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Leisure Time
Every housewife should plan her work so as to have some leisure time daily. We need leisure to grow intellectually and spiritually and to keep our spirits sweet and appreciative and our thoughts on a high plane.

One beauty of housework is that one can think as she works. This is true of any manual labor, but it is peculiarly true of farm work and housework because the person who does them is his own boss and can feel free and happy in spirit, and because the work is varied. Manual work, done under the lash or spur of another's driving, does not give so great a chance for meditation. Neither does work which is monotonous, which rather tends to dull the senses and paralyze the thinker. Have you ever noticed how genially you sprits flow and your thoughts likewise, when you wash or iron or get a bit excited with housecleaning or any housework job which arouses one? But even with this time for thought-employment, one needs periods of relaxing, when one can gather strength of spirit as well as body and can view her problems with better ideas of proportion. Little things that look petty and not so harassing, and big things—such as the joy of housekeeping and the delight of having husband and children to do for—assume their rightful position and make us grateful.

The housewife who is always on the run does not see the sunshine or the blue sky through the clouds of her family life, and she is likely to become fretful and small minded. Every housewife can so plan her work to have leisure if she earnestly tries to. Some things can be done in the morning, and some things can be delegated to others and it may even be economy to buy some things ready cooked or sewed and to put out some work rather than to have no leisure. Budget your time and see if you are allowing yourself enough for leisure. A wise plan will help you see this and give you more than the tantalizing "spare moments."

Clothes
Clothes are a very necessary part of life. They not only protect us from the weather, but they add or detract from our beauty and grace. They even do more, they set the stage for our accomplishment. The business woman in daphnaceous frills and the honorific gauds at the ball in a business suit, all are dressed in clothes. To feel our best spiritually, we must have becoming and appropriate clothes. One can talk better, feel more confidence in himself, meet strangers with assurance, and do business or social duties better, if rigged out in the proper garments. There is nothing more embarrassing than to be clad in inappropriate clothes. Yes, clothes do make the man, and woman, to an extent.

It is a wise mother who studies graceful clothing for her small children. The awkward, self-conscious adult is often the person who, in childhood, wore clothing which was not becoming and drew the unfavorable comment of his schoolmates.

It is interesting, if a woman has natural or acquired taste, to give vent to her ingenuity in dressing herself and her children. But one should be sure her whims are artistic and not merely freakish. The reason the French woman is so chic is said to be that she does not try to dress like every other woman; but to dress in her own style, adds little individual touches of her own which makes her distinguished. Do not be afraid to exercise your unique fancy, if you know the general principles of line and color. The woman who is the greatest devotee of dress will have the least common multiple of gowns. She will dress uncommonly well which will make folks not only look up to her but around at her.

There is little trimming on the garments of today. As one of our flappers has said, "they are as fully simple," and some of them are so stern and mannish they are "simply awful."

Boquets
A flower is beautiful in itself, but to be appreciated to the fullest it must be in a beautiful setting. The old-fashioned bouquet was made of a bunch of flowers of different kinds and colors cruelly jammed together without room or plan, and crowded into a waterpicher, a fruit can, or a pail.

The newer idea—imported from Japan—is a single flower, a single spray, or a few flowers held apart by the perforated glass flower holders, and set in a plain but artistic receptacle.

The shape of the vase is important. If it is too highly decorated with painted flowers, these detract from the real flowers inside it. The single flower, or the few, give opportunity for each to be admired. There is beauty in the whole flower, the stem, the leaf, the bloom.

One of the newest types of vases is the basket vase. It may be tall and slender, or round or a mammoth floor basket fit to hold immense sprays of dogwood, autumn berries or flowering plants. The color of basket vases is best natural or at least neutral so that it does not clash with the color of the bouquet.

Little masterpiece of basketry, made of fine grasses and reeds are available for delicate flowers. The general plan of the basket vase is that it shall merely serve as a container for some glass or earthen dish which holds the flowers. The basket vase seems a natural setting for flowers. How many generations ago was it that our earliest ancestors hid their forth with baskets of their own weaving to bring home berries, fruits or flowers.

