

# Bringing HOME the FACTS

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There seems to be nothing the young bride can't do nowadays and still keep within the tenets of good taste laid down by Mrs. Grundy. She can be married in pink. She can march to the altar decked in diaphanous green. She can be unconventional in white cotton. And she can go completely modern in a wedding dress of sheerest wool. No longer is ivory brocade an edict which the well-dressed bride must follow. It is her privilege and duty to be beautifully gowned. The bars have been lifted.

Whether you would set back the clock, if you had it to do over again, and veer away from an ivory wedding gown, is beside the point right now. The interesting factor in this revolutionary trend in fabrics, is that cotton can be so lovely and wool so sheer that it can be draped to fit the majesty of a wedding gown.

You have been offered transparent wrappings and transparent sippers for imbibing soft drinks. One of the newer members of the ubiquitous clan that looks like glass and is as light as air, is a line of dollies and runner sets that are made of fishnet fabric of slit cellulose. The runners are obligingly washable and lend a smart note to any table setting.

Does the factory threaten to usurp ictchen rites? A practical study comparison was made of commercially prepared food mixtures, gingerbread, muffins, biscuit, chocolate pudding and gelatin, with the homemade products. Time value was rated at 30 cents an hour. In no instance did the commercial product exceed in price the homemade, by more than eleven cents. Ease of preparation was in favor of the ready-to-mix. Texture and palatability received comparable rating and in some instances, the commercial rated higher than the homemade product.

Looking ahead to Spring and Summer you can be selecting the materials and colors that will be new and in high fashion for Spring suits, dresses and sweaters. Fabric

industries have been working to speed to bring you the new colors in light-weight fabrics and yarns.

Colors to wear with tweed: soft leaf green, brown, Oxford mixtures and beige. A black suit or skirt is set off to advantage with the pastels, dust pin, Blue Bonnet Blue and corn yellow. Grey which Paris predicts as a strong fashion note, is strictly a Leap Year style when it is combined with the popular new shade of rust.

Friday, or any fish night, try Salmon Souffle: Combine 1 1/2 cups flaked, canned salmon, 6 crumbled soda crackers, 2 cups of hot milk, 1 finely minced onion, 2 egg yolks and 1-2 teaspoon of salt. Mix all together lightly and fold in 2 egg whites whipped stiff. Pile into an oiled casserole and bake 40 minutes in a slow oven at 325 degrees F.

A place for everything and everything in its place is a fine household maxim, but how many of us live up to it. Two dollars and a tour of your favorite housewares stores will, I guarantee, provide at least four extra cubic feet of kitchen space. Items I have purchased—you may find others more suitable to your needs: one dozen wire-spring cup holders; one metal radiator cover (20 cents); two wooden cutlery boxes; one knife and gadget wall rack; one unpainted corner shelf; one mesh fruit basket; one metal vegetable bin.

Old King Salmon has marched steadily to top place in the nutrition calendar. Nutritionists in charge of relief menus in all parts of the world recognize the meat of salmon as one of the finest food sources of protein, the tissue-builder, of fat that is easily digested and sparkling with valuable vitamins. A, the mucous membrane protector, and D, the sunshine vitamin. While equally important are the minerals, calcium, phosphorus and iodine, which are to be found abundantly in salmon.

The story is told that Napoleon always dined on roast chicken for breakfast. Whether he appeared at seven o'clock or eleven, his cook always had the chicken done to a beautiful turn. On asked how he managed it, "Sire," he said, "I put a fresh chicken on every 15 minutes."

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## Quality Tobacco Starts In Seed Bed

A well constructed seed bed will protect young tobacco plants from disease and enable them to develop into hardy, thrifty specimens that will grow well in the field.

Dr. Luther Shaw, extension plant pathologist at State College, gives the following suggestions for tobacco plant beds:

Locate the bed in a warm, sunny place with a southern or southwest-ern exposure. The soil should be loamy and well drained. Do not place the bed on a site where a bed has been within the past four years.

Box the bed with planks extending six inches above the surface of the soil. Stretch wire across the bed, or place forked sticks in the ground, to keep the canvas from touching the earth.

Or the bed may be covered with a thin layer of oat or wheat straw, with the canvas resting on the straw. When the weather will permit, roll back the cover for a while during the day to give the plants fresh air and sunlight.

It is better to have small beds than one large bed, as this lessens the possibility of all plants becoming infected with disease. A hundred square yards of bed will produce 10,000 to 15,000 plants. One ounce of seed will sow 300 square yards of bed.

Two hundred pounds of a 4-8-3 fertilizer mixture is enough for each 100 yards of bed. Thoroughly mix it with the upper three or four inches of soil.

