

Care of Stainless Steel Flatware

Stainless steel flatware is somewhat of a misnomer because it is not truly "stainless," says Catherine Love, Extension consumer education specialist at Penn State University. The most important rule to remember in keeping your flatware from becoming corroded or discolored is that food must be washed or rinsed off promptly after use.

Stainless steel has a transparent film of chromium and nickel oxides that protects the main steel body underneath from corrosion. Foods such as salt, vinegar, milk and fruits or, using abrasive cleaners on the flatware

can cause a break in the film. In the final manufacturing process called passivation, steps were taken to condition the face of stainless steel making it self-healing. If food is washed off and the flatware left open to the air, the oxygen in the air will heal the break in the oxide film.

Discoloring, says Miss Love, is a bluish-black or black color forming when food is left on the flatware. Washing with a good detergent, rinsing thoroughly and drying with a clean dish cloth will remove the discoloration.

Although both discoloration and corrosion are problems with stainless steel, it is really the

New Shopping Complex

An unusual shopping complex, designed to serve the same varied functions as a classic old-world market, will open in Kansas City, Mo., late this summer.

The retailing area, covering 400,000 square feet of the privately financed \$200-million Crown Center, will include a large three-story specialty store, a Farmers' Market featuring food and wines sold from stalls; a 450-seat Cafe Internationale serving seven types of cuisine; 60 individual retail shops selling everything from clothing, bicycles and antiques to tropical fish and children's shoes; an ice-skating rink, beauty salon and art gallery; and a totally new shopping idea—a multi-level series of miniature boutiques housed in 12-by-12 foot steel cubes, each offering specialized merchandise such as dolls, belts or mountaineering gear.

most economical and practical flatware for everyday use. Its untarnished appearance plus the ability to recover its own stainless property makes it more care-free than silver flatware.

Good Home Lighting

Good artificial lighting makes work easier and adds to the attractiveness of your home. Helen Bell, Extension home management specialist at The Pennsylvania State University, says your kitchen should have a central ceiling fixture you can turn on at two entrances to the kitchen. Avoid working in your own shadow by having good light over the sink and range, adequate for seeing but shielded from glare. Lighting over the most important counters also increases the ease of doing work in your kitchen.

Fashion Show at Ladies Day Out

The annual Ladies Day Out is being sponsored by the women's committee of the Lancaster County Farmers Association beginning at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 10 at the Farm and Home Center.

For the morning program four workshops will be held: candy making, by Marion Lefever; decorating ceramic eggs, Barbara Mowrer; decorating the inside of eggs, Janet Buchen, and making candle rings from scraps, Kathy Bucher.

Talent and poster contests will be held in the morning. The talent contest is open to members aged 15 to 30. The poster contest is divided into two groups, ages one to 14 and 15 to 30. Potential contestants are asked to contact Verna Hostetter, Hazel Hawthorne, or Kay Weaver.

A fashion show by members, modeling clothes they have made, will be held following lunch. Men's and children's clothes are encouraged also. Anyone interested is asked to send a description of the garment and a description of yourself to Helen Wivell, Vivian Stauffer, or Millie Groff.

Tickets for the day are \$2 and must be purchased by April 7 from any member of the women's committee. Womens committee members are:

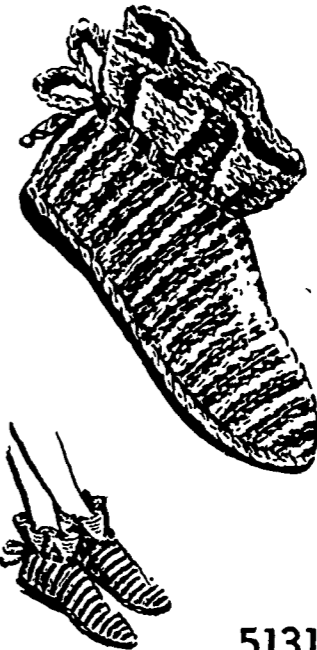
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