

FUMIGATING CLOSET PROTECTS CLOTHING



Closet Prepared for Fumigation Against Moths.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

If you have a roomy closet with a tight-fitting door and smooth uncracked walls, you can use it for fumigating wool garments before storing them over the summer.

The bureau of entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture gives the following directions for fumigating a closet:

Since the gas formed by evaporation

of either carbon disulphid or carbon tetrachlorid is heavier than air, fumigation is done by placing the liquid in a shallow dish on a shelf of the closet, as shown in the illustration. For a closet 2 by 5 by 7 feet, use about three-fourths of a cupful of carbon disulphid or about one and a half cupful of carbon tetrachlorid.

Carbon tetrachlorid has the great advantage over carbon disulphid that its gas is neither explosive nor inflammable, hence there is no risk of fire in its use.

WHEN MARY WAS MARRIED

(By D. J. Walsh)

MRS. JOHNSON gazed out thoughtfully at the misty tops of the Blue Ridge mountains, but she did not see the dim blueness. She was thinking of the wedding of her daughter, Mary.

"I reckon," she murmured, half-aloud after a long interval, "that there is something mighty wrong about me. I didn't feel like crying and taking on when Mary went off on her wedding trip. Will is a good, steady boy and has a home ready for her; he is a bit stubborn, but there's nothing mean about him and I like a man to be decided. Poor Mary, how she sobbed and cried when she kissed me goodby. I felt real ashamed—what's that, Victoria?" she asked, turning as a kinky black head surmounted by a frilled white cap was stuck timidly around the door.

"How yo' feelin' now, ma'am? Hopes yo' ain't takin' on about Miss Mary. She suah felt bad—mighty bad—when theyall went away—Victoria had now propelled her huge bulk into the room and held out a glass of lemonade sympathetically. "Jes' drink this, honey, and you'll feel bettah, yassum, ma'am."

Mrs. Johnson accepted the glass contritely. Faithful old Victoria had more feeling than she possessed. She resumed her task of setting the dainty bedroom to rights. In the excitement preceding the wedding many little duties had been swept aside and her housewifely soul longed to restore the usual meticulous order to her belongings.

"Come right up, my dear," cried a high-pitched voice. "I just know how you're taking on. I just want you to reread Emerson's 'Compensation.' I know you will find something in it to comfort you." Miss Martha tipped over to the window and pulled down the shade.

Mrs. Johnson, ashamed of her own apathy, thought that they could hardly be more sympathetic if there had been a death in the house. "I thought," she remarked, "that I'd tidy up things a bit—"

The long, aristocratic hand of the visitor was dropped gently on her shoulder. "Yes, yes, it will take your mind off your loneliness; we are coming over to sit on your piazza tonight so you won't mourn."

Meanwhile Mary, on her wedding trip, found herself wondering over her own callous nature. She adored her mother, but she had not left her for long. When the pleasant trip with the man of her choice had ended she would return to the town where she had been born and live within a block of her old home.

"How I shall have to go home to get my clothes and little belongings," she thought. "Mother will feel so dreadfully that I shall almost regret my marriage and feel that I was unbecomingly selfish in leaving her. Life is very perplexing at times, for she wanted me to marry Will, but—"

"Not regretting your marriage, already, honey?" Will's tone was jocular, but he looked sharply at his bride's clouded face. No man enjoys the feeling that he is not all-efficient.

Mary roused herself, but the feeling that her mother suffered during her absence almost spoiled her honeymoon. "You see, Will, I have been everything to mother and it is a great loss to her. I don't feel like going down to the dance when she is at home crying her poor heart out."

Will snapped his fingers nervously as he looked his bewilderment. "But she was satisfied to have you marry me. I have a good bungalow ready for you and you'll have every comfort. In a year more the peach orchard will be bearing heavily and that means a doubled income—"

"Oh, it isn't the money part of it. You don't understand women, Will. You see, mother lives in the past. I feel perfectly certain that at this moment mother is sitting looking over my baby pictures or grieving over little curls that she has saved."

So Mary refused to join the others down in the hotel ballroom and cried herself to sleep while she berated herself for her own hardness of heart. Will unable to see her viewpoint, was distinctly sulky. He had not carried her away by main force and he felt that it was an effort to him to greet him with tear-stained face and subdued manner. "I always supposed a honeymoon was a blissful time, but I'll sure be glad when she gets back where she can console her mother," he thought.

So the days dragged and finally Mary persuaded her husband to take her home two days sooner. "Mother writes very bravely, but, of course, I can read between the lines and I know how she is longing for me. If we could take the ten o'clock train we would get in Crozet at three o'clock in the morning." "Just as you like," Will still felt that things were out of tune and he was glad to move on.

