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My problem in writing this column isn't in getting enough ideas together, it is in deciding which ones to use. Many frustrations in my life wouldn't be improved one bit by discussing them here.

When my article is commented on favorably by friends and strangers it gives me incentive to

keep on writing. My own family often doesn't bother to read what I write; as that way that there is nothing new in it which they didn't already know.

And when I write about my children, I'm sure sometimes it sounds like bragging. But why can't a Mother be proud of her youngsters.

## Happy Homemaking

By BARBARA BAKER

If you do your clothes at a coin laundry, take along big plastic bags for each member of the family and put each one's clothing in a separate bag. Then, if you do not get all of your ironing done immediately, you won't have to dig through a big clothes basket to find a certain item that someone needs right away.

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The basket of your percolator will serve as a makeshift strainer if you need one with small holes in it.

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When crocheting or tatting, stick a hatpin firmly into the arm of an upholstered chair and slip the spool of thread over the pin. This will prevent the spool from falling to the floor, yet permit it to rotate freely as you work.

They all brought home such good report cards that I was reminded of the early years we spent looking at books together. When they were tiny we always read stories to them and taught them names for different things. One of my children could read at four years of age and so the youngest who was two years and three months old asked to be taught. I assured her she was too young but she insisted and over a few weeks time learned 75 words or enough to make many sentences. And I guess we enjoyed "showing-her-off" too.

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We started our children young on sharing tasks and now they accept work as a way of life. When all three boys are home, it keeps their Daddy busy keeping them busy. They can get a lot of things accomplished when they put their minds to it.

There has been a lot of discipline and frustrations in our home but I consider them preparation for the outside world and working for others. I feel lucky to have children grow up close to their parents and to one another.

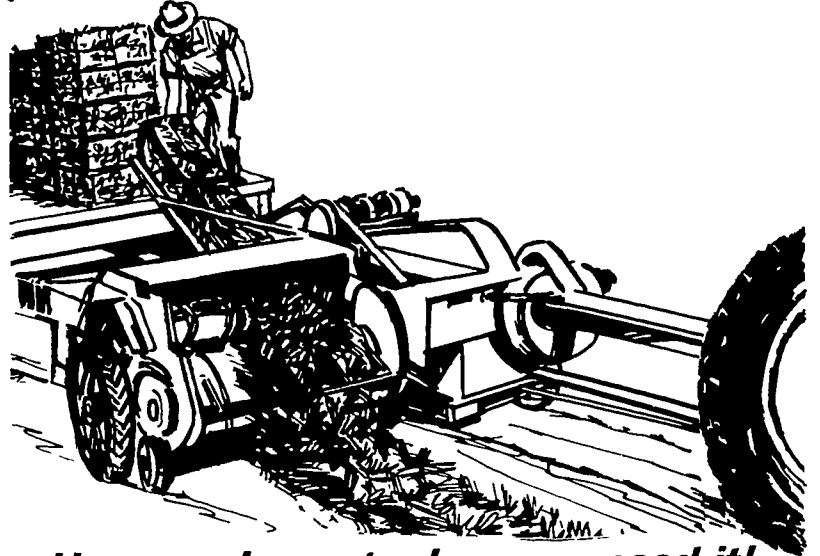
When oiling your sewing machine, try letting a few drops of the oil slide down a long, thin nail to those little holes that are hard to reach with the short spout of your machine oil can.

Keep a roll of cellophane tape and a box of facial tis-

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sue in the baby's room. When someone has a cold, fold several tissues in half and put a piece of tape at each corner to make a fine, disposable mask.

One way for a teen-ager to make a bulletin board is to take some ribbon, perhaps a shade darker than the wall color, and run it from a spot on the wall just above the top of a table or chest of



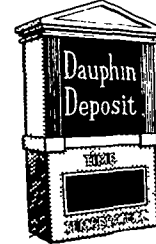
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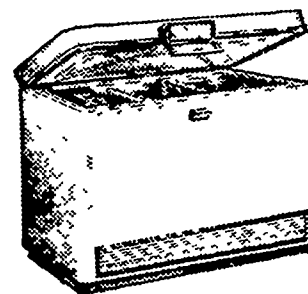
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