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Heard?



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**ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD**

What complements every dish you own and highlights fine sterling or simple stainless steel flatware? What brings out the rich sheen of wood and adds elegance to cut flowers? What is part of every tablesetting without dominating its color scheme? Glassware . . . is the jewelry of your dining fashions.

Because of its reliance on clearness and sparkle for its beauty, glassware must be absolutely spotless. Therefore, if you have an automatic dishwasher, wash glassware in it. There is less breakage and greater cleanliness this way, providing racks are loaded according to the appliance manufacturer's directions. Streaking or filming indicates improper loading, low water temperature, extremely hard water or the use of an improper type or incorrect amount of detergent. Never use any washing product in an automatic dishwasher except a detergent especially formulated for that use.

For those without dishwashers, here are some tips for hand-washing glassware. To avoid chipping, put only a few pieces in the sink or dishpan at one time, and use a rubber-coated dishrack for draining, a rubber sink mat or plastic dish pan and a rubber cap on the faucet. Use hot water for washing and rinsing; change the suds often. A dishmop or bottle brush is handy for cleaning deep or narrow-necked vases, bottles or decanters. A soft brush on cut or pressed glass helps to remove film from the indentations. Hold stemware from the base of the bowl rather than the stem. Avoid plunging cold glasses into hot water as uneven heat may cause damage. Glassware will dry spotlessly if rinsed with hot water and air dried after draining.

Stains which resist ordinary washing are not permanent, as the surface of glass is non-absorbent. Use a chlorine bleach solution in flower vases and try baking soda in coffee-makers. For vinegar cruets, diluted ammonia works well. Lime deposits can be removed by putting tea leaves in the bottom

of the container and filling with a vinegar solution.

If stacked glassware sticks together, fill the inner glass with cold water and hold the outer glass in warm water until they come apart easily. When pouring hot tea or coffee over ice cubes in glasses, put a metal spoon in the glass first to help absorb the sudden change in temperature. Finally, store glassware carefully.

**REDUCE WINTER HEATING BILLS**

If you have a window that's leaking cold air it could mean that 15 to 30 percent of your heating bill is being caused by warm air leakage or cold air infiltration. To seal out the howling winds, put weather-stripping of felt, rubber or plastic at movable joints. And caulk the frames of all windows and doors.

Storm windows and doors are essential in cold climates. For example, about 14 times as much heat goes through a single pane of glass per square foot as through a wood frame wall with three inches of insulation.

If your house has large areas of glass, the total heat loss is high even with insulated walls unless

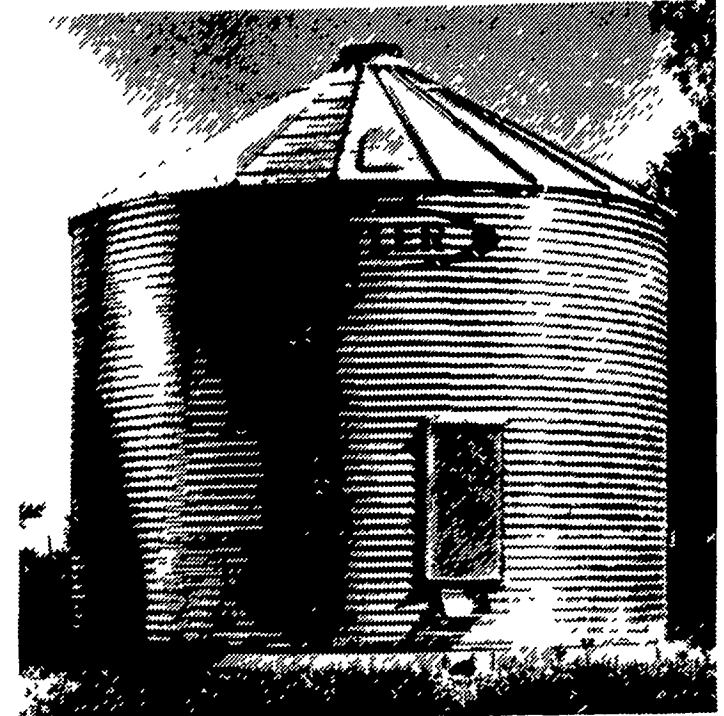
the loss is reduced by use of storm windows or double-pane insulating glass. You feel colder, too, with single thickness of glass because the body radiates heat to the cold glass surface.

Remember, your family's comfort and the amount of your heating bill may be affected by

drafts, poorly insulated walls or windows and doors without storm windows. Keep out winter winds and conduct a check of your windows and doors.

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