

WHY

Special Weave of Blanket Makes for Warmth

Blankets, contrary to a popular belief, are not heat-producing like a hot-water bottle. No blanket ever created heat. It can merely hold in body warmth, and its heat-retaining qualities are brought about by napping.

The warmth value of a blanket, as explained in Dupont's Magazine, depends more upon its construction than upon the materials from which it is made. Some people believe they would freeze if they used a cotton blanket in the winter time. But a double-woven cotton blanket can be superior to a poorly napped wool blanket in retaining heat.

For example, take nature's method of covering an animal during winter. As cold weather approaches, a thick undercoating of fur—called pelage—grows close to the animal's body. Millions of air spaces between the fine hairs in this undercoating hold in the natural body heat and keep out cold air. Extra napping on blankets insures extra layers of air spaces similar to those in animals' fur.

Napping means simply this: After a blanket has been woven, the fibers of the yarn are pricked up by wire brushes, so that millions of tiny air spaces or air cells are produced. The dead air trapped in these spaces prevents the conduction of heat from the body. The thicker and loftier the nap, the "warmer" the blanket.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Why Dahlias Were First Imported into America

Unusual questions are commonplace in the mail of the United States Department of Agriculture. Often the answers provided by the specialists in the various bureaus of the department bring to light facts of a sort not anticipated in the request for information.

An interesting example occurred recently. The editor of an agricultural paper in the South could not answer when a subscriber inquired whether dahlia roots could be used for hog feed. He passed the question along to the press service of the department. The press service could not answer. A specialist in the feeding of swine had never heard of dahlia roots as a part of a menu for porkers. But Mr. David Griffiths, bulb culture specialist, was able to answer the question. Dahlias have some nutritive value and would not be poisonous to swine. He added that the original importations of dahlias into this country were made with the intention of using the roots for human food, a bit of information of interest to dahlia fanciers.

Why Gold Is Weighed

In the case of a small deposit a bank probably would accept, for instance a \$10 or \$20 deposit in gold coin on the basis of the sum stamped on its face. In any considerable sum, however, the bank would weigh the gold coins. Gold wears off easily. If a \$100 deposit in gold coin weighed a little light, credit on the bank book would be given for only \$98 or \$97, or whatever the subtraction through wear might show. This is not necessary in accepting deposits of silver or paper, because the government guarantees the value of these. Gold must stand on its own weight and fineness and, therefore, is the standard.

Why Known as Indians

Indian is an adjective originally derived from India and was properly applied to the people of that country. It was transferred to the native peoples of America through a geographical and historical mistake. When Christopher Columbus began his first journey of exploration in 1492 his purpose was to sail to India. When two months later he sighted land he believed he had reached that country, and as a natural consequence he referred to the natives as Indians. Since that time the misnomer has been applied to the races of the New world, with the exception of the Eskimos.

Why Coin Is "Dime"

"Dime" is derived from the Latin "decem" meaning 10, or "decimus," one-tenth. In the Fourteenth and Fifteenth centuries "dime" was applied in England to the thirteenth or tenth part of one's income paid to the church. According to the King James version of the Bible, the last part of Genesis 14:20 reads, "He gave him tithes of all." John Wyclif translated this passage, "He gave him dymes of alle things." The American 10-cent piece was called a dime because it represents the tenth part of a dollar, the national monetary unit.

Why Teeth Decay

Calcium, in combination with phosphorus and oxygen, is an important constituent of the bones and teeth. A lack of this element in the diet, particularly of the growing child, should be avoided. There are of course various reasons for tooth decay, apart from wrong diet.

Why Spokes in Flywheel

Weight in a flywheel is most effective in the rim, and the metal is placed where it will do the most good. Likewise, a solid wheel, unless it were a very small one, would be difficult to cast.

Why Mirage Is Seen

A mirage is due to the unequal heating of the different parts of the atmosphere, which bends the light rays and so produces distorted images.

Owes Life to Cough
At Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanganyika, an African native is pointed out as the man who coughed in his grave. Pronounced dead, his relatives had assembled and the drums had reached the moment of burial when the chief actor coughed loudly. He recovered, expressed a belief that he had been under a spell and started for the village witch doctor, who coughed once and died.

Inventor of the Polka
The Etude says that the Bohemian dance, the polka, was invented about 1830 by Anna Slezak, an upper servant in the family of a rich farmer. As the room in which she danced was small, she shortened the steps, from which the dance was named polka (half). Received enthusiastically in Paris, the word was changed to polka.