Ship Covers.
Slip covers for the furniture serve several practical uses. They make the heavy over-stuffed pieces look lighter and airier for hot weather; save wear on the upholstery, and so postpone the day of reupholstering, keep the more expensive upholstery clean for grand occasions; and furnish, a note of smartness in the modern room.

The materials most favored for slip covers are: glazed chintzes, cretonnes, poplin, mohair, satens, which may be piped with a contrasting color, mercerized fabrics, and canvas, duck or awning cloth which is very dignified and rich in broad stripes.

Caring for Floors.
The varnished or waxed floor may be washed with a warm mild soapy water, but it must be wiped dry immediately. It should then be gone over with the following mixture: equal parts of sweet oil, turpentine and vinegar, well shaken together. Rub this in with cotton waste or a wool cloth.

If a varnished floor is worn until bare spots appear, first wash the spot to remove the dirt, then shellac these spots. The whole floor should then be revarnished. If, for any reason, one cannot revarnish the whole floor, he should be careful to let the shellac be heaviest on the bare spots and thin on the surrounding places. In a very few days the shellaced spot cannot be distinguished from the rest of the surface.

New Zealand's Children.
Children's courts are being established in New Zealand. They are like the juvenile courts of the United States. They are to be held in a room separate from any other court, and when possible, to have separate justices of the peace, or judges, for these courts, and assessors to help the justices. It is probable that the assessors, who are usually women, will serve as probation officers in the United States, making preliminary investigations about the case, and supervising the child after the trial, being always the friend of the children.

Flours.
Hardwheat flour has always been recognized as the ideal for bread, but the more expensive hard wheat can be stretched out by using half or two-thirds of soft wheat flour. Soft wheat flour is best for quick breads, biscuits, and cakes to which sugar or fat are added. It should also be used for gravy and soup thickenings.

Scientific Facts
NEWEST NOTES OF SCIENCE

Germany are making imitation wicker furniture from paper fibre. Tweezers have been specially designed for untying knots in twine. An Englishman has invented a tool made of a band of flexible steel. A single motion opens or closes a new folding ironing board and its stand.

An international radio station for European service is planned for Warsaw. To protect its contents a mail bag has been invented with metal reinforced sides. Practically every town in Australia has its own electric plant or its building one.

A cellars guiding gauge has been patented to enable persons' hair to be bobbed at home. An Englishman has invented a tobacco pipe made of compressed paper that absorbs nicotine. A rubber bumper has been invented to be placed around a broom to prevent it damaging furniture.

A clock to switch a radio set on or off at predetermined times has been invented by a Japanese. For deodorizing kitchens a porous vase into which a perfume liquid is poured has been invented. Germany is planning to deepen the Oder river to enable large sea-going vessels to reach Stettin.

With its output steadily increasing, Columbia now is producing about one half of the world's supply of platinum. An electrically operated machine has been developed to lay bricks at far greater speed than can be done by hand.

A new long distance telephone service in Canada has been opened between Fort William, Port Arthur and Winnipeg. A waterproof cigarette case, including a match box, that can be attached to a belt, has been invented for bathers.

The Finnish Ministry of Agriculture maintains a department for testing machinery imported for the use of farmers. Having a reservoir for water in its handle, a new electric flat iron sprays and steams garments as it presses them.

The world's largest glass statue, a figure of Shakespeare 24 feet tall, has been cast in England for a London park. A bow strung with cotton that is easily renewed has been invented by a Philadelphia woman for polishing a finger ring.

Of English invention is a box in which toilet dishes are cleaned in a mixture of damp sand and salt to avoid breakage. A scientist at the University of Chicago has figured that the world is going for nearly a quadrillion dollars in total excavation of more years of life.

40,000,000 cubic feet, the largest dock in the world is under construction at Calcutta. The use of heat is not needed with a new sealing wax that is set in metal tubes and soon hardens on exposure to the air.

