. John Doak buys a new General Motors car, 1946 model, for \$1,000. Of John's \$1,000, \$25 goes into that experiment and expansion fund. Because of the expenditure from that fund the car John buys in 1946 for his \$1,000, as compared with the same make of car of 30 years ago, has a value of \$5,000. It has been profitable for John to have General Motors spend money on experiments and expansion. It meant a \$5,000 value for his \$1,000.

AN ILLINOIS farmer acquaintance tells me that each time the government told him to curtail production on a farm product, he accepted the advice in reverse, and produced more of that product. A year ago he was told to produce less hogs. He produced more. The result was he had a large drove of fat hogs ready for market when meat controls were abolished, and for them he received a fair price. That was not the first time he had profited by not accepting the advice of the planners at Washington.



**Open Diplomacy, Take It Away**

The "open convenants openly arrived at" idea begins to look like a mistake. The old style behind-the-door diplomacy may have seemed bad, but it sounded better.

Monkey wrenches weren't half as alarming when they were invisible.

The world thought that if it could make diplomats do their stuff out in the open it would get somewhere, but the goings on at all the peace sessions since have proved double-talk was less disturbing when it wasn't put through amplifiers.

The only difference is that now you get the plots, suspicions and hard feelings in technicolor and the words by international hookup, all of which leave nothing to illusion, kicks hope in the pants and makes peace seem like something that can only be attained by television.

Mankind is speaking openly. And he doesn't sound good.

The views of the diplomats are now sprayed into homes everywhere and they are leaving the occupants more troubled and befuddled than if they had been given nothing but sketchy transcripts.

In the so-called days of dark diplomacy we got a weekly summary of what the peacemakers were saying and thinking. It never scared the public as much as play-by-play broadcasts.

There seems to be just as much dirty work at the crossroads as ever. And it is much more disturbing with the added super production and sound effects. We used to be alarmed by occasional rumors. Now we are made doubly apprehensive through being able to see and hear the villains as they still pursue her.

Everything said and done by the United Nations is now on the up and up, and the net result is to indicate that the greatest menace to world peace is speechmaking with no cuts. The last world war saw a peace brought about in fewer languages and no radio assistance. Our impression is that if there had been microphones in those days, the orators would still have been talking.

Open diplomacy is all right if it is not so open that it gets confused with the commercials, the soap operas and the radio auditions.

The idea of having all the cards on the table is swell. But it might be just as well if the interludes when the boys play gin rummy were not broadcast.

The best thing that could happen to all bodies at work on peace would be a general loss of voice by the delegates, coupled with a realization that a better world cannot be developed exclusively through the gas works.

**SAME OLD DESIGNS**

The New York horse show, renewed for the first time since Pearl Harbor, drew tremendous crowds. We will say this about horses: They come through without strikes, the models do not change every season and you always know there is no gadget on them on which you can light a cigar.

**Another Freedom Gone**

Life is getting to be pretty circumscribed. A man can't even call a rattlesnake his own. Ralph Butler, a New York man, had a six foot rattler that was his closest friend and pet. He kept it in his apartment, where he found it quite companionable and, in many ways, far ahead of humans he knew. But there were complaints. And a court has taken the viper away.

We sympathize with Mr. Butler. Personally, we wouldn't want a rattler within 10 miles of us, although they often get much closer. But if a man cottons to them and finds they can be trusted, is it fair to part them? Is it fair to the man? Is it fair to the rattler?

We pause for a reply. Not getting any, we hold that it is pretty tough to force Butler to go out and find his rattlesnakes in politics and social life like the rest of us.

Maybe the drop in cotton prices is due to the fact so much of it is now coming out of the automobile upholstery.

"One thousand beauty shop workers called strike."—News item.

Now, for a demonstration of whether anything on earth can stop a woman bound for a facial from crossing a picket line.

Now a strike of workers in the meat-packing industry is threatened. Anything to make it a little tougher on the kitchen.

**Woman's World**  
**Reclaim Khakis and Navy Blues For Making Wearing Apparel**

By Erta Haley

**Winter Bride**



Lace combined with cream-colored satin is made by a New York designer for a winter bridal gown. This gown features a low neckline and closely fitted bodice.

NOW that many boys have marched home from overseas service, many a homemaker has begun to wonder about the possibility of using those wonderful khaki and navy blue clothes for something useful. It's very true that the fabric in these clothes is much too good to be shut up in mothproof bags or closets. They can be converted into excellent civilian wearing apparel.

The main problem in using clothing of this type is to really change the appearance, and experience proves that it can be done. Sad-colored olive drab can actually be dyed so you won't know the origin. And as for navy blue, it's a good substantial color which you probably won't change, especially if you change the style of the garment sufficiently.

If you've had a WAVE in the family, then you'll be surprised how beautifully her navy blue suit alters into something very attractive. If the girl herself is using the suit, it probably won't need much alteration in fitting. Remove the insignia, and add some bright red braid around the shoulders and sleeves, or run the braiding all around the bustline in several rows, and you'll be surprised at how nicely the garment reconverts.

It's only natural that you might hesitate at dyeing the heavy olive drab garments but it really can be done.

