

Snap Shots Of The

HUMAN SIDE OF LIFE

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Despite the flurries of snow and the cold biting winds, we know that spring is just waiting for her cue to make her entrance upon the stage of Today, so it behooves us to get ourselves nicely settled on the front row . . . and open our programs.

According to all traditions, spring time means spring cleaning . . . so off we go to the attic, amply fortified with all the necessary paraphernalia for doing a thorough job. We always start in the attic and work down thereby saving ourselves the additional task of cleaning up the dust from the floor above.

Have you ever noticed that when you start out to do a good job and get thoroughly organized with the idea, about the second thing you lay your hand upon is a bunch of old letters, an ancient photograph album filled with snap shots, etc., or a book of memories? Well, it was a book of "home savers" that we landed on and, naturally, we sat down to "glance" over it. Every page held a hint for housekeeping that had helped us over many a tight place in days gone by. Forgotten was the spring cleaning . . . we hustled down stairs knowing that you would appreciate a few of these suggestions.

Such as: "A safe way to pick up small particles of broken glass." Sweep the broken glass into as small a pile as possible, then saturate a double sheet of newspaper with water and drop the extended soaking paper over the accumulated glass. Press down carefully and scoop up the whole thing. The glass will adhere to the paper and there will be no cut fingers.

About eleven in the morning, the telephone rings and you hear that Jennie and Lillie are stopping by for lunch, between buses. You select a large baking potato, one for each, and parboil for about ten minutes, or until potatoes are half done. This saves time and fuel. Your oven will finish the baking process and you will then break open the cooked potatoes, scoop out the contents, mix with butter (or substitute), a bit of minced

onion and any odd bits of meat, bacon or sausage, cut into tiny pieces. Season well and return to shell, grate cheese over this and return to oven to thoroughly heat and brown. Serve with a fruit cocktail, green tossed salad, toasted bread sticks, and coffee or tea. Your disposition will be tranquil and you will have had time to enjoy your guests.

We simply couldn't keep house without newspapers . . . in every sense of the word. Therefore this item: before starting any operation in the kitchen, lay three or four sheets of newspaper on your work-table and work over them. When each task is completed, gather up the top sheet of paper, roll and put in garbage can. Your next sheet is ready and your table cleared with no mess to handle.

Oh, oh! How well we remember this suggestion. We had a nice set of shelves built in the pantry but the space was too limited for doors that would be in the way when opened. What did we do? We bought us a nice tan window shade, hung it exactly as though it covered a window and when our use of the shelves was over for the day, down came the shade. We painted an attractive bunch of flowers on the shade so it was ornamental, but a decorative colored picture pasted on could be used.

Here's an idea for running fresh curtains on a metal rod to save curtains and temper. Put a piece of adhesive tape over the metal tip that runs through the top of the curtains. It will pull off easily (no harm, to leave it on) when curtains are ready for hanging. Want something different? And a time-saver, too. Cut crust from slice of bread and cut round hole in middle of slice. Put bread in frying pan with butter (or substitute) and as bread begins to brown, drop fresh egg into center. It will be sufficiently cooked to turn with bread. You'll be surprised how different an egg will taste in such well-bread company.

There's a bunch more ideas in our book. Want to hear some more . . . some time?

CONN SAYS HE WILL BE READY TO MEET LOUIS NEXT SUMMER

HOT SPRINGS — Heavyweight Contender Billy Conn, now doing heavy training in Hot Springs, Ark., says he'll be ready for his June

19th championship battle with Joe Louis in New York.

Conn says he knew the fight would be held in June, but didn't learn the exact date until it was announced Wednesday. Right now the Pittsburgh Fancy Dan is doing

heavy road work, going through gym workouts and taking the baths at Hot Springs. He expects to boil off five more pounds before leaving in two weeks.

From Hot Springs he intends to go home to Pittsburgh before head-

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Take the case of the hurrying motorist, for example. He screeched his automobile to a stop and dashed out on the run. Then he slipped on a chunk of ice and disappeared into an open sewer.

Then there is the motorist who was digging his car out of a snow-drift. He stabbed a tire with a shovel—bursting the tire, wrenching the shovel out of his hand and breaking his wrist.

Those are just two of the claims paid off last year by insurance companies in Hartford.

Another one that puzzled the adjusters concerned the "old grad" who was showing the college football team how they used to tackle in his day. The alumnus dived at

the tackling dummy but forgot the metal pencil in his pocket. He stabbed himself.

One day, little Junior saw a buzzing near his mother's ear. Junior, who believed in getting things done, picked up a fly swatter and swung at the insect knocking his mother dizzy.

The insurance men still are chuckling over the one about the policyholder who dropped into his neighborhood tavern for a quiet drink. He was beaten up with a frozen turkey leg wielded by a drunken.

Then, there's the horseman who ate his meals off the mantel for a week. Seems he bent over to pick up something and his horse couldn't resist the temptation, so he nipped him.

But the payoff in the insurance world during the past year was furnished by an insurance agent.

The agent was earnestly explaining to a prospective policyholder that someone might fall on his property and be hurt. As he talked, the agent backed into an iron pipe and broke two ribs.

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