Mrs. Johnson was sleeping quietly in her sleeping-porch on the first floor when she was aroused by a light step on the piazza. "I know you are lying awake, mother, so you won't be startled." Mary was rapidly approaching the couch.

she had slept through the nights sluggishly. When the two women had gone into Mrs. Johnson's bedroom Mary scrutinized her mother's face. "Why, you are looking splendid; your eyes are not red and you look so rested."

"I haven't had much time to fret. You see, I thought I'd get all the peaches for both of us done up while you were away and I have packed up all your things and they are in place."

"I love to do things for you, Mary. That is the greatest pleasure I have. I would have been perfectly content during your absence if I hadn't felt that you—"

Mrs. Johnson paused abruptly while her face flushed. Mary looked at her sharply and suddenly her small face crinkled up into a smile of comprehension. "You are a fraud, pure and simple. I don't believe you have fretted for me one bit. Mother, have we both been wondering over our own lack of proper feeling? I just dreaded taking away my clothes and leaving you deserted and here you have been having a perfectly good time looking forward to my return."

After a moment Mrs. Johnson joined in the gale of laughter which was now convulsing the girl. "Mary, child, I'm afraid we are both too practical to spend the precious moments of life in sobbing over imaginary griefs. We are going to spend the rest of our lives within a stone's throw of each other and will really see more of each other because you will no longer have to work at stenography. I could not see but what life was becoming even happier than ever, but I felt that I was an unnatural mother—"

Mary giggled in a most unbecomingly manner. "We'll never tell a soul," she began, "except Will. I absolutely spoiled our trip by fretting over your supposed loneliness."

At that moment Will knocked. "Well, you don't look as though you had suffered so much," he began, eyeing the sweet-faced woman, who looked every attractive in her soft trailing negligee of palest pink. "Mary was so depressed—"

They gaily explained the situation to him while he gazed at them in a masculine stupefaction. "And don't tell a soul, Will. You see, we shall live within a stone's throw, after all," ended Mary.

"I couldn't tell what I don't yet understand, but I'm glad to know that Mary isn't regretting her bargain. I was beginning to wonder—"

"Miss Mary, I'm sure glad to see you home again. How is it all feeling?" Yore pooh mother has about fretted herself sick over you. Is yo' all gwine to stay heah the rest of the night?"

"No, Victoria, we are going to the bungalow, just a stone's throw away," laughed Mary, jumping up and enjoying the scandalized amazement on her old nurse's face.

Motorists Must Watch Their Step in China

We do not suggest literal emulation, says the Detroit Free Press, nevertheless the following comment from the Los Angeles Times is a reminder that they really do some things very well in China:

"Automobiles are still strange creatures in some sections of China and the rules governing their movement are rather strict. Right in the shadow of Peking there is a stretch where a speed of 15 miles an hour is the limit. According to the story of an observer those who exceed this rate are likely to have their heads cut off and exhibited on posts along the road. It must have a depressing effect upon a motorist to suddenly come upon the blood-dripping head of some guy who had but recently passed him on the highway. The idea is that a man who drives fast loses his head and they are making the punishment fit the crime."

Caution

Recently a little boy had been told that the stork had left him a baby brother. When his grandmother showed him the baby, he gazed long and intently at it in its little clothes. "But, grandma, didn't it catch cold coming?" he asked anxiously.

New Helicopter Tested

Trials of the helicopter, the new invention of Signor Vittorio Isacco of Italy, were made recently by the British air ministry. According to the new inventor helicopters are machines capable of rising and descending vertically, of remaining at any point in mid-air, and of flying horizontally. The machine being tested was built for the air ministry.

Dogs Gain Favor in Turkey

Less than a generation ago a dog was anathema to the Turk—Constantinople's many mongrels were proverbial—but now they are de rigueur as pets, which shows how quickly Mustafa Kemal's modernizing program is working, says Living Age. He himself has been photographed with a half-dozen dogs.

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NATIONAL DISHES ALWAYS POPULAR

Hungarian Goulash Because of Its Tasty Ingredients.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Every nation has a dish that is especially popular with a great many people, either because of its flavor, or the native ingredients used, or a method of cooking that has become widely used in that country. Thus we hear of Italian "polenta," "risotto," or "ravioli"; of Armenian "kebab"; of Austrian "Wienschnitzel"; of English meat pie, or Irish stew. Some of these national dishes came into being among rural people, and are indicative of the kinds of foods obtainable close at hand; many of them are due to combinations of flavor and methods of cooking used with the less tender cuts of meat to make them palatable. And so, in final analysis, Hungarian goulash appears to be just a special kind of stew, using meats that are best cooked by slow, moist heat, combined with vegetables and seasonings that not only appeal to the Hungarian but to the cosmopolitan palate. Various recipes are found for making it, perhaps because in different sections of Hungary there were differences in obtainable foods. Here is a very tasty goulash vouched for by the bureau of home economics as being not only good to eat and smell, but the "real thing" in Hungarian preferences.