**Wool Dyeing Requires Simmering Temperature**

The important points to remember when dyeing woollens can be summarized in five steps. These are particularly applicable when you are dyeing such things as ex-service clothing.

1. Measure the garment before dyeing or draw its outline on a large sheet of paper for measuring purposes.



Convert service uniforms . . .

2. Make sure you have enough dye for the quantity of fabric you are dyeing. Because of their heavy weight woollens require more dye per yard than cottons or rayons.

3. Use a simmering temperature all during the dyeing period. Use a large enough vessel for the purpose so that you can stir the garment gently in its dye bath. Avoid rough treatment as this makes the garment shrink.

4. Remember that wools appear much darker when wet than when dry. Test a small strip of fabric by ironing dry to make sure you have the shade desired.

5. When you are satisfied with the color, rinse the garment thoroughly. Then stretch it to its original proportions, using the pencilled figure or measurements mentioned above.

Iron the woollens while they are just barely damp. Of course you understand this has to be done with a pressing cloth or the wool will develop an ugly shine. If the garment has not stretched to its proper shape, it can be stretched even more while you are pressing the fabric.



Into fashionable clothing.

While dyeing will cause some shrinkage, the most shrinkage you can expect of a properly treated garment should not exceed three-quarters of an inch. It can certainly be a lot less if you give the garment your most gentle treatment.

If you've been following fashion news lately, you know that the hip length boxy jacket is one of the

**Fashion Flashes**

Soft gray wool is another fashion favorite and is a wonderful neutral that you can use with gay accents of color. Green of course is very popular and so is magenta.

Want to give gloves a lift? Sew bands of contrasting colored material on the cuffs or make them glitter with sequins that highlight the colors of your costume.

serum will result in a relatively solid and lasting immunity. This is the so-called double treatment—injection of serum in one place and the virus in another.

Because between 50 and 60 pigs can be vaccinated after weaning age, for the value of one market hog, and as cholera can wipe out an unvaccinated herd over night, no hog raiser can afford to let his herd remain unvaccinated.

**Reclaim Those Overcoats For Smart, Boxy Jackets**

Incidentally, you won't want the coat an olive drab. Dye it one of the following beautiful colors: navy blue, dark green, jade green, scarlet, cardinal red, dark brown or black.

Dyeing will be much easier if the coat is first ripped at the seams. This makes it less bulky to handle in the dye bath. And incidentally, once the ripping is done, a big job is out of the way and you can begin sewing so much sooner.

Use a pattern for cutting the coat down to your measurements and have it just as square and boxy as possible with trim shoulder lines. A double breasted model with large pearl buttons will look very up-to-the-minute.

If you don't want a collar on the coat, then have it collarless, buttoning up high. Make slit or diagonal pockets, and plan to wear it with a gay scarf and a snappy little hat. The cost for an outfit of this type is under five dollars, and you'll have both warmth and wear from the outfit.

**Braided Rugs**

You can do a lot to make your home more attractive with braided rugs, provided you use gay colors and good patterns. There's a definite place in the bedroom, den, dressing room and children's play room for charming braided rugs.

Nothing is too small or too large to use for rug making. Here is a list of some worn-out things that are often used: worn draperies, bedspreads, blankets, tablecloths, coats, trousers, formal, pleated and gathered skirts. You can even use towels, napkins, aprons, blouses and stockings. Don't forget to shop for inexpensive remnants at bargain prices, too!

For a rug that will please you when finished, work out a plan ahead of time and shape it with crayons. Then select material, dye it, if necessary, in accordance with the plan. Before you cut the fabric, write down the number of rows you will need of each color.

Colors in a braided rug should give a feeling of unity. Keep large areas quiet in their effect, and keep colors balanced by repeating them with discrimination.

Braids may be made of anywhere from three to eight strips, but the number of strips does not complicate the braiding process.



**Vaccinate Now to Save Hog Profits**

**Be Prepared Against Hog Cholera Outbreak**

By W. J. DRYDEN

The ideal time to vaccinate young pigs for cholera is about two weeks after they have been weaned. There is no "panacea" for hog cholera, once it strikes. The solution is preventive vaccination before an outbreak occurs.

Hog cholera still causes an average annual loss of about 30 million dollars in the United States. Two million dollars, above what is now spent, for hog cholera virus and anti-hog cholera serum would wipe out this loss, if followed by approved methods of sanitation.

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Eight cardinal points to practice in order to bring calves along so that they may develop into good milkers are given by the University of Wisconsin. These sound measures are:

Get rid of germs. Keep germs out of calf's body. Keep calf's resistance high. Clean calf pens every day. Keep feeding utensils clean. Provide fresh air, but no drafts. Disinfect navel soon after birth. Provide nutritious rations daily.

**Elimination of Winter Smut in Seed Barley**

A large part of barley smut can be eliminated in the 1947 crop by treating the barley seed used for planting this fall, says C. A. Helm, Missouri college of agriculture. Covered smut and black loose smut can be eliminated by seed treatment. The brown loose smut cannot be controlled. Seed may be treated with formalin, copper carbonate or urease. By eliminating two of the three smuts, losses will be cut.

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