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This, That, and the Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

Last week one of the grocery stores in our town gave me fifteen cents off a bill, and I appreciated it. Another store overcharged me four cents on an article. And which do you suppose comes off-ener to my mind, the gift or the overcharge?

It was a poet who called autumn days melancholy and the saddest of the year. But it's a housekeeper who knows why. At this season we have to get out the putaway winter clothes and decide whether they can be used again by former wearers; and, if not, by whom. I don't mean Sunday clothes, but the stuff that goes on when one is at work. Somehow figures as well as styles have a way of changing from time to time. Catching sight of ourselves as we try on a dress several years old, we gasp in surprise, wondering if we really looked like that when we used to wear the thing. With material worth making up costing what it does now, we can't afford to throw away what may be used. We bow to necessity and proceed with our task.

There's a pile of knit underwear that was put away without being mended. Now, if there's any household job more lacking in allure than patching one or more of Hanes heavyweight knit union suits for men, I have never faced it. Putting on patches on another suit makes the garment like an old bedquilt. Using cloth puckers it all out of what shape it has, unless the cloth is put on bias instead of straight. Do our best and results are so discouraging we are glad to get to the winter socks — some of which have no mates and some of which are mismated, and many of which need darning.

An unattractive, unglamorous work, this sorting and mending; yet not always thankless. Though nearly thirty years have passed, I can still hear the voice of a

nephew who had for some time been at the mercy of hired housekeepers before coming to stay with us. "Gee, Aunt Bessie," he would exclaim, "you don't know how good a fellow feels to be sure of finding his clothes clean and mended when he needs them." Such appreciation does much to lessen the melancholy of a housewife's autumn days.

All week I have enjoyed remembering the beauty of the chancel in the Wakefield Baptist Church last Saturday, as decorated for the Pippin-Pace wedding. Palms and white candles, white gladioli, dahlias, and asters — plenty of all, but not too much. It was a lovely wedding; and if I kept being surprised at seeing attendants as young men and women instead of very young people they have seemed to me, that was because time passes so fast. I can recall when my husband married Harold Pippin's parents almost as clearly as I can Harold's and Emma Jean's ceremony a few days ago.

In the *Smithfield Herald*, Mrs. J. T. Lassiter, one of the owners of the paper, comments on the price of eggs and the small size of pullet eggs. For years I have believed the only fair way to sell these is to weigh them. Last year we had a lot of young chickens and by the time we had eaten all the roosters the pullets were laying. I sold their eggs when it took seventeen to make a dozen by weight. A little later fourteen were enough, then they were large enough for me to count them. If you allow one and one-half pounds for a dozen, the buyer will have no chance to complain; and if, by reason of size, the twelve eggs are heavier than twenty-four ounces, you will be remembered kindly.

Judge Chester Morris is reported to have said in his charge to the Wake County grand jury that we need more boy scouts; that in all his years on the bench he has never had a first class scout brought before him.

That impressed me and I read it to my youngest son. His comment was: "First of all, we need more grown persons willing to take the time and make the effort to help with scout work. Boys can't run it by themselves." Judge Morris and Barrie are both most probably right.

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Miss Jocelyn House accompanied by three other teachers and Supt. Peeler of the State School for the Blind will go to New York, leaving Raleigh Oct. 4 for a week, visiting the Blind School and The Education School for Blind. Our own North Carolina Blind School is rated one of the best in the United States.

Mrs. James Rosenstock of Petersburg, Va., with her little son, is visiting her parents, the J. G. Kemps. The Kemp's small granddaughter, Mary Beth Allen, is also visiting them.

Mrs. Irving Cherry of Stokes was here the first of the week to see her sons, Donnie and Richard, who are staying with their aunt, Mrs. W. L. Greene, and attending Wakelon School. Both are high school students.

Custom rate for combining wheat in North Carolina averaged \$3.90 per acre in 1945, compared with \$2.90 in 1938.

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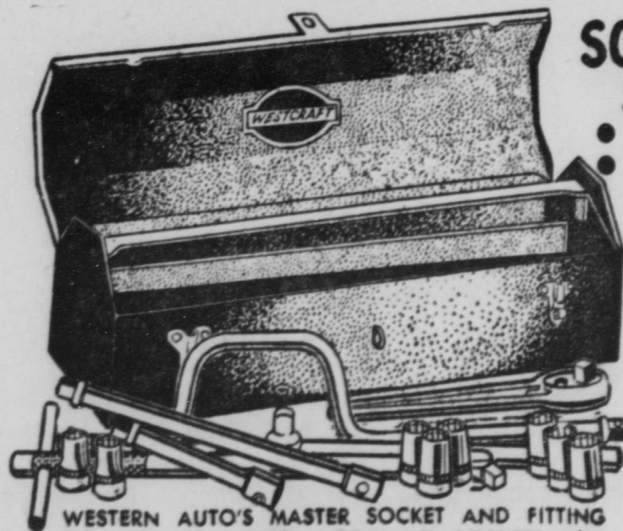
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