

LADIES HAVE YOU HEARD?



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Children Learn From Play

Educators and child psychologists stress that play, in fact, children's work. They learn by imitating the activity around them. Toys that encourage children to exercise their imagination as well as practice coordination help them to grow.

Playing house is a traditional favorite. For this activity, stage props such as mini-sized dishes, pots and pans, are easy for small hands to manage and lend authenticity to efforts to be just like mother.

To set the theme, there are colorful, eye-appealing tea sets and cookware. Some come with well-known

cartoon figures and pretend Teflon. There are also aluminum action appliance that require no batteries, just the child's imagination and manipulation. Included are a percolator, hand mixer, blender and toaster.

Toys such as these let toddler mummies enjoy cooking, serving and cleaning up, even when there is only air in the tea cups. Soon they are eager to include cookies, dry cereal and water or juice.

With a little help, children happily learn to set a table properly, serve food, pour drinks and wash up after. Of course, young homemakers should be instructed on the need to wash all the dish-ware and utensils in warm

suds before as well as after using the playthings with real food and beverages.

Table and chairs scaled to size also enhance the fun of make-believe mealtimes. One set features a round table and curved chairs made of smooth molded plastic.

Quick to clean with a sudsy sponge, the table top design includes TV's "New Zoo Revue" characters and is rimmed with alphabet letters. A center circle of numbers helps youngsters learn to count from one to ten. The chairs have an extra feature - chalk-board backs for drawing and playing school. There are also step stools with slip-resistant tops in this collection.

Keep cleanliness and education in mind when hunting for toys that will occupy children's time constructively.

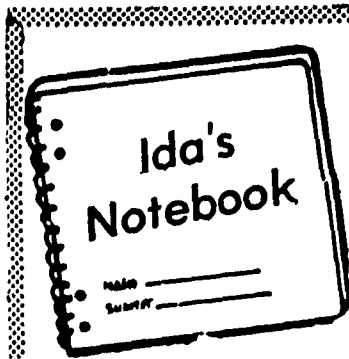
Rainwear Is Fashionable And Washable

Though you may not feel quite like singing in the rain, today's fashion-bright rainwear lifts the spirits on gloomy wet days. Treated with water-repellent finishes, almost all fabrics are being used, from the traditional poplins and gabardines to wrinkle resistant knits and even dressy satins and brocades.

The fact that these coats and jackets do not mind raindrops classifies them as rainwear. However, the fabrics and designs make them sunshinewear, too. An additional advantage is that all-weather wraps are frequently washable.

To machine wash a water-repellent coat, use detergent and warm water, preferable on a permanent press cycle. Rinse the garment thoroughly in order to retain the effectiveness of the water-repellent finish. Machine dry if possible or dry on a wooden hanger. For hanger drying, smooth seams, collar, hem and decorative trims while the garment is wet.

Waterproof rainwear is also made from non-porous fabrics such as vinyl and polyurethane. These garments may be washable depending on their



Ida Risser

When you place an advertisement in the newspaper, it turns into a "wait and see" game. We've tried to sell calves and had no takers at all. Then another time people phoned from surrounding counties to ask prices. There is another bugaboo—what price to ask for an item.

Recently we tried to sell a 1919 six plate cook stove. Yes, it was rusty and some plates were cracked but it could be used. And it had some good points such as a copper water tank that didn't leak and a big warming closet. As it turned out the price asked had to be lowered in order to sell it. In fact, we even loaded it on our truck and delivered it as an added incentive.

Want to hear a sad little story? Cindy had a birthday but it didn't turn out as she planned. For over a week, she spent all her free moments planning games for a party and different articles were assigned as

prizes. Food and decorations were bought.

Then came the big day and she got a bad sore throat and we had to postpone the event. Also, there was no mail and so the gifts and cards came a day late. And to top it off her rabbit had nine babies and they all died. She dutifully took a shovel and buried them.

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If you want to know how big your garden crop was this year, simply do what we did last week. We moved our freezers to a new location and had to completely empty them. There were so many boxes and baskets that I feared we'd never get them all in again. Our industrious way of life has certainly paid off.



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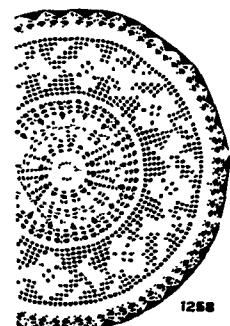
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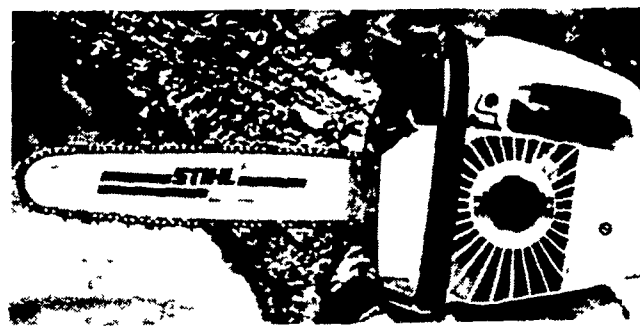
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properties and the type of lining or trim used. However, some must be surface cleaned with a sudsy sponge.

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