Ferocious Cats
On Cat Island near the Cape of Good Hope domestic cats were turned loose years ago and now they live in holes in the ground around one of the harbors and prey upon sea birds, and these felines have developed such ferocity that it is almost impossible to tame them even when captured young.

Insect Pest
The boll weevil is an insect which lays its eggs in the bud of the cotton plant. Out of these eggs come worm-like larvae, which eat the growing bud and prevent the production of cotton fiber. In American slang, boll weevil is a term sometimes applied to a person who is a pest.

Always Seeks Excuse
"No man," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "entirely loses all moral sense. However reprehensible his conduct he will always try to convince others and even himself that he did the best he could under the circumstances."—Washington Star.

Umbrella Nothing New
Joseph Hanway was the man who brought umbrellas into common use in England. The British museum has a carving showing an Assyrian king leading troops into battle while carrying an umbrella. Date, 700 B. C.

Folly of Anger
Anger is the most impotent passion that accompanies the mind of man; it effects nothing it goes about; and hurts the man who is possessed by it more than any other against whom it is directed.—Clarendon.

Respect Carried Too Far
"Respect for our ancestors," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "should not go so far as to convince us that they have provided all the wisdom and morals of which the world has need."—Washington Star.

Old Vanity Case
An ancient vanity case, dating from 800 B. C. is in the museum of Haverford college as part of the collection gathered by the college archaeological expedition during work at Beth She-mesh, in Palestine.

Oh, What a Liar!
The bragger who claimed to have been all over the world said he climbed to the top of the Rhine, fed the lion of St. Mark's and filled his fountain pen in the Black sea.—Florida Times-Union.

Obsolete Armament
As late as 1911, bows and arrows were used by soldiers in China, when a Manchú garrison was attacked and had to supplement the supply of rifles with archery equipment.

Java Far in Lead
Peru first showed the world the value of cinchona trees which yield quinine, but now 97 per cent of the world's quinine supply comes from Java.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By Ann Mason
All Food and Nutrition leaders are asked to meet in the home agents office on Tuesday, May 31st. This is a

very important meeting do not fail to be present.
The date of the Women's Federal Club meeting has been changed from June the 19th to June the 30th.
Will all 4-H club members be present at your next club meeting. There will be several very important matters taken up in the month of June.
The home agent will be in the following communities next week: Monday, Atlantic; Tuesday, Beaufort; Wednesday, Williston; Thursday, Beaufort; Friday, Bettie; Saturday, Morehead City.

The Curb Market is open each Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 8:30 and 11:00 A. M.
The following are some good suggestive garden notes for the month of June sent out by our Extension Horticulturist, E. B. Morrow:

1. Fertilize the asparagus bed as soon as the cutting season is over. The amount of growth secured between now and frost will determine to a large extent the size and quality of the shoots produced next spring. Use 1000 pounds per acre, or 2 1/2 pounds per hundred square feet, of 5-7-7 or 4-8-8 fertilizer. If fertilizer is not available, apply well rotted stable manure at the rate of 10 tons per acre or 50 pounds per hundred square feet. Keep up cultivation and see that the plants are in a vigorous growing condition until frost.

2. Set tomato plants for the late summer crop. Plants set at this season should have their roots placed deep in order to reach the moisture layers of soil. If the plants are tall and spindling, lay them horizontally in the bottom of a deep furrow and cover all but the top 2 or 3 inches of the plant.

3. Keep up the supply of sweet corn by making successive plantings every three weeks.

Go over the watermelon patch every two weeks and remove all misshapen melons while they are young.

5. Spray the cantaloupe patch with Bordeaux Mixture in order to prevent damage by foliage diseases.

6. Now is the time to start sweet potatoes from vine cuttings.

FARM WOODS INCOME IS CONSIDERABLE SUM

By R. W. Graber,
Extension Forester

When I say, "The Farm Woods Yield a Good Income," some one is going to disagree. Yet many people will be surprised to learn just what the farm woodlands in Carteret County give the farmers in the way of income. According to the latest figures available, the U. S. Census Report for the year 1929, the harvest of farm forest products for that year was as follows: 1,745,000 Board feet of lumber and logs, 5,365 cords of firewood, 4,465 fence posts, 138 railroad ties, and 590 poles and piling.
It is rather difficult to figure the value of these products because many of them were used by the farmer himself. But figured at the common market price at that time, the total value of these forest products to the Carteret woodland owners was about 37,566 dollars.

