

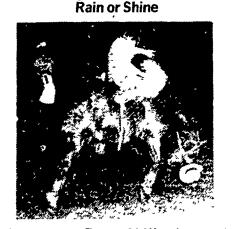
SHAMPCO VERSUS "STEAM" CLEANING A question frequently sked is, "Is 'steam' leaning better than hampooing?" Newspaper ds compare the two nethods and professional

carpet cleaners may give conflicting information. Some background information is needed so the answer can be understood. Over 50 years ago, a handle, flat brush and

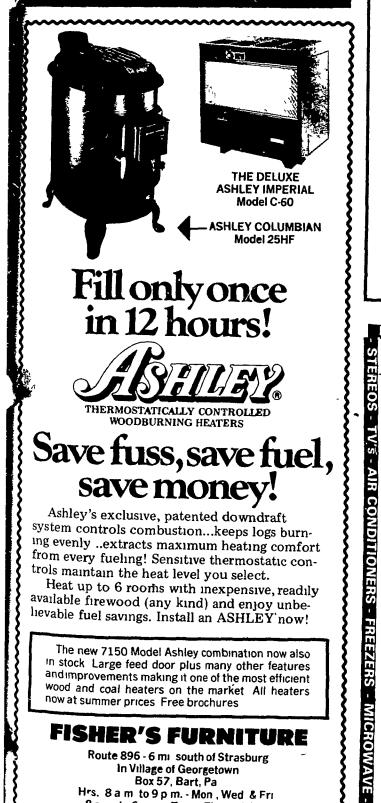
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to an electric motor and the shampoo method of cleaning carpet was born. There have been many changes in the equipment, but the principle is still basically the same. The detergent solution is appliced to the carpet pile and worked in by the action of the brush bristles.

The rotary brush method gives a good surface appearance to most carpet. On deeply soiled carpet, the mechanical action of the brush may be required to loosen the soil. The action of the brush may produce pile distortion, especially in the hands of the unskilled operator. Carpet with a long pile, soft yarn twist or low density are most likely to have their textures changed.

A few years ago, a machine was developed to redye upholstery furniture in a plant. The machine used boiling water to get better dye penetration and it was observed that the steam laden with water produced cleaning. The machine was then used to clean rugs in the plant. The next step was to adapt the machine so it could be taken into the home. These machines did not produce true steam, but the name carried over from the original upholstery furniture dying machine. Today many of these machines no longer have heaters in them and the temperature is determined



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by the temperature of water used. Some machines do have heaters to maintain the temperature of the cleaning solution, and several machines do produce solutions with high temperatures.

Increasing the tem-perature of the cleaning solution will increase the soil removal. Even though the solution in the tank is hot, it may increase the temperature of the carpet only a small amount. It is then blown into the pile in a vaporized form. Almost immediately a large portion of the solution is removed from the carpet by a vacuum. Each of these steps reduces the temperature of the solution. A more accurate term of describing this method of cleaning is "hot water extraction."

Hot water extraction will remove a large amount of soil with little or no texture change. On deeply soiled carpet some mechanical brushing action may be necessary. Several machines have a brush attachment or the shampoo machine may be used first. From this it would appear

that the hot water extraction system is superior to the shampoo method. This is not necessarily true as the appearance of the carpet cleaned by the shampoo method may look better. In

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most cases the appearance is of the greatest interest.

When the hot water extraction systems were first introduced to the professional cleaners, they used a very hard sell. Some of this hard sell has been continued by the professional cleaners. These ads attempt to descredit the shampoo method of cleaning. In turn, the professionals who use the shampoo method have retaliated in their ads. This has produced consumer confusion.

A reputable cleaner should have both types of machines and, after examining the soiled carpet, he should determine the best procedure to use. After all, he should have much more knowledge and experience to make this decision than the consumer who has obtained the information from advertising.

In the hands of a skilled operator, either machine will clean satisfactorily.

#### **DIETARY FIBER-**NATURAL VERSUS **COMMERCIAL LAXATIVES**

Scientific research cannot at this time substantiate the claims that added fiber in the diet will cure, alleviate or prevent diseases and disorders of the gastrointestinal tract. But both scientists and medical authorities agree that foods containing fiber, eaten in sufficient quantities, can maintain normal elimination processes.

If you are buying over-thecounter products termed as "laxatives" and swallowing, chewing and choking down various curealls for consipation ills, perhaps the addition of fiber in your diet cannot only make you feel better but save you money.

Occasional use of commercially prepared products may be in order. But if taking these products is a habit, you should first check with your physician. No such product should be taken or is designed for consistant use.

Be aware that some physical conditions resulting in constipation and abdominal pain require medical attention and could even be aggrevated by selfdiagnosis and selfadministered commercial

#### interests and future health, check with your physician if you are experiencing irregularity problems or

abdominal pain. If a medical examination reveals no problem, you can replace the more expensive over-the-counter products with foods that taste good and are good for you - fruits and vegetables, cereals and breads containing whole grains. Ask you physician about fiber in the diet yours in particular.

## Farm Women's Calendar

Today, June 10 Lancaster Co. Society 13 meeting.

- Lancaster Co. Society 25 meeting, 1 p.m., at the Donegal Mills Plantation.
- Tuesday, June 13 Dauphin Co. Society 1 night out.
- York Co. Society 26 meeting, p.m., hostess Anna Marisberger.
- York Co. Society 29 meeting, hostess Edna Walteinger. Wednesday, June 14
- Berks Co. Society 1 meeting, hostess Catherine Yanos. Lancaster Co. Society 14
- meeeting, 1 p.m., at the Strasburg Mennonite Church. Members are to bring a lawn chair.
- Thursday, June 15 Lancaster Co. Society 8 meeting, 7 p.m., entertaining Society 28.
- Saturday, June 17 Lancaster Co. Society 3 meeting, 2 p.m.; hostess Mrs. William Gerhart.
- Lancaster Co. Society 18 meeting, 7 p.m., at the United Church of Christ, Rohrerstown.



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