

**Buying And Caring** For Leather And Suedes

Genuine leather or suede garments are more than just attractive, they are a sound investment that will probably last twice as long as woven fabric garments. Quality leather softens

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and conforms to your body with wear and becomes even more comfortable and good looking as it

Ladies

Have You

Heard?

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To get the full value for your money, I would like to suggest the following tips for buying leather and suede clothing.

• Buy from a reputable store

### Berks Society 4

Berks Society 4 recently held their monthly meeting at the home of Margurite Rush, Boyertown.

The group will hold a Sho-fly pie, pie and cake sale at the Reading Fair on Sept. 25.

Bingo is scheduled at the Berks

Heim on Nov. 1 for all patients.

The group will hold a hoedown dance at the 4-H building in Bern Township, on Oct. 12.

The evening's program was provided by Verna Taylor, who showed slides of a trip to Canada.

that knows its suppliers.

· Know what quality of leather you're buying. Top grain leathers come from the outermost layer of the skin. They're the most expensive, but they are also the most durable and take the best finish.

Split leathers come from actually splitting the skins. They are less expensive, tend to be more porous and are more likely to roughen during wear, stretch during tanning and then shrink during cleaning. You'll know you're looking at a split when you see little rivers running through the material where the veins used to be.

• Look for uniformity in texture and color. Thin spots will weaken your garment and mismatched skins will get worse with aging and cleaning.

 Avoid a snug fit. Hides are stretched during tanning and you should expect some shrinking. Buy leather garments a little larger than you buy other clothing.

 Read and save all identification and care information. Smooth leathers may be marked finished or unfinished. Unfinished leathers and suedes are more susceptible to spotting and

staining. Finishes are usually lost during cleaning and must be redone.

· Foreign made garments may react differently. They are not always compatible with U.S. and refinishing cleaning procedures.

To care for your leather and suede garments, use the following

 For suede, brush regularly with a terry towel or soft brush to keep the dust from settling on the nap. Remove light spots with a soft gum eraser or an emery board.

 For smooth leather, wipe with a damp sponge or cloth to remove surface dust. Avoid home cleaning fluids, shoe creams, detergents or saddle soap. Most wrinkles will hang out. If they presist, place the garment between layers of heavy brown wrapping paper and set your iron on its rayon setting. Press with a quick light hand. Do not steam. Do not allow the iron to rest on the garment.

• For all leather and suede, wear dress shields with next-to-the-body tops. Use a scarf inside necklines.

If your garment becomes wet, dry it away from heat on a wooden or padded hanger. Store garments in a cool, ventilated place. Never crowd them or store them in plastic.

### **Meaning In** Children's Art

Drawing and other forms of creative artwork provide children with opportunities to express fantasies or moods, but you shouldn't expect your children to explain their creation in terms of

reality. Children's creations are usually expression of feelings, ideas and emotions. The "things" they draw or make may be far removed from reality.

You can show your approval and encourage your children's creativity by telling them that the artwork is nice, they did a wonderful job or simply that you like it. Don't bombard them with questions such as "What is it?" or What does it do?" Simply saying "Tell me about it" may result in an enlightening experience.

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