- 3/4 lb. round steak 2 cups boiling water
3/4 lb. lean pork 2 bay leaves
1/2 lb. salt pork 2 whole cloves
1 cup diced carrots 2 whole cloves
1 1/2 cups diced potatoes 1/2 tsp. salt
1 potato 1 1/2 lbs. flour
4 small onions, 1 small green pepper, sliced

Wipe the fresh pork and beef with a damp cloth and cut into cubes. Cut the salt pork into very small pieces and brown it in a skillet until crisp. Add the other meat which has been sprinkled with the flour, and sear the meat on all sides, stirring frequently to prevent burning. Add the onion and the pepper and cook for a few minutes. Turn this mixture into a saucepan, and all the other ingredients except the potatoes and the salt, cover, and simmer for 40 to 50 minutes. Then add the potatoes and the salt, and continue to simmer the mixture in a covered vessel until the meat is tender. Remove the bay leaves. Turn the goulash in a serving dish and sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Strawberry Jelly

Strawberries make good jam or preserves, used whole, but the juice alone will not "jell" like many other fruit juices, because it is deficient in pectin. There is a way of remedying this difficulty, if you are fond of the delicious flavor of fresh strawberries in the even, and other common activities in the ordinary farm household routine labors. Attention must be given to posture no matter what work is being done. The reward of any effort to improve the height of working surfaces and household equipment generally in order to assure good posture at work is a noticeable lessening of fatigue and often a reduction in the time spent on a given task. The net result is of course greater leisure and increased ability to enjoy and use it to advantage.

DON'T STOOP OVER TO PREPARE EGGS

Housewife Should Assume Correct Posture in Work.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

At this time of year when eggs are plentiful and many good dishes are being made with them, there is nothing unusual in seeing a housewife bent over a table vigorously using an egg beater. It's too bad, however, for any woman to assume such a bad posture for doing any of her frequently recurring household tasks, for by repetition she trains her muscles and bones into whatever position she habitually assumes. It would be an easy thing for her, in the first place, to stand with back straight and still beat eggs, if she simply thinks about how she is standing. She might help herself to maintain a good position while at work at the kitchen table if she had a set of blocks made to put under the legs of the table and raise it to a more effective and comfortable working height.

Extension workers among farm women in many states have recently been stressing the importance of good posture and working levels suited to the individual. The illustration, taken by the United States Department of



Don't Stoop Over to Beat Eggs or to Do Other Household Tasks.

Agriculture, shows a woman in Hampshire county, Massachusetts, demonstrating the effect of having to bend over a work table. Other demonstrations have included correct and incorrect posture while washing dishes, mopping floors, handling food at the oven, and other common activities in the ordinary farm household routine labors.

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Alfonso's New Name

Cosden Cobb, the millionaire tobacco planter of Kentucky, said on disembarking from the Berengaria in New York: "I met the king of Spain in London. He isn't as gay in dress as he used to be, but he is gayer than ever in spirit."

"When I congratulated him on the engagement of Primo de Rivera he gave a gay laugh. 'Oh,' he said, 'you mustn't call me King Alfonso any more. My name is Segundo de Rivera now.'"

The Rebel

"Patient put out of hospital for refusing to be weighed," reads a current news item. "I got tired of being dragged out of bed," he declared. Tired? Doesn't he mean weigh-worn?—Farm and Fireside.

Famine and Gluttony Alike Drive Nature Away from the Heart of Man.

Theodore Parker.

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"A feed man went to a neighbor's house one morning, knocked, and said: 'Is Jake in?' 'Goodness, no!' said Mrs. Jake. 'Haven't you heard? Poor Jake passed out this morning at half past three.' 'Well, well, well! That sure is bad news. Why, I didn't even know old Jake was sick.' 'It was very sudden. Very sudden, indeed.' 'Dear me! I can hardly hear it. I'm heartbroken, to tell you the truth. By the way, did Jake say anything about that grass hook he borrowed from me, before he died?'—Detroit Free Press.

Value of Resistance

No doubt a world in which matter never got out of place and became dirt, in which iron had no flaws and wood no cracks, in which gardens had no weeds and food grew ready cooked, in which clothes never wore out and washing was as easy as advertisements describe it, in which the right word was not hard to find and rules had no exceptions, and things never went wrong, would be a much easier place to live in. But for purposes of training and development it would be worth nothing at all. It is the resistance that puts us on our mettle; it is the conquest of the reluctant stuff that educates the worker. I wish you enough difficulties to keep you and make you strong and skillful.—Henry Van Dyke.

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