

Buds AND Blossoms

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"Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and put a new and
right spirit within me"--

Psalms 51:10.

Happy New Year, gardening friends! May you enjoy the good earth and reap abundantly.

January is a good month to clean up the garden, and get plants and seeds and fertilizers. Make cuttings of crepe myrtles, box, roses, hydrangeas and any flowering shrub you want to put out.

Prune figs back this month, and paint the wounds with white lead. Figs will produce on three branches as much as they will on six branches. Put barnyard manure around fruit trees this month.

Kill wild onions in your lawn by digging them up with a clump of dirt with each onion root. If you want to use more money and less labor, apply 2,4-D when the onions are young. Sometimes you must use 3 treatments.

Buy azaleas that are at least 2 years old. Plant them in a well drained, acid soil that is high in organic matter. They like to grow under pine or oak trees. Don't plant azaleas under elm or maple trees. These trees take up too much water for the azaleas to survive.

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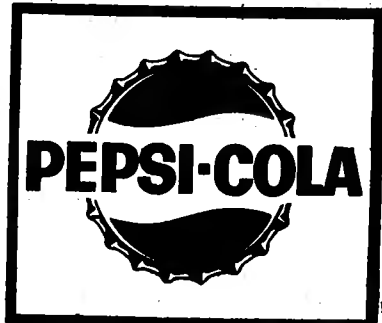
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Looking at What's Ahead in Clothing

What's ahead in clothing and fabrics for the consumer in 1965?

Miss Mary Em Lee, extension clothing specialist, North Carolina State, gives a rundown.

1. Improved wash and wear cotton--From the U. S. Department of Agriculture comes a treatment that not only gives wash-and-wear properties to cotton but also adds permanent dyes, starch and other finishing materials.

In addition, this single treatment may eventually attach other chemicals to cotton--including those that give resistance to fire, rot and mildew and some repellancy to oil and water.

2. Trends in wool--Many of today's wools are washable. New improved wools have stretch qualities and hold a permanent crease and pleat. In addition to these qualities, tomorrow's wools will also have better moth proofing characteristics, resistance to soil and will be longer wearing.

In 1965, a new shrunproof yarn will be used to make machine washable woolen knit goods.

3. Stretch fabrics--Many fashion forecasters predict that eventually at least 90 per cent of all fabric will have some stretch.

Look for new all-cotton stretch socks for men and boys in 1965.

4. Moldable garments--Scientists now can mold cotton

stretch fabrics into three-dimensional shapes, in one of the newest developments in chemically treated cotton.

Some day swim suits will be produced in two pieces--back and front--then sewed or guled together.

Hats, gloves, shoes and underwear, too, may one day be made from moldable fabric.

5. Double-faced fabric--New on the market is a sportswear denim fabric backed with terry cloth. For raincoats, you will find wool bonded to cotton poplin.

Winter coats will feature wool tweed bonded to a ple fabric.

6. Leather-look cottons--New for '65 is 'letha-cotta', a leatherlike 100 per cent cotton.

A resin finish gives this fabric easy-to-care-for features--resistance to stain and wrinkles, water repellancy, color fastness, durability, washability, dry-cleanability and steam ironability (up to 120 degrees).

7. Polypropylene fiber--This newest effort from textiles research chemists is used at the present time for sweaters, women's hosiery and blankets.

This fiber's characteristics: long lasting, static-free, difficult-to-soil, resistant to burning, mildew and moths. In addition, the fiber is non-allergenic.

8. Cantreze fiber--Used primarily in hosiery, this new fiber's special self-crimping properties make hose fit wrinkle-free.

Eventually, this fiber may outdate present day nylons.

at least read about them in the many things you may receive in the mail for a postage stamp.

This week, for our Buds and Blossoms poem, we turn to the words of a beautiful hymn that is familiar to us all.

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me
rings

The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies
and seas,
His hand the wonders
wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily
white,
Declare their Maker's
praise.

This is my Father's world,
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear
Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems
off so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done,
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

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