

Burlap Bags Go From 'Rags to Riches'



Elizabeth Cowan, designer, displays colorful window curtains, table runner, skirt and apron she made from dyed burlap bags.

Here's a new, exciting and budget-wise use for burlap feed bags. With a little simple needlework and some all-fabric dyes you can transform them into all kinds of colorful clothing and home furnishings. This newest budget-stretching idea is the result of research jointly undertaken by the Tintex Home Economics Bureau and the Burlap Council. Detailed directions on how to make these "rags-to-riches" marvels are all summed up in an eight-page illustrated folder written for these organizations by the designer, Elizabeth Cowan. The articles pictured above are but a few of her tintexed burlap creations.

To prepare a bag for dyeing, open the seams by pulling the thread of chain stitching, shake out remaining feed or dust and stitch the raw edges to prevent raveling. Next, place the burlap in a tub or washing machine filled with warm soap suds, soak for a couple of hours and wash to remove printing. The dyeing process is the same as for other fabrics. You'll find burlap a wonderful fabric of character that's easy to work with.

The folder, entitled "How to Make Beautiful Articles from Burlap Bags," is obtainable free from Tintex Home Economics Bureau, 485 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

**Good Teeth—For You, Your Child
Your Community**

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The Council on Dental Health of the North Carolina Dental Society is sponsoring this series of articles on Dental Health. The writer, Dr. Ernest A. Branch, is the Director of the Division of Oral Hygiene of the North Carolina State Board of Health.

The dentist diagnoses, prescribes for, and treats human ills centered in mouth conditions. Today, the emphasis in dentistry is on prevention rather than on repair.

This has not always been true. In fact, it is a very new and modern conception of the dental art even in the minds of the members of the profession. The following quotation bears this out. In his book, **PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF A DENTIST IN THE EARLY DAYS**, Dr. Bristol says, "Dentists never recognized a lady or a clergyman in public, however intimate they were in private, lest any might say he had been putting in teeth for them."

To understand and appreciate this shift in emphasis from mere mechanical work, filling teeth and making replacements, to that of prevention, it is necessary to know something of the history of dentistry.

There are few records dealing with the beginnings of dentistry, but recent archaeological discoveries and excavations reveal that dental ills have always attended man and that dentistry, as a craft, has long been practiced. The skeleton remains of the Rhodesian man indicate that he had suffered from dental caries or decay. Prosthetic appliance, the professional term for false teeth and bridges, have been found in the mouths of Egyptian mummies. Among the relics of the Incas, Aztecs, and other Central and South American people are teeth with inlays of gold, turquoise, and even diamonds.

From the writings of Aristotle it appears that extraction of teeth was common among the ancient Greeks, but there is no evidence that there were people who concerned themselves solely with the treatment of teeth. The fact that false teeth came in for their share of derision by the Roman satirists is proof that removable artificial teeth were in use.

These scattered evidences of dental work are more interesting than they are significant. The work was performed for purposes of adornment or utility and not as a health measure. A few physicians, notably Hippocrates, recognized dental ills as being related to health.

Dental historians regard the middle of the 18th century as the beginning of modern dentistry. In 1728 Pierre Fauchard, a French scientist and surgeon, published a book entitled, "The Surgeon Dentist," which became the guide and text for those studying dentistry. During the next century the French dentists led the world, but after the 18th century America took the lead and has maintained preeminence in the field.

The early days of dentistry in America are quite interesting. Goldsmiths, jewelers, blacksmiths and barbers were the most numerous practitioners of dentistry. Paul Revere was not only a horseman, goldsmith, printer, and engraver, but also, a dentist. The following is from the "Boston and Country Journal" of August 29, 1768.

