

by Kendace Borry

There is one little nuisance of Winter weather that occasionally gets under my skin. Frozen water buckets in the horse stalls have the power of absolutely driving me crazy.

I've come to the conclusion that there is just no graceful way to remove the ice from a water bucket. The only way to drive it out of its happy home is to get nasty with it.

So, on many a bitterly cold Winter day, you will see Kendy down at the barn, attacking the stubborn ice.

My first move is to strike at the offending ice with my trusty four foot long metal pole. If the ice is less than an inch thick, I come away an easy victor, and I will depart from the barn shortly after with a smile on my face.

But if the ice is that solid-to-the-bottom-of-the-container variety, all out war is declared and drastic action is taken.

The traitorous water bucket is scooped off of its niche in the barn and dragged outside where it is promptly dropped on its top. Muttering dire threats under my breath, the bucket is kicked and pounded vigorously.

If the ice persists yet, in desperation I pick it up, swing with all my might, and slam it against the barn wall. In shock, the ice will usually fall to the ground, dazed and bewildered.

At last happy, I pick up the bucket and go to the spicket to refill them, only to find that the pipes have frozen too.

Let's face it. There are some aspects of Winter that do make it hard to live with.

Ladies Have You Heard?

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in selecting a blanket, because it contributes to warmth. Air and heat from the body are trapped by the air cells in the nap of the blanket to provide a layer of warmth next to your skin. A densely-napped blanket will be warmer.

You can test the quality of the blanket by taking a tiny pinch of the blanket, catching only the nap. Then lift the blanket slightly. If the nap doesn't pull loose, the blanket should be durable.

Check the blanket binding. Nylon is usually recommended because it's colorfast and wears well. Raw edges of binding ends should be turned to prevent raveling. Binding is usually more durable if attached with a zig-zag stitch.

Many fibers are used for blankets. The most common and their general characteristics are:

* Acrylic—mothproof, non-allergenic, lightweight, very warm, resists shrinkage and distortion, long wearing, tends to pull and may generate static electricity unless controlled by a finish, machine washable and dryable.

* Rayon—relatively warm and lightweight, moth resistant, will shrink or stretch unless carefully handled in washing, has limited wear.

* Polyester—warmth without weight, machine washable and dryable, non-allergenic, moth and mildew resistant, will pull or generate static electricity unless a special finish is applied.

* Cotton—lightweight, wears well, moth resistant, may shrink unless treated, doesn't take as high as nap as some other yarns.

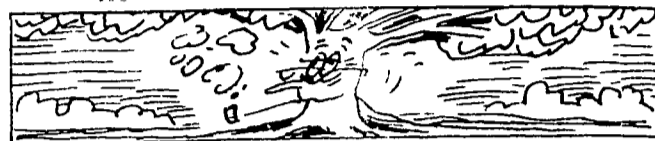
* Wool—very warm, takes high nap, long wearing, needs special finishes to control shrinkages and moth damage, more expensive than some synthetics.

Sewing workshop for new fashions slated

MEDIA - New Techniques for New Fabrics is the topic of a series of four workshops offered by the Penn State Extension Service, says Maryetta Duffner, Delaware County Extension home economist. They will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on January 31, February 7, 12, 21, in the Toal Building Auditorium, corner of 2nd and Orange streets, Media.

To register for the course send a check for \$11.50 made payable to Home Economics Workshops to Maryetta Duffner, Extension Service,

Toal Building, 2nd and Orange Streets, Media, Pa. 19063. Registrations are due by January 23. Include your name, address, phone and the name of the Workshop you wish to attend. In this class you will learn to sew polyester knits, jersey, tricot knits, etc. These are the fabrics that are so popular now but you need to learn how to work with them correctly. The public is invited to attend this series. Parking is available in the County garage, Third and Olive Streets.



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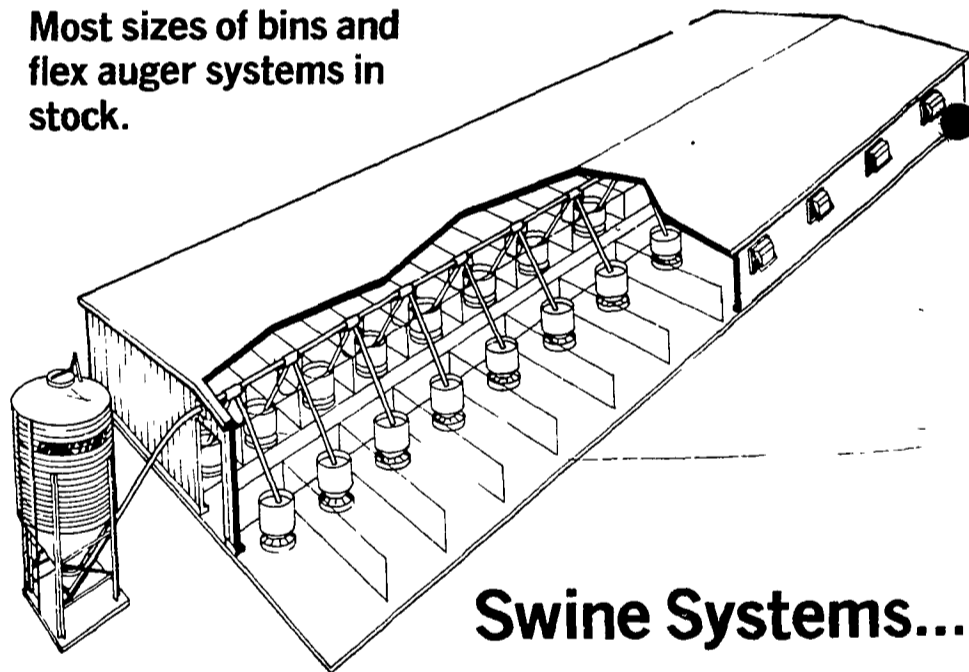


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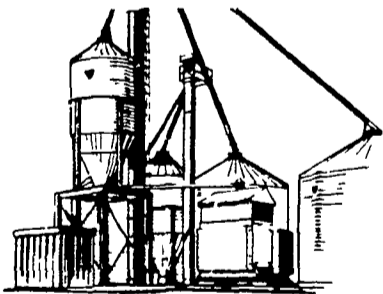


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