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## Timely Tips for Women

by Doris W. Thomas

Eggs, Symbol of The Season, For Easter And Passover

During the festive ritual of the Seder, which Jews observe at Passover, a hard-cooked egg is one of the traditional symbols. The egg stands for life, and the perpetuation of life.

This universal symbolism of the egg has figured in the springtime holiday rites of countless cultures for thousands of years. Eggs — sign of the renewal of life — team handily with spring — time of life's renewal on earth.

The Easter egg tradition has been common to many societies. Supposedly the orig-

inal purpose in coloring eggs was to imitate the brilliant hues that came with the first flush of spring. In northern Europe the eggs were dyed red for Thor; yellow for Eostre, the goddess who lent her name to Easter. In the early days of the Christian church, eggs were colored red denoting the blood of Christ. Medieval English folk used red, blue, and violet dyes. The Persians, like the Russians, created elaborate works of art upon the egg shell.

Pagan peoples gave each other eggs during their spring festivals. The Greeks, too, had the custom of giving colored eggs as gifts. Ancient Romans celebrated the new year with egg games.

The legend of the Easter bunny reportedly stems from Teutonic origin. It was believed that through some supernatural power a rabbit could lay eggs on the night before the Spring Festival, and at sunrise leave the collection of eggs at the feet of a joyous child.

Although tradition calls for eggs in this holiday season, there's an even better reason for using them often this spring. Egg production is at a high level. Abundant supplies will be readily available at reasonable prices.

### Help Your Child Learn To Read

Setting a good example for your child is important. For example, if you read and your child sees you enjoy reading, he, in turn, will be interested in learning how. Visit libraries and choose books for your child as well as yourself. Even a very young child enjoys being read to.

Learning should be fun and exciting—if you make it seem that way to your child, he'll be eager to learn more. If you make learning a tense, pressure-filled situation, his feelings may be very difficult. Try not to give a constant stream of corrections.

Learning need not be as tightly organized as it will be in school. A snowflake, a new

bird, a wiggly worm, a magazine picture — even a mud puddle—can offer opportunities to teach if you're alert.

And you can also provide many rich background experiences, too. A trip to the zoo,

nearby museums, firehouses, stores are all worthwhile.

Help your child learn by setting a good example yourself.

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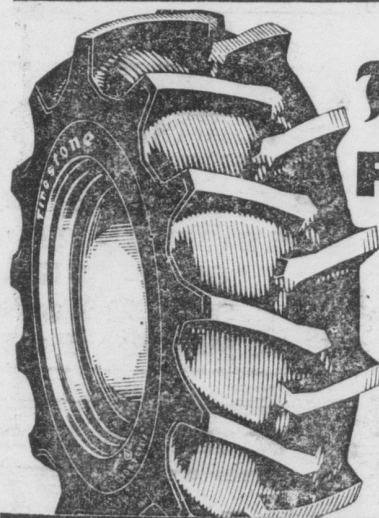
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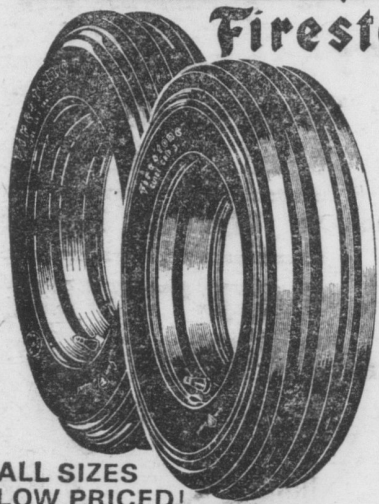
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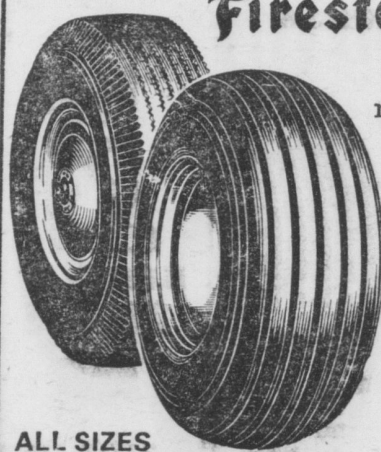
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