

## KEEP PLACE CLEAN SO FLIES WON'T BOTHER YOU

If you want to be rid of the fly evil this summer get the habit of keeping your premises clean. Once you get the habit it won't be much trouble to do so.

Drain your garbage, wrap it in paper and put it in a metal bucket with a fly-proof lid. Every day or two burn or bury this garbage or have it hauled away.

If you keep a horse, don't have a manure pile or bin. Put the manure in a small receptacle—say, a tin tub or a barrel which can be kept covered from flies. Have this taken away and spread on a field oftener than once a week.

If you have an outdoor toilet, see that the vault is closed up tight where the house fits over it. Use sod to make it so if you cannot get cement. Use plenty of lime on the sewage and keep covers on the seat holes.

Keep your house screened, keep a swatter handy and keep your eye peeled—for during cold or rainy weather a few flies almost surely will wander in. Vigilance and action on your part will so discourage the flies after one or two seasons that they will keep away from your premises.

Tell this to your neighbors and urge them to join you in the campaign against the fly pest. Pretty soon others will see the advantage of sanitation, and if there's any "git-up-and-git" in the neighborhood it will not be long until everybody in your end of the town will have the sanitary habit.

It is not expensive to get rid of flies. There are people who may feel they cannot afford to buy a garbage can or other little necessities of clean premises. Where there's a will there's a way. If you cannot afford today to spend any money, set your mind on cleaning up the place and do the best you can. Use such extra tubs and buckets as you have at hand. Above all, don't be lazy. Clean up right!

## School Children Should Fight 'Em

The schools must help in the campaign against flies. Each of the various grades should take a particular part of the work, says a writer in the International Harvester company bulletin. Let one grade canvass the town and enlist the groceries, meat shops, restaurants and householders in a movement to clean up alleys and back yards, provide for proper disposition of garbage and for sanitary outhouses.

Another grade might make fly traps and sell them to the various grocers and butchers for use at their places of business and to the city authorities for use in public places. That was done successfully in Holland, Mich., last year.

Still another grade may collect all the information which can be secured on the subject of flies. All grades may write compositions on "The Fly," "The Fly's Travels," "Confessions of a Fly," "Dangers of a Housefly," and similar subjects. Prizes may be offered for the best essay from each grade.

## Fly Talk Is Dirty

When people discuss the fly evil frankly and seriously they use dirty talk necessarily. It is a nasty subject but we are bound to consider it for our own protection, and to take steps to abate the evil.

How does typhoid fever spread? Generally it is communicated when the solid and liquid food to be eaten by healthy persons is contaminated in some manner with human excrement from someone who has the disease.

This is where the house fly gets in its filthy work. Suppose your next door neighbor has typhoid fever. The waste matter cast from his intestinal tract is emptied into the outside toilet on his premises. Flies swarm about the toilet vault until dinner time at your house. Then some of them attend your meal. They alight on the food and poison it with germs—either from their hairy feet or by depositing a speck which also contains germs.

Do not pooh-pooh this statement. Ask your doctor if it is not the gospel truth. Then get busy and help kill the flies. Thus you may keep death out of your own home.

## How to Sterilize Milk.

Drs. R. Kraus and B. Barbara of the city of Buenos Aires assert in the Muenchener Medizinische Wochen schrift that water or milk can be rendered sterile simply and rapidly by shaking with animal charcoal and filtering. A three per cent addition of charcoal suffices for milk if it be allowed to stand for 15 minutes.

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A Great Many Babies Die Every Summer From Diarrheal Diseases With Which They Are Infected by Food Contaminated by Houseflies. Mothers, Guard Your Little Ones From the Winged Pestilence. See That the House Is Carefully Screened and the Premises Kept Clean.

## Don't Ignore Fly Menace This Season

Many persons do not realize what a serious menace the fly is to the health of this community. It is characteristic of the average man to ignore this kind of danger until it threatens his own family. "Oh, the fly may be the means of carrying a fatal disease to some puny person," you reason, perhaps "but there's no danger of his bringing it to me—I'm in pretty good shape. I eat three square meals a day and sleep all right."

That is a characteristic attitude of soldiers. Rather, it used to be so. Doubtless you remember the awful toll of life taken among the soldiers encamped at Chickamauga during the Spanish-American war. If you do not you can easily look it up. Those boys in blue "died like flies." Flies caused the death of most of those stricken with typhoid and dysentery.

It came about in this way. Human excreta carries the bacteria of typhoid fever, cholera, dysentery, summer complaint, tuberculosis and intestinal diseases of other varieties. Flies feed on human excreta, as you know if you have kept your eyes open.

The Lesson of 1898. Not a great deal about the value of camp sanitation was known in 1898. The American army medical corps was not organized as it

is now. The mobilization place at Chickamauga was not clean. Garbage and sewage were not destroyed as they are now. In that large body of men it was inevitable that some should be disease carriers. The waste matter which they threw off acted as an incubator for the bacteria which it carried. Flies and other insects, but especially flies, swarmed around the filth sinks and fed. They were a frightful annoyance at meal time, and they were the army's most deadly enemy for they distributed dangerous germs among all the men. As a result fever and bowel diseases became almost an epidemic. As a nation we were taught a solemn lesson about the menace of insects. Our army medical men learned more in the Philippines, in Cuba, in Porto Rico and in the Canal Zone about the relation of flies, mosquitoes and lice to the spread of disease than had previously been learned in two or three thousand years.

Cleaner Than Homes. Visit any of our army encampments today. They are kept cleaner than the average housekeeper keeps her premises. Special attention is given to the sanitary disposal of garbage, of sewage and of other waste matter coming from the camp hospital. Elaborate means of protection against flies, mosquitoes, lice and bedbugs are taken—but flies are considered the most filthy and dangerous from the medical point of view.

It is safe to say that if this community should co-operate and act at once so as to clean up the town thoroughly, with special attention given to the breeding places of flies, the average of serious illness here would be reduced 50 per cent for the months of June, July, August and September.

Such a clean-up campaign is not impossible. It means the spraying of manure piles with a simple kerosene solution every day or so, frequent removal of manure piles, screened toilets, covered garbage cans and the use of fly swatters and fly paper by everyone.

## No Filth—No Flies!

Flies and filth go together. No filth, no flies! About the only good thing you can say about the fly is that his presence should stimulate you to hunt up the place where he was born and destroy it so that it may breed no more of his kind.

Fly swatting may be a popular pastime. It has been talked about much. So far, it has proved ineffective. The well-meaning person, applying the swatter at every opportunity, kills one fly at a time. The removal of the contents of a single manure box will swat millions of them at a blow.

Screens and swatters are a good thing, but a clean neighborhood is the best. Get busy!

## Flies Diminish the Milk Flow By Annoying Cows

Cows seriously annoyed by flies do not give more than 60 per cent as much milk as they would ordinarily. It is to the advantage of farmers and others who keep cows to protect them from flies this summer. It can be done quite simply. In the first place, spray each animal with a mixture composed of three parts fish oil and one part kerosene. Apply it with a small spray pump. Secondly, keep the stable and barnyard as free as possible of manure. Remove it frequently and use some simple disinfectant freely about the premises.

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