For the Farm Wife and Family

Efficiency in Housekeeping

FLOORS

Cleaning your floors regularly rather than letting them build up into one big job can pay off in dividends in the long run. Floors need to be kept clean so that grit and lint aren't ground into the floor. This will help to keep your floors from looking dingy.

floor frequent care than to re- pends on the wear and tear with dirt, less air-and less new its appearance after it on your ffoor. become scratched and

Putting down small rugs

to pick up the lint on your six months floor without scratching it Such items as a soft hairbroom or the smooth floor brush on your vacuum cleaner work very well. You can sprinkle a dust mop or a string mop with water and they will pick up lint easily

To clean the floor surface as it is needed, you can use a sponge mop that has been dampened with water.

A broom, vacuum brush or a slightly dampened mop certain period of time. will do a good job of cleaning waxed surfaces in your daily cleaning Don't use a mop with oil in it because it might soften the surfaces of these floor coverings.

To cut down on your daily cleaning job, keep spilled liquid wiped up These pick your cleaning job more work than it should be

WHAT KIND OF KLOOR WAX TO USE?

Waxing your floors can wax, me sure to

Regular cleaning also will give them the protective finsave you money It is much ish that makes cleaning easy. less expensive to give your The type of wax you use de- the bag, and as the bag fills

Floors waxed with a water base wax should be done at two to eight week intervals or mats in front of your en- If you clean, wax and polish tryways will also help to cut your floors, they will last down on the wear on your anywhere from one to three months Paste was should last You should use equipment on a floor between one and

> Coats of wax will build up on your floors when you use cleaner, the cleaning efficien- clean. Even washable papers learn to dry clothes until self polishing waxes repeat- cy dropped only 9 per cent edly and it isn't worked off as the bag filled, while anoth- any of the six kinds of paint or to fold Too much drying by wear and tear or ordinary er showed a 31 per cent tested cleaning This wax often yel- drop lows or darkens your floors.

up", use thin coats of wax in the test than other types Wax your entire floor one (The newer canister cleaners time and the next time, just with a rotating power driven wax the traffic lanes move wax coating after a included in the test.) The

You should be able to reasphalt tile, rubber tile, or move some of this wax through ordinary wear and cleaning Special wax removers have been developed and are on the market, but you need to be carefull in using these and follow the directions carefully.

Hard scrubbing will also up lint and dirt which makes take off part of the polishing type wax, but you'll probably have to use turpentine to take it off completely If you use steel wool to remove the use plain

steel wool rather than pads study showed that the most kitchen use.

RUGS

The findings in a recent of vacuum cleaning of all wool rugs all wool med um to high grade wiltons and and velvets - may be helpful to homemakers at this season when much dirt may be brought in from outside.

Manufacturers of vacuum cleaners advise emptying the dust bag after every cleaning but this is not always done in home practice The study emphasized that cleaning effic ency declines as the bag fills with dirt.

All air entering the cleaning nozzle must be drawn thru dirt-are drawn in. However, keeping the bag free of dirt is more important to the cleaning efficiency of some vacuum cleaners than others, the study showed.

Twelve different cleaners were used in the study-four sweeper cleaners of different makes, four canister cleaners, and three horizontal tank cleaners With one make of

Sweeper-type cleaners re-To prevent this wax "build moved more dirt from rugs Re brush in the nozzle were not

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as the time increased.

Most homemakers know fessional rug cleaners is rec- easily. ommended in such cases

WALLS

to do as good a job as powdered detergent cleaners, according to a recent U S Department of Agriculture re-When you have search. sta'ns that have stood for

the soap or detergent cleaner on ironing worked well on all types of wails

easily than others but wall- smooth as possible. paperes were the hardest to were harder to get clean than they are just right for ironing

Gloss, semi gloss and onethat have been prepared for dirt was removed during the coat paints rated good in first runs of the cleaners - soil resistance and were easy the first 12 minutes with a 9 to wash. So did rubber-base by 12 rug; increasing am and casein paint Flat paint ounts of dirt were removed soiled easier and was harder to wash

Wallboard materials made that some rugs are easier to with a baked-on gloss paint, get clean than others. In a laminated plastics and wall close woven pile rug, dirt tiles were all highly resistmay become so deeply em- ant to stains and easy to bedded that vacuum cleaning clean. The soap and water or will not remove all of it; detergent cleaner solution periodic cleaning by pro- both washed these surfaces

Stains that gave the most trouble on wall surfaces were ink, lipstick, crayon, Washing walls with a mild polish, mustard and shaving soap and warm water seems cream. Usually it took a mild scouring powder to remove these

IRONING

Even with modern fabrics sometime you may need to there seems to be some ironuse a mild scouring powder. ing that needs to be done. If All three cleaning methods it still seems to take too tested on 11 different wall much time, you might look materials showed that either for some ways to cut down

Start by taking time to hang things straight on the Some walls washed more I ne so they will come off as

If you use a dryer, you'll just puts in lots of wrinkles

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