

Timely Tips for Women

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Modernize Electrical Switches

Switching to the modern way or to modern things is a way of life today. And this applies to actual switches—the electrical switches in your home. Several new electrical switches are available for the home. With only a screw driver and a pair of pliers, you can easily install the new devices.

One good alternative to the "snap" switch is the newer "silent" mercury switch. The mercury switches are more expensive than the "snap" switches, but they are a pleasure to use and more durable.

An easy way to add atmosphere to your home is to replace those old switches with dimmer switches. You can use a large wattage bulb for general illumination, but reduce the brilliance for occasions when you desire less light — such as showing home movies or for using a hall light as a night light.

Because of the solid-state design, dimmer switches use less electricity and light bulbs last much longer when the lights are dimmed. Dimmer switches with a full-lighting range, on-off positions, and built-in radio-interference protection are best. The two-position dimmer switches cost less but may not be satisfactory in some locations.

Other types of convenience switches include lighted-button and push-button switches. New decorative cover plates and wall protectors are also good modernizing additions to electric switches.

There's no danger in replacing switches if you turn off the electricity and replace the switches according to directions. But, when you buy a new switch, check the "small print" and buy a switch with the correct watt capacity and be certain the switch can be used as you want to use it.

Washing Flatware In A Dishwasher

A dishwasher cleans flatware automatically. But if you are bothered by streaking, spotting, dull film, stains or encrusted food residues, review these time-tested procedures to avoid problems. Mix knives, forks, and spoons in each section of the flatware holder and be certain none are nesting together. Wash flatware as soon as possible after use; pre-rinse if dishwasher will not be operated for several hours.

Use only detergents specifically formulated for automatic dishwashers. Soap, vinegar, washing soda are no substitutes and could have deleterious effects on the appliance or items washed in it. Take care not to sprinkle detergent directly on flatware—and follow the manufacturer's label directions for the correct amount to use. In hard areas, more detergent is usually required for satisfactory results.

To prevent spotting and streaking, use a rinse additive. Also to be sure water is hot, 140-160° F. When load-

ing dishes and cookware into the dishwasher, make certain that no large, bulky pieces are blocking the water action of the spray arm to the flatware holder.

Two common problems that may arise in automatic dishwashing are sulfide & bronze tarnishing. Silver sulfite is caused by the reaction of silver with sulfide from certain foods such as mayonnaise or egg. Silver polish will remove the tarnish. Bronze tarnishing may be found on silver plated pieces where the silver plating has worn thin. To remove, soak the pieces in vinegar for about 10 minutes. This treatment is only a temporary one; replating silver is the only way to correct the problem.

Bolivia was established by, and named for Simon Boliva.

In Japan, almost everyone above school age can read and write.

Egbert, Ethelwulf, Ethelbald, Ethelbert and Ethelred were the first five kings of England.

Britain's first ruler was Egbert, King of Wessex.

An idea is one thing; putting it into words so that everyone will understand it is another.

It takes more than eight minutes for the light of the sun to reach the earth.

Maryland was named for Queen Henrietta Maria, wife of Charles I of England.

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Iceberg with Cream Dressing

1 head western iceberg lettuce
1/4 cup dairy sour cream
1/4 cup real mayonnaise
1/4 cup grated Cheddar cheese

2 teaspoons vinegar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon savory
1/8 teaspoon pepper

Core, rinse and thoroughly drain lettuce. Chill in plastic bag or lettuce crisper. Cut lettuce into four or six wedges. Mix all remaining ingredients. Top wedges with dressing and serve. Makes 4-6 servings.

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