



Ladies, Have You Heard?

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How to Plan Washer Purchase?
When buying an automatic washer, as with any major purchase, it pays to know what you need.
Shop carefully, comparing and weighing different aspects and costs. Collect manufacturers' literature that explains various cycles, settings and special features.
After installation, it is too late to make evaluations and many a load of laundry will chug through the suds before you have the opportunity to buy again.
Decide where to put the washer. Location of the laundry equipment is strategically important, unless you are committed to a simple replacement of worn-out machinery.
Though the basement has been a traditional location for the laundry, newer and many remodeled homes place the laundry in a more convenient location—a utility room, closet, kitchen or bathroom. If there is a lot of laundry in your future, convenience will save untold steps.
There are a wide variety of washing machines available with enough cycles and water temperature combinations to handle all types of fabric and soil, and capacities for different load sizes. So consider what kind of family you are the laundress for.
Heavily soiled work pants, boy's football uniforms and rough and tumble dungarees? Heavy duty cycle, pre-wash or soak setting would be a great help.
On some washers the soak cycle will automatically continue into the wash cycle.

Permanent press cycles? More and more clothing has this work-saving finish. A permanent press cycle is designed to cool the clothing before spinning to avoid unnecessary wrinkling, resulting in little or no ironing needed.
Lingerie and other delicacies are happy in the washer if run through a gentle cycle.
Then there is the regular cycle which is still needed for cottons, towels and general laundry.
With the variety of fabrics, sorting is important for effective laundering results. With sorting, you may find that you have an adequate tubful here, but just a little pile there. New washers offer a choice of water levels or an extra-small load basket for small light laundry loads. This eliminates the time lost with washbasin laundering, or the need to run a machine at full capacity for a few items, or the possible damage due to lumping the specialty items with a general load.
Incidentally, if you have a very large family or one that, for some reason, zips through clothes rapidly, there are extra-large capacity washers which deserve consideration.
Many automatic washers offer time-saving specialty features. Such items as automatic dispensers for soap or detergent, bleach and fabric softener pop the laundry aids into the water at just the right time. You needn't stand around waiting to add the extras or forget to add them. Lint filter systems are also worth looking for.
Remember not all machines

operate exactly the same way even though they offer similar features. So read the manufacturers' literature and consider each point in relation to your family needs before making a decision.
Finally, consider any condition in your home which may cause laundry problems, such as a low water pressure.
A time-fill system is one in which the machine fills for a specific length of time. With a low-pressure problem, the washer will never fill properly for washing or rinsing.
A pressure-fill, however, handles this problem by filling until the correct level is reached, regardless of time.
Unless you will be using existing hookup facilities, get an installation estimate to avoid a surprise cost. Also, check power availability.
To the non-mechanically minded this may sound complicated, but a reliable dealer will be able to offer advice. And that in itself is a point. The reputation of brands and dealers is a valuable guideline.
About Spritely Gloves for Spring
Smart-looking gloves in the spring fashion parade are checked or plaid cotton, bedecked with embroidered flowers and finished with ruffled

Farm Women Calendar

Saturday, February 26
2 p.m. — Farm Women Society 3, Coleman Memorial Chapel.
Farm Women Society 5, home of

Kathryn Eichelberger, East Petersburg.
Thursday, March 2
7:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 20, home of Mrs. Marshall Rintz.

Saturday, March 4
1:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 1, home of Mrs. Newcomer, Lititz.

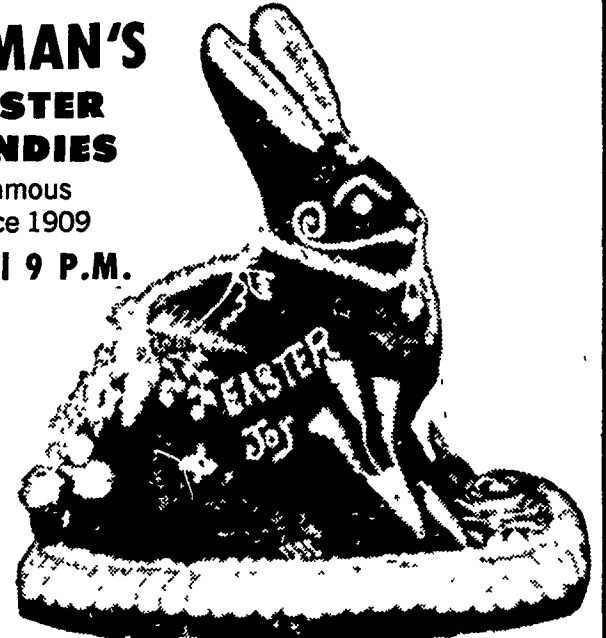
or gathered cuffs. These spring charmers in a rainbow of colors are washable, too.
A good way to wash gloves is on the hands. Dip gloved hands into a basin of warm suds and rub them clean using handwashing motions. Rinse by holding under faucet, allowing water to cascade through the open glove. Shape and air dry.
For stubborn spots, apply a suds paste or liquid detergent to wet gloves and roll up from the fingertips. Allow to set for one-half hour. Then wash, rinse and air dry.

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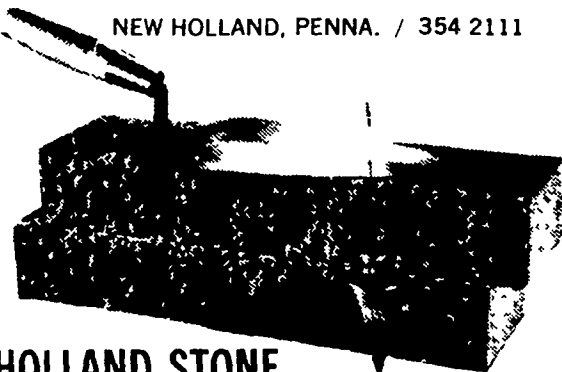
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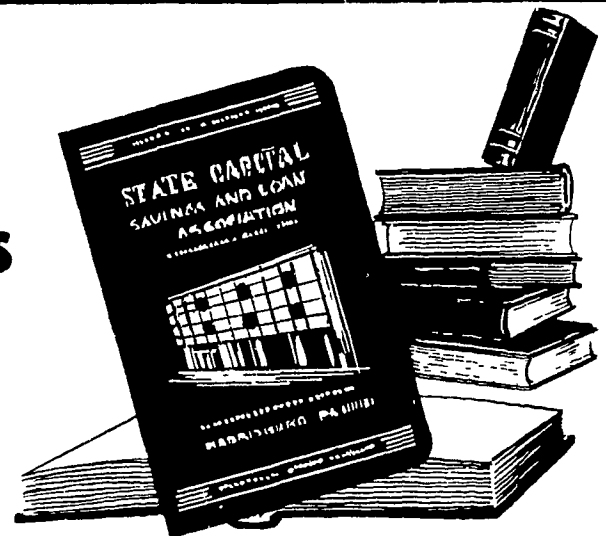


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