

Few Hints to Home Hinters

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The last persons in the world you would imagine in need of help are those diabolically clever and infernally ingenious individuals who conduct the household departments in our magazines. And yet after a careful study of their activities for a number of years, I feel it is necessary to assist them by offering a few suggestions which have lacked up in my bosom and now lie curdling there.

For instance, how many of them know what to do with old phonograph records? Or used phonograph needles? Or old safety razor blades? Sardine boxes? Shaving mugs? The labels off bread? The holes in the tablecloth? The baby's rattle after the baby has outgrown it? Et cetera? And so forth? And yet they should know that old ten-inch phonograph records may be used for soft-boiling eggs—a ten-inch record will run exactly three minutes at normal speed. Lettuce seeds may be planted in used sardine boxes after they have been carefully washed and filled with dirt. The lettuce probably won't grow, but then there are always a few drawbacks to every scheme. Old shaving mugs make cunning receptacles for heating eggs, or for setting small batches

of yeast in the rise. Small handles may be attached to used safety razor blades, after which they can be used for removing warts, freckles or bunions.

Instead of starting stamp books for your children, why not collect the labels you cut off the bread and paste up collections of them? Has anybody else ever suggested that to you? No. Although thousands of these invidious home-hinters have been home-hinting for years, it remained for me to make all these suggestions.

I have still to tell you how to utilize the holes in the tablecloth, and the baby's outgrown rattle. My second thought I shall leave those two for a challenge to any home-hinter, professional or amateur, who will name a practical use for these which I cannot improve upon. I will give a small but costly prize.

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