

For the Farm Wife and Family

It's A Child's World

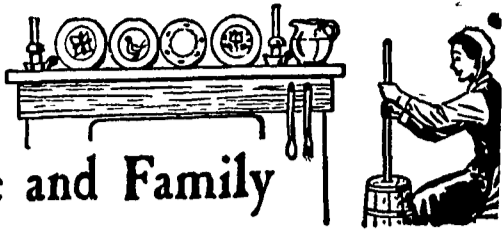
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It's school time again, and mothers are facing the annual problems of choosing school clothes for the younger set. Here are some tips to keep in mind when you and the kiddies go shopping for school:

Clothing that resists soil or does not show soil is always a good buy for youngster. Some fabrics have a soil-resistant finish. Darker colors and all over designs usually show soil less than lighter shades and solid colors.

Most mothers prefer cotton clothes for their children's school and play clothes because of the ease in laundering, its appearance and durability. Cotton seems to be preferred by mothers for boys' sport shirts and school pants, girls' blouses, slips, skirts and dress-up dresses.

Features that allow for growth add longer life to children's garments. Hems, cuffs or tucks that let down, adjustable waistbands and suspenders, and garments made of stretch yarn are



ing will help each child recognize his clothes and will help teachers find the owners of unclaimed garments.

Buy name tags with a woven name and address and sew them to garments. Or use a laundry marking pen to write the child's name, address, and phone number on press on type mending tape. Press the tape along the back facing of the neckline of jackets and coats and on the inside cuffs of mittens and gloves. To mark sweaters write the child's name on the tape, press it on a rectangle of cotton fabric, and sew the fabric to the inside neckline. For the child who hasn't learned to read, use a symbol that he will recognize easily and train him to recognize it as his own. A child's monogram in a circle, a square, or a diamond is an idea for a symbol.

Mark handkerchiefs, scarfs, and ribbons in a corner with a laundry marking pen. To identify coin purse, glasses case, and other articles, write the child's name on the liners or write his name on small cards and fasten them to articles with Scotch tape. Masking, adhesive and-gum med paper tapes make good name tags for some non-washable articles.

Provide Coat Closet At Front and Rear Doors
It's easy to hang up a coat when a coat closet is

nearby. Low rods in these closets will encourage children to hang up their own coats. Shelves above the children's rod is a good place for hats. Provide a removable rack for boots and rubbers and a place for umbrellas in each closet.

Make "New" Garments From Outgrown Clothes
With a few minor changes garments that are too small can be fixed to give additional months of wear.

Attractive jumpers can be made from dresses that are too tight through the shoulders or chest. First, take out the sleeves and enlarge the armhole for comfort. Scoop out the neckline. Then bind or face both neckline and armholes. Team up the "new" jumper with a harmonizing blouse and the little girl or the teenager is dressed in the latest fashion.

Most dresses and skirts have hems for letting down

but often the faded crease shows plainly. Stitch on rick-rack or bias binding, use machine embroidery to cover the faded line. For gathered skirts, a narrow tuck or series of tucks might be stitched in to hide the crease.

Another idea for lengthening a skirt is to insert a band of fabric which harmonizes in color and texture with the dress. Choose fabric for the insertion that takes the same kind of care and the same ironing temperature as the dress fabric. The inserted band could be at the lower edge of the skirt, above the hemline, or near the waistline — whichever looks best for that particular garment.

When both bodice and skirt are too short, a set-in belt at the waistline may be the answer. Especially attractive would be a set-in belt and matching narrow bands on the skirt just above the

some things you might look for.

Choose clothes that clean easily. Most school clothes should be washable, and those needing little or no ironing are great time-savers for busy mothers. Check clothing for descriptive labels — information on shrinkage control, color fastness, method of laundering, any special finishes and fiber content.

Even the young scholar knows "what they are wearing" and wants clothes similar to the other children. To be accepted by his age-group, a child must be dressed somewhat like them. Clothes that are serviceable and durable can still be attractive in color and comfortable in design.

Mark School Garments To Aid Identification

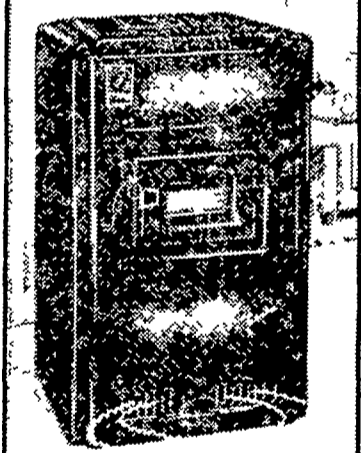
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