Be especially careful to keep the beds free from blue mold or tobacco mosaic infections. This is important.

Dr. Shaw suggested that growers wishing more information write the agricultural editor at State College, for extension circular No. 207, "Approved Practices in Handling Tobacco Plant Beds," and for experiment station bulletin No. 297, "Practices Relating to Control of Tobacco Mosaic."

## Put Thumbs-Down On Hitch-Hike Law

Columbia, S. C.—Hitch-hikers can continue to hitch-hike in South Carolina without fear of molestation by the law. The House of Representatives turned thumbs down on a bill to outlaw hitch-hiking. One member said: "What'll our college boys do if we pass this bill?"

## Forced Blossoms Bring Winter Beauty To Home

Small branches cut from trees or shrubs and placed in warm water inside the house will blossom several weeks before the advent of spring.

A few such branches placed in containers about a room will brighten it with the effect of spring while winter is still reigning outside, said Miss Anne Pauline Smith, district home agent at State College.

The woods offer many possibilities for indoor forcing, she pointed out. The maples are lovely in old brass, copper, or pottery containers. The black alder, with its long reddish brown catkins, makes an unusually decorative plant for forcing.

The yellow jasmine, the lovely vine which makes eastern Carolina woods so beautiful in spring, can be forced quickly, Miss Smith said. The gnarled forms of the flowering dogwood, the redstemmed dogwood, and the spice bush are highly decorative.

Fruit tree blossoms—apples, pears, peaches, and cherries as well as the flowering crab, Japanese cherry, and hawthorne—are favorites with many indoor gardeners.

Wild plums, pussy willows, Japanese quince, honeysuckle, the naked jasmine, forsythia, deutzia, syringa, lilac, and the spiraea are also beautiful indoors when arranged tastefully about a room.

If you wish to watch that mystery called "life" unfold in delicate beauty, force some lilies-of-the-valley. Place them in wet sand or sphagnum moss which can be obtained from a florist.

A few simple rules should be observed, Miss Smith pointed out. Take the chill off the water before placing the twigs in it. Don't let the plants get too cold at night or too warm during the day. Keep the container filled with water. Cut healthy branches, not too old.

## Lowest Property Tax Now In N. C.

North Carolina now has a per capita property tax lower than any other State and its combined franchise and income taxes are next to the highest in the nation, because of pioneering departments in State government. This was disclosed by Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell.

## Traveling Around America

READY FOR A TURN AROUND DECK

THIS strangely assorted trio are all ready for a turn around deck. Miss Ann Serafin, waitress on the Santa Lucia, is shown perched precariously on a turtle with a three-months-old wildcat in her hands—two passengers who became her particular friends on the voyage up from South America.

The turtle, one of the ugliest, most hard-boiled-looking animals in the world, belongs to a family living on the Galapagos Islands which can trace its ancestry back to deluvian times—land turtles which achieve a weight of 500 pounds and live to a ripe old age of 300 years. This particularly tough-looking native son came north to go civilized in the Bronx Zoo, New York.

The ocelot is a tropical edition of the wildcat, or tiger cat and when full grown is only 8 feet long. He is an agile tree climber and preys mainly on birds. Although much more beautiful and more innocent to look upon than the monster turtle, the ocelot is at heart, and often in action, a little savage. He may be tamed and pampered to the point where he is seemingly quite civilized yet one sniff of a fowl, his favorite food, is always a signal for a chicken-house raid.



**THROWS OUT AAA EXPENDITURE**  
Washington—Comptroller General McCarl turned down a proposed expenditure of \$500,000 under the agricultural adjustment act to aid peanut growers to divert their crop from normal trade channels into manufacture of peanut oil and by-products. McCarl held this was no diversion from normal channels.

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## Frog Jumping Test Is Urged

Washington.—An all-American frog-jumping show with "entries from every State in the Union" will be held here in the spring if Fred Orsinger has his way.

As director of the Commerce Department's aquarium, Orsinger is passionately interested in frogs and fishes. He hopes the contest will be held while Congress is in session so Legislators can be the official sponsors for the contestants.

A few weeks ago Orsinger was balked when he tried to arrange a broadcast of a scrap between fighting fishes. A law forbidding the "mating of beast against beast or man against beast" was cited.

## Rowan 4-H Team Wins Seed Judging Contest

A team from Rowan county won the 4-H club seed judging contest at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Crop Improvement association at High Point, L. R. Harrill, club leader at N. C. State college has announced.

Luther Canup, Carl Canup, and Arsene Swicegood composed the winning team, coached by R. R. Bennett, assistant county agent.

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## Milestones of American Genius



Monument to Daniel Webster at State House, in Concord, N. H.

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