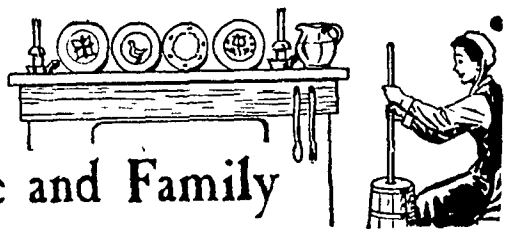


For the Farm Wife and Family



Clothes Cleaning Tips

By Mrs. Richard C. Spence

Housecleaning really presents its problems when it comes to cleaning out closets. One problem is this: Should I keep this dress or put it in the luggage box? If you haven't worn it the past season it is a good idea to get rid of it, chances are it will just take up closet space again next season. Then comes the problem of what to do with your wearable wardrobe. Shall I just give it a good airing, dryclean it or launder it?

One way to solve the cleaning problem is to keep tags from garments when they are purchased. They will not only give you fiber content but will also often include cleaning instructions. You may ask, "Why is one dress made of man-made fiber washable while another is labeled 'dry clean only'?" The answer to this is that the fiber woven into the fabric may be the same in both dresses but perhaps the finish used is different.

Some finishes lose their crispness or sheen in dry cleaning while others hold up best when dry cleaned. The interfacing trim, belting or other hidden fabrics may not be made of materials that will launder, so dry cleaning is necessary. Follow the directions given on the label.

Learn to recognize clothes that cause special dry cleaning problems. You'll have a better idea of what to expect from dry cleaning service, and you can avoid buying such

when you purchase clothes or fabrics. It's a good idea to save such labels for future reference.

Fabric construction may also cause cleaning problems. If the weave is very loose to give a lacy effect, the garment may not look the same after cleaning. Yarns may slip, pilling can become more obvious, and the garment may shrink a lot. These things may happen after one cleaning or several. They may not happen at all. It's impossible to predict results because fabrics differ so much from one manufacturer to another.

Special care in dry cleaning is essential for certain fabric finishes. For example, the crisp or glazed fabric may lose its crispness or sheen in dry cleaning. This may not happen all at once but progressively with each cleaning. Some of the finish can be restored by cleaners equipped to do this work.

Embossed or flocked designs can also cause problems. Their looks are apt to change in dry cleaning, especially in poor quality fabrics. The dry cleaner usually promises to minimize removal of the de-

sign, but he can't guarantee results. He may make the same kind of promise for certain printed fabrics. Designs on these materials are made by pressing pigment on the fabric. Some designs remain through many cleanings. Others are removed in one.

Cleaning may alter the look of metal insulated linings. Some metallic particles may be removed. However, this doesn't change the insulating properties of the lining.

Still other garments may be troublesome because of their design and construction. For example, extra care is needed for clothes cut on the bias to get them back into perfect shape.

For best results intricate designs like pleated, fluted or draped effects require special skill in cleaning. For such clothes, there's generally no substitute for a good dry cleaner.

Garments made of material which ravel may not stand up under even one cleaning if their seams are narrow and unfinished. Also check buttons, belts and trims some

FIRST AID FOR SPOTS AND STAINS

Accidents will happen and so will spots and stains. Knowing the right kind of first aid to use in such emergencies may prevent costly mistakes.

Many stains, even paint, can be removed when fresh but are difficult or impossible to take out later. Since immediate cleaning isn't often possible, it's important to know when and what kind of first aid should be used. The safest treatment is to sponge the spot lightly with cold water, especially for food stains. This often prevents setting of the stain. But don't use water if the spot comes from oil, cosmetics, marking ink, paint, varnish or the dry ink used in some ballpoint pens.

If the origin of the spot is unknown the best advice is to let it alone. The same advice applies for delicate fabrics like silk, velvets, rayon taffetas and others which may be harmed by water.

Whatever the stain never

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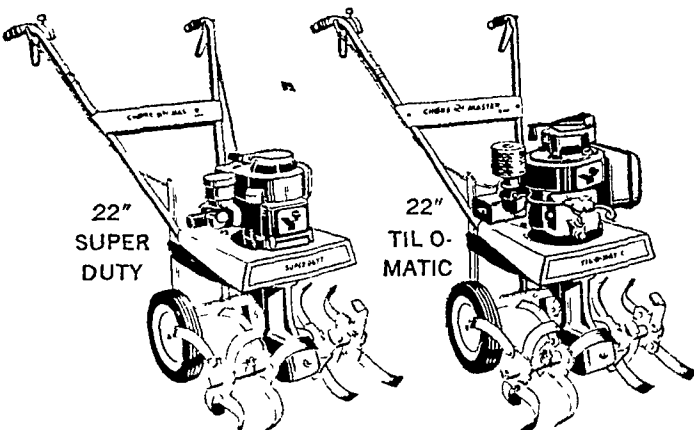
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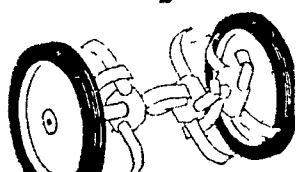
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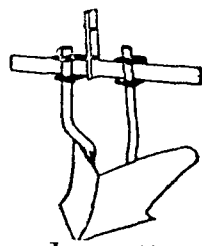
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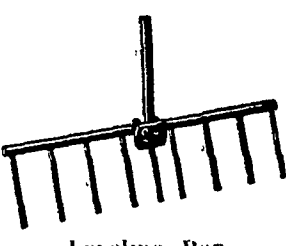
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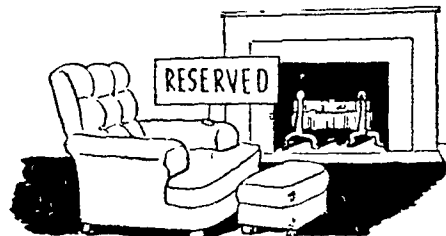
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