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The first organized class for the teaching of dentistry in the United States was one conducted by Dr. John Harris, a physician and dentist, in Bainbridge, Ohio, in 1827. Among the students was his brother, Dr. Chapin

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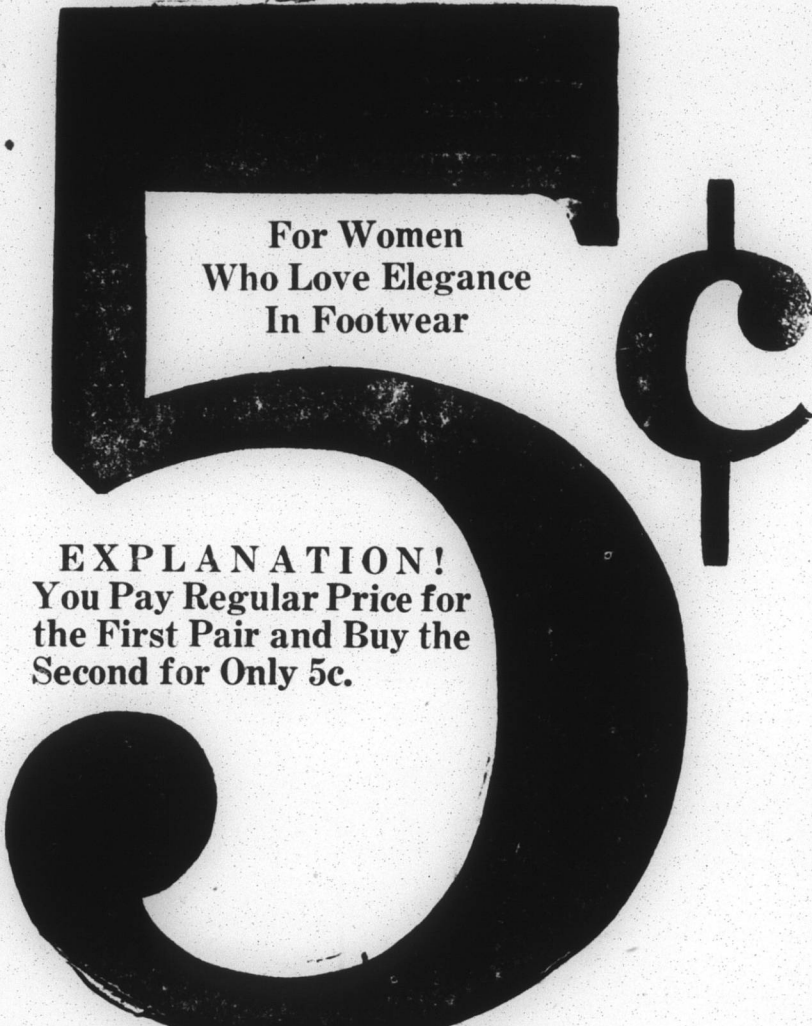
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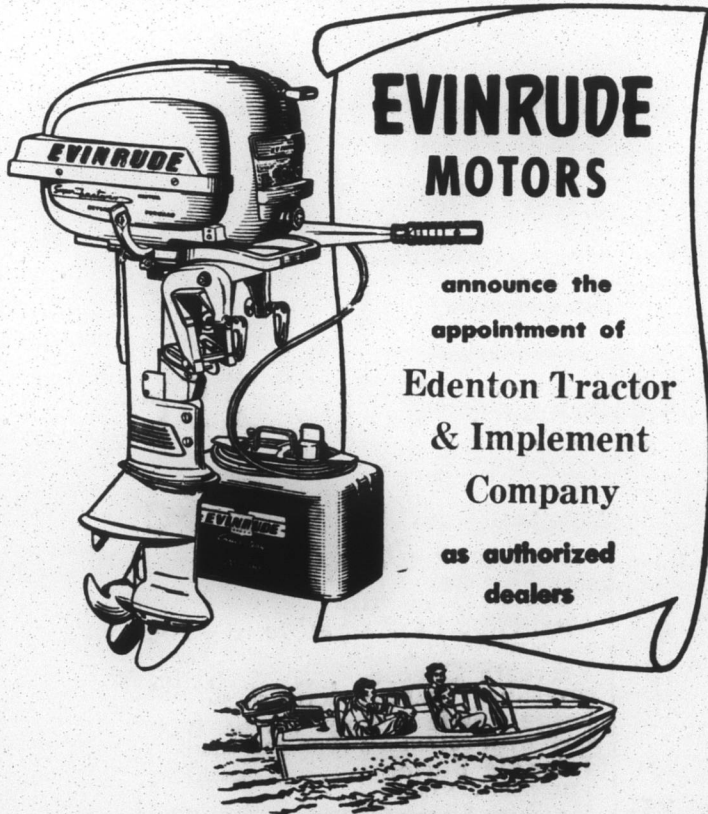
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