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Picture it. Into the commercial, through the back door, comes a farmer who has just finished changing a tire, from a loaded manure wagon, in a field already liberally coated with the aromatic contents of a 6 months-storage pit.

Have you ever seen a laundry commercial housewife gingerly grasp a pair of gooey, blackish jeans between two fingers, holding her nose with the other hand, and cart the item in question out to the barn to initially rinse the whole

who glories in tractor grease and finds peer worship based on the size and number of indelible black spots on white clothing, to be there until the garment's enternal rest. In our experience, no brand-name powder or liquid can emerge victorious from this battle. Only battery acid has much effect on such permanent colorations, a pretty extreme solution unless you're into ventilated ready-towear.

A recent chase to corral an about-to-deliver cow brought to the basement floor yet another washday challenge. With her own plans about where this delivery would occur, the old cow headed to the depths of the meadow's swampland thicket. In the midst of this jungle, lush and jagged, grows a vigorous volunteer stand of the weeds which in fall yield those stick-to-clothing seeds we called

head to foot, with hundreds of those flat, clinging seeds.

You cannot shake these things. Nor can you sweep them off, or vacuum them away. Washing them only leaves sticky, jaggy remants in other garments. They will not rot, and outlast clothing hidden away in such hopes.

We finally found a solution to the unwelcome, parasitic seeds. Wet down the flannel shirt and denim fabrics, then vigorously brush the wet fabric back and forth with a wire brush.

True, it was rather hard on the fabric.

But it sure raised the nap on what was left.

If brands X, Y and Z have a better way, I'd sure like to hear

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mess with the milk house pressure about it. pump? Of course you haven't. TV audiences will only stand for just so much gore and violence. Or what about the teenage son

"beggar lice" when I ws a kid.

By the time he had convinced the cow that the thicket was not, and would not become, a maternity pen, the farmer was decorated,

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