

that you have to take the time to iron out Experiment with your dryer by letting clothes stay in less time.

Try not to iron things that don't really need it. Turkish towels absorb better if they aren't ironed as do most kitchen towels. Bottom contour sheets don't need ironing.

Only touch up knit garments and try ironing seams only on wash and wear clothing. With collars, cuffs and hems iron them until they are smooth and dry before you move on to other parts of the garment. This will save repeating the job.

When you dampen clothes use a fine spray of warm water and don't overdampen. Let stand a few hours so water will spread evenly thru the clothes. Fold the clothes loosely and cover with plastic sheeting or put in a bag.

**IRONING EQUIPMENT**

It pays to check your ironing equipment for safety, especially with small children underfoot. Take a look at the ironing board to see that it's firm and steady and won't topple over should a youngster brush against it. If you can find a place to iron that is in view but out of the play area it may help to keep youngsters away from the board. You'll need a sturdy stool, too, for your sit-down ironing.

Attach the iron directly to a wall outlet rather than a drop cord. It's best if you use the iron on a circuit planned for appliances. You may even want to put in an outlet in a convenient place. If you need to use an extension cord choose one made for appliances, not a light weight lamp cord. Be sure to check cords frequently for worn spots so a youngster won't be in danger if he crawls over them.

Whenever you leave the ironing board for a "minute" it's best to turn the iron off. If you're using an extension cord it may even be well to disconnect it if children are in the area. Then there's no

danger of them pulling the iron down. An iron rest may give some protection to the board cover and pad from overheating.

**RANGES**

Are you making full use of your range so that cooking is easier and more fun? Using your range to its utmost can pay off in dividends of better tasting food and more time for you.

Read your instruction book again after you've used the range for a while. This book is really a help to using your range and can give you many suggestions and hints.

If you have a gas stove, make sure it's adjusted properly. Then it will burn cleaner and have less waste. Learn at what heat to set your temperature control to bring things to a boil the quickest. This helps make food good, and nutritious.

Most heat controls are set for a medium weight of aluminum pan. You need to have controls adjusted if you use a different weight of metal or glass.

Use pans that are flat on the bottom and not warped so they make complete contact with the gas or electric unit. This cuts down on wasted heat and you won't have "hot spots" in the bottom of your pans.

Each of the parts of your stove has different instructions to get the most use from it. If you have a griddle, wash and take good care of it. Learn to clean your oven properly and be careful to put units back in correctly. You might plan more oven meals, also.

Your broiler doesn't need to be hard to clean. The main secret is to keep it from heat after you're thru cooking on it. Read the instruction book to learn how to use it. If your broiler is too large or really hard to clean, you might look at the new broiler pans coming on the market.

The timer on your stove

can be a great help to you if you learn how to use it.

**CARPET STAIN REMOVAL SUGGESTIONS**

During this holiday season, when we do a lot of extra entertaining, it seems that the livingroom or diningroom carpet is the hardest hit victim. We have here some suggestions which will help in keeping your carpet looking its best, despite spills and accidents.

Spots and stains on your carpets need immediate attention. Most common spots can be removed if the proper remover is applied while the stain is fresh. Collect stain removal materials in a box and have them ready for use in spot and stain "emergencies." Include these items in your stain removal kit:

Absorbent cheesecloth, blotting paper, medicine dropper, a case knife or spatula, carbon tetrachloride, cornstarch or French chalk, corn meal, turpentine, denatured alcohol, white vinegar, oxalic acid and household ammonia (both diluted to half strength), and neutral (non-alkaline) detergent (the type used for washing delicate fabrics).

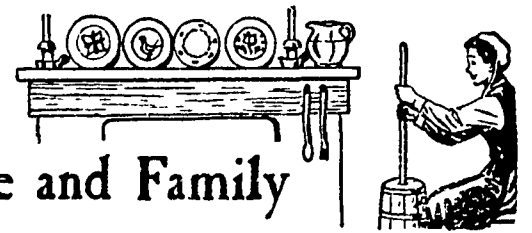
The procedure: MUD - sponge with cold water; if the stain remains, sponge with denatured alcohol (do not use on rayon).

ROAD OIL AND TAR - spread cornstarch or French chalk on the fresh spots and let stand for an hour or two. Remove the powder and sponge the spots with turpentine. Repeat if necessary.

GREASE OR GREASY FOOD - scrape off excess food with knife or spatula. Sponge remaining spots with carbon tetrachloride. (This method will also remove chewing gum.) Use carbon tetrachloride only in a well-ventilated room - fumes from this chemical are dangerous.

COFFEE, TEA, SODA DRINKS OR ALCOHOL - mix 1 teaspoon neutral detergent with 1/2 pint luke-

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warm water; squeeze on spot and blot with a damp cloth. Then squeeze on plain water and absorb with a dry cloth. Repeat several times. If spot remains, use white vinegar mixture (1/2 cup vinegar to 1 1/2 cups lukewarm water), leave on the spot two or three minutes, and then absorb with a cloth; rinse with plain water and blot up.

ANIMAL STAINS—sponge immediately with warm water and absorb both stains and water with blotting paper or clean cloth. Repeat several times to be sure all stain is removed.

INK - spread cornmeal over the ink spot while still wet and let it absorb as much as possible. Repeat until no more ink can be absorbed. If some stain remains, apply diluted oxalic acid, blot, and neutralize the acid with diluted ammonia, which should also be absorbed with a soft cloth. Use a medicine dropper to apply the acid and ammonia, repeating these alternate applications until the stain is gone. Rinse with clear water.

(Always neutralize an acid stain remover with an alkali or vice versa. Rinse out the last chemical used with clear water to stop the chemical action.)

For unknown stains, try cool water first; hot water might "set" the stain. To avoid injuring color or fabric, you might want to test

**Greetings Of The Season**

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish our readers a joyous and happy Christmas holiday. We hope the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations won't crowd out the true meaning of this holiday for you.

other removers on a hidden part of the carpet before applying them to any stain.



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