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Household Suggestions

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For a fireplace fire that gives cheer and comfort in winter and also burns wood most efficiently, foresters of the U. S. Department of Agriculture offer some suggestions. It is a mistake, they say, for the excessively neat housewife to keep all ashes cleaned from the fireplace. The ashes should be kept level with the andirons to provide a bed for glowing charcoal which will yield steady heat and help ignite new logs as they are added.

Before laying the fire, put one log on the floor of the hearth against the back wall and behind the andirons. This backlog keeps the draft from drawing the fire directly into the masonry and wasting heat. Split wood kindles more easily than whole round logs. Softwoods from cone-bearing trees make a quicker and hotter fire but also a shorter-lasting fire than hardwoods. The lighter hardwoods make a hotter and shorter lasting fire than the heavier hardwoods. Woods that give the most heat for their weight are: oak, hickory, sweet birch, hard maple, rock elm, locust and longleaf pine.

A combination of hard and soft wood, such as oak and pine together, makes a successful fire. Woods that throw off sparks are chestnut, butternut, tamarack and spruce. These should burn only behind a screen. Green wood is poor in heat value because of the moisture it contains. Anywhere from 25 to more than 50 percent of the weight of green wood is water, depending on the variety. The heat required to drive off this moisture is lost as far as warming the room is concerned.

Dry seasoned wood kindles more quickly and is easier to tend and regulate than wet or green wood. Drying wood for a short time is better than not drying it at all. To hasten drying, split the green logs into small sticks. Another disadvantage of green wood is that it leaves more creosote, soot and other deposits in the chimney than dry wood. Foresters say that if green wood must be used, it should be put on a hot fire.

EGYPTIAN RAIL HERO

BERN—(AP)—A Swiss engineer who spent 42 years in the service of the Egyptian railways, Robert Rahm, has been decorated with the order of Ismail. The decoration was presented by the Egyptian minister here, under instructions from King Faruk I of Egypt.

complaints aloud again. At a recent Raton city council meeting, Tibijas griped about "the quantity and quality of dogs in his neighborhood. 'All right,' said Mayor J. R. Kastler, 'you are hereby appointed assistant dog catcher. Clean 'em out.'"

IRGUNIST HOSTAGE BACK HOME



HELD AS A HOSTAGE by Irgunists in Palestine, Judge Ralph Windham is shown back home with his wife after being released by his kidnapers. A terrorist group nabbed Judge Windham, still wearing his wig and gown, from his bench at the Tel Aviv District Court, and held him as a protest against the death sentence imposed by the British on Dov Gruner, a member of the extremist group. (International)

Italians Like Americans — But Not Those Occupying Italy



By FRANK BRUTTO

AP Newsfeatures ROME—Italians like Americans—but some Americans here are beginning to think that they like them best in America. "Maybe," said one American, "it's because of the occupation, after all . . ."

"But why," said another holding a recent issue of Rome's satirical *Cantachiaro*, "cartoons like this?" The cartoon showed a Jeep being driven over Italians. It culminated a summer and winter-long campaign by the Italian press against Allied drivers, some of whom—nobody would deny it—are reckless.

But the press campaign stirred Italian ire to the point where Allied drivers involved in accidents were menaced and sometimes assaulted. It waxed to the point where Gen. John C. H. Lee, chief of American forces in the Mediterranean theater, recently mildly remonstrated and reminded that not all the drivers of allied vehicles were American or British. A good many of them, he pointed out, are Italians. This has been especially true since America's wind-up sale of Army surplus.

Since the occupation of Italy, 3,584 Italians have been killed by Allied vehicles—a fact recently given wide publicity and picked up by Moscow radio which commented that it could not be believed that "thousands of Italians hurled themselves under the wheels for the pleasure of provoking the drivers."

Something else: Apartments are something that hurts where Italians think an American cannot be hurt—in the pocketbook. Americans have learned that they must violate the law to get living quarters and then risk being tossed out by the housing commission—after they have paid a fat "buon usita," a nice word for bribery—ranging now to a million or more lire (more than \$4,000). Some Americans have been tossed out—among them an UNRRA worker—and others are threatened.

Italian law blocks rentals, but an apartment for which Italians pay 1,000 or so lire a month will bring up to 100,000 lire a month in the American apartment-hunters-market.

In Roach Control, Thoroughness Pays

The secret of thorough eradication of the cockroach is thorough application of the material used to combat the pest.

The reason why cockroaches so often appear soon after the application of an insecticide is that some hiding place has been missed in the treatment, says Dr. Clyde F. Smith, Associate Professor of Entomology with the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Reaching every crack and crevice where the pest might lurk is particularly important with DDT, which is the recommended material for eradicating the cockroach, because the pest is killed by coming into contact with the material. He recommends the use of the DDT in either the 5 or 10% dust form, applied with a dust gun. However, a cheesecloth bag of the dust, which can be shaken against the openings where the cockroach might be hiding, has been found effective as a means of application.

Before the dust is applied, all cooking utensils, dishes and food should be well covered so that none of the dust could fall on them. Any dishes that might be left unprotected should be washed thoroughly before using.

If the first application has been thorough, a second one will not be needed for several months, Dr. Smith says. However, should the roaches appear sooner than that, make a second application at once, being sure the second time to include more possible hiding places of the pest.

For each loaded freight car moved 100 miles in 1945, U. S. railroads moved an empty car 49 miles.

POLAND HOPES TO TRIPLE IMPORTS THIS YEAR

WARSAW—(AP)—Dr. Stefan Jedrychowski, minister of navigation and foreign trade, said Poland's imports this year should amount to \$510,000,000, compared with \$130,000,000 in 1946.

Simultaneously, Jedrychowski said, Poland hopes to step up her exports from \$120,000,000 in 1946 to \$298,000,000 in 1947. He added that he hoped the negative balance of \$212,000,000 would be covered by foreign credits.

Jedrychowski said Poland for several years probably would be a far greater importer than exporter because of the vast materials and supplies needed for national reconstruction.

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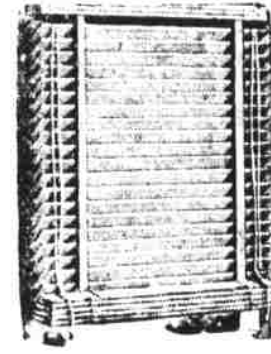
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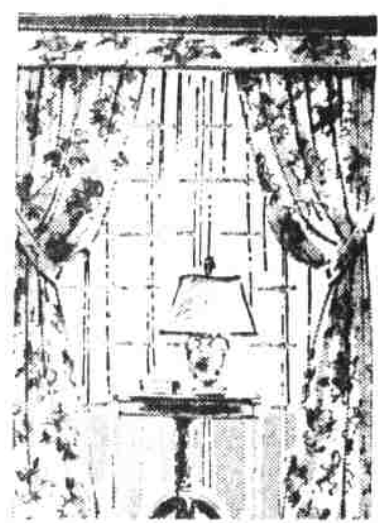
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