

Farm Household Hints on How To Clean Spots

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Cleaning Paper Lampshades. Skimmilk is a good cleaner for paper lampshades, both those of unfinished paper and those with a shellac, varnish, or waxlike finish, according to home management specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Do not use water on paper shades because it softens and may break or damage the paper. Milk, on the other hand, does not penetrate paper readily because of its casein content. It slips over the surface carrying soil with it.

A small amount of milk poured on the shade and rolled around cleans many papers well. As the milk darkens with dirt, a fresh supply should be used. Sponging the milk on with a soft cloth hastens the cleaning. However, if the cloth roughens the paper, this method should not be used.

The casein in milk is a rather gelatinous material that picks up and absorbs dirt. Cleaning with milk leaves a slight finish on the paper shade.

The first step in cleaning the shade is to dust inside and out with a soft clean cloth, soft brush or hand vacuum cleaner. Then sponge the surface very lightly with a cloth dipped in milk, using about a fourth cupful for a large shade. Support the shade by placing it on a table and hold it by the top wires, turning as you clean in order not to bend the paper. Use a fresh cloth and fresh milk as either shows soil. The milk should not stand on the shade or moisten the glue. If the milk seems to be softening the paper, allow the shade to dry before continuing. A very soiled shade may need a second application after it dries.

Be careful with shades made of two layers of paper. If soil has seeped in between the layers, cleaning the lining with milk may leave streaks.

Local Tobacco Barn Losses Heavy in '46

Losses from tobacco barn fires amounted to approximately two million dollars last year for North Carolina flue-cured tobacco growers, says D. D. Chamblee, Zebulon insurance agent.

Chamblee says that as a result of this heavy loss to the farmers, the State College leaders have made a study in an effort to learn the causes of these fires. The results of the study revealed 1,412

barns, 878,600 sticks of tobacco, and 1,412 curing units destroyed by fire in 1946.

There were about 162,300 wood-fired barns in use in the State last year, and of this number, 825 or 5.4 barns out of each 1,000 burned. Out of a total of 77,800 oil-fired barns estimated in use in the State, 534 were reported burned or 6.86 out of each 1,000.

In interpreting this information, it should be kept in mind that there were a number of different makes of oil burners that had a lower fire loss rate than wood, while there were other makes that were responsible for a very high loss among barns fired with oil. Of the 9,100 barns in use fired by stokers, 4 burned, or about 4.5 barns per 1,000.

Further information on these losses have been prepared by the college and are available to you upon request. Prepared in a detail

and easily readable form, the folder shows the causes of the barn losses, makes and types of heating units used, and recommendations for reducing fire losses.

In requesting this information, write to Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh, and ask for Extension Folder Number 72, entitled "Tobacco Barn Fire Loss Summary."

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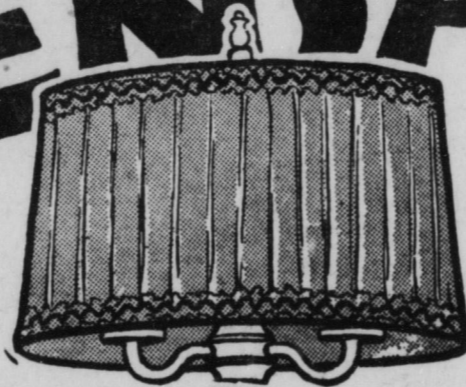


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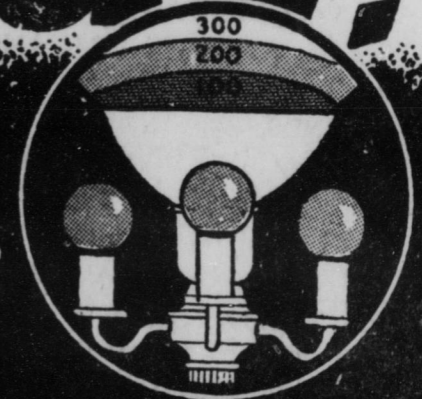
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