This is quite a sizeable income to receive in one year from the one portion of these farms—the one crop—which has received no care, no fertilizer or cultivation, and cost only the annual tax on those acres.

Let's give the woods an "overhaul." This is the only part of the farm that produces a crop without care, fertilization or cultivation. In seasons of drought or excessive rains, it keeps right on growing. Late or early frosts, or the severest winter weather does not injure it. When all other crops fail, the farm woodland carries on its job of producing wood. And though the owner slashes it to pieces with careless and wasteful cutting, this one crop comes right back for more.

Certainly, a crop that will do this deserves encouragement and better treatment than many farmers usually give it. All it requires is protection from fire and a little more care in

cutting operations. Your County Agent can tell you how to give this crop a "fair chance" in its effort to produce a reasonable share of the farm income.

ANGRY HUSBAND CHASES VISITOR

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Harvey D. Lewis, a young Stacy man, was charged with breaking and entering the home of Charlie Salter and taking therefrom an old family clock belonging to Mrs. John H. Mason. Lewis pled guilty to the stealing of the clock, but denied breaking and entering. The Rev. Worth Wicker testified that he bought the clock from Lewis, Mr. Salter, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Mason, and the father of the defendant, and Hardy Lewis all were examined. The defendant claimed that the door of the Salter home was open and so he walked on in and fished the clock, which was said to have remained in the Mason family over a half century. Judge Davis found probable evidence of breaking and entering and bound the defendant over to Superior Court. As he is already being held under bond for his appearance at the higher court, this was not increased. C. R. Wheatly appeared for the private prosecution and Luther Hamilton represented the defendant.

Two counts brought Fred Hester, colored, of Morehead City, before Judge Davis. The first was driving an automobile under the influence of liquor and the second was operating an automobile without state license. The latter was noll prossed. The defendant was found guilty of the first charge, but proved such a good reputation and as he had never been arrested before, he was let off, with prayer for judgment continued, provided he pays the costs and does not drive an automobile in the next ninety days. He was given three weeks in which to pay the costs, default of which will bring him a thirty-day jail sentence.

A feminine element was the basis of an affray which resulted in Will Dudley, young six-foot-four Bogue man, being arraigned for an assault on Fletcher Bell of the same community. The following witnesses were examined: Primrose Garner, John Jones, Walter Fulcher, Nannie Pinner, George Jones, Lucille Hughes, Marvin Taylor, and Vivian Taylor. Upon the evidence given, Dudley was convicted. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Bedford Dudley, colored, of Morehead City, who was tried last week for breaking up a boat owned by James Hester and carrying it to his home. Sentence was withheld until the session Tuesday. In the meantime, Solicitor Phillips made a private investigation and upon his suggestion Judge Davis dismissed the case. Dudley, though, has to carry the boards back to the claimant Hester.

Alfred Anderson, colored, of Beaufort, charged with abandonment, was noll prossed with leave.

ALLOTMENTS MADE FOR THE SCHOOLS

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Crops Pretty Good

While weather conditions have not been particularly favorable to corn, fruit crops and commercial Irish potatoes are making good progress and small grain crops are in very good condition, the North Carolina crop reporting service for May 1 shows. Wheat, Rye, hay and potatoes are slightly off in condition, as compared with normal, and the peach crop is estimated at slightly more than 2,000,000 bushels, as compared with more than 3,000,000 last year. Damage to tobacco plants from the March freeze blue mold and the flea bug was severe in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, and eastern North Carolina, with lesser damage in the old belt areas of North Carolina and Virginia,

the report says.
The State Board of Agriculture will meet in Raleigh on Thursday of this week for the purpose of considering whether or not to continue the State Fair. That institution has proved troublesome since the State Fair was re-established at a new site four years ago. It lost money every year until last fall, when it barely made the grade. The 1931 General Assembly turned it over to the Board of Agriculture, with authority to abandon or continue it.
Former Senator F. M. Simmons,

New Bern, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in Federal Court at New Bern, listing liabilities at \$134,421.96 and assets at \$110,404.47. The liabilities include \$21,755.61 in notes and bills which should be paid by others, he stated, through his attorney T. D. Warren. The depression, bank failures and failures of co-indorsers necessitated this step, taken to give creditors an equal chance at the assets. Mr. Warren said Three of Senator Simmons' larger farms have already been sold under mortgage, it was stated.

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