The fastest known living creature, a South African fly, has a speed that could take it around the world in about 17 hours. Fueling a motor with gas range valve even slightly lighter the burner that it serves automatically, preventing danger from leaking gas.

An American scientist's experiments in Switzerland seem to have supported the theory that strong sunlight lessens soil acidity. For signalling a hand lantern has been invented that sheds either white or red light as the proper button is touched.

It has been estimated that 500,000 horsepower could be obtained by harnessing the water courses of Tasmania hydroelectrically. Two Boston physicians have developed a method for accurately measuring the speed at which blood flows through a person's veins.

The government of Iceland has granted a 60 year concession for the development of hydroelectric power from five large waterfalls. Invented by a Chicago man, a coupling for spring belts consists of a ball to be inserted in the spirals so that the wire grips it.

Experiments with them have been so successful that the general use of motor mail coaches throughout Australia is being considered. When a golf ball is driven against a new screen it registers on a gauge the distance it would have gone if it had not been stopped.

To relieve street congestion London is considering building underground freight lines to connect all its principal railway terminals. A box of polish is carried inside a new shoe shining brush so made in two parts that lifting one part removes the lid from the polish box.

French psychologists have designed a typewriter keyboard of different arrangement from the standard on the theory that more speed will result. A shield for policemen that has been patented is formed of sheet metal so corrugated that any bullets striking it are deflected to the ground.

Rated at 210 horsepower, the largest Diesel electric locomotive ever built in Denmark has been placed in service on a railway in that country. A complete studio has been mounted on a motor truck by a Chicago photographer to enable him to visit the homes of patrons to do all of his work.

A university professor in Georgia has invented metal gutters to collect turpentine from pine trees without tapping them deeply enough to injure them. On the principle that a heated object cools more slowly in than in dense air a Frenchman has invented an electrical device to measure altitudes.

It is estimated that about 142,000 household electric refrigerators are in use in the United States, or about one in each 100 electrically equipped homes.

The Handy Man's Corner

A SMALL POULTRY HOUSE.
Makeshift buildings are seldom profitable for poultry as the birds cannot be expected to produce eggs unless they have warm and comfortable houses. Fortunately the outlay is comparatively small and a decent building need not cost much for materials. Naturally the cost will vary in different localities and with the size of the house, but something on the lines shown in Fig. 1 measuring say 6 1/2 feet long and 4 feet high at the front and 2 1/2 feet high at the back should be a cheap proposition. The best material is good quality matchboard at least 3-8 thick, and preferably in widths of about 6 ins.

The framework for a house of the size mentioned may be 2 by 1 in. batten, sometimes known as slate batten, and should be purchased ready prepared and machine planed. This only costs a very small amount more than rough material and saves a lot of time and trouble in hand planing. If rough material has to be purchased then it will be necessary to plane those faces and edges. This done it is next necessary to make set of corners for the front back, and two ends, on the lines shown in Figs 2 and 3, the former showing the end frames and the latter the front frame. The back frame is simply rectangular and equal in height to the back part of the set of corners for the front corners are preferably halved, as shown in Fig. 4 or if preferred may be morticed and tenoned.

When the joints are halved they may be sawn to size and if done neatly and accurately the result will be good enough for the purpose. Materials and labour may be saved if the lengths of the same unfamiliar words and at the time make up the music. The name came and grew as it went along until he finished the first verse. There was less difficulty with the second verse and after that it was easy. An extraordinary thing had happened. A new melody was born in the presence of a thousand people. It was a marvelous feat of memory and of concentration. It is questionable whether ever before or since a melody which was destined to gain universal appreciation, was ever composed under such circumstances.

When Sankey finished singing, the congregation was greatly moved and Mr. Moody was deeply touched and surprised. In great surprise he asked Sankey: "Where did you get that hymn?" "I got it in answer to prayer," was the reply. The hymn itself has had a history almost as impressive as its unique composition. It makes an extraordinary appeal to the emotions, and the wave of spiritual emotion which swept over the Scotch congregation that first heard it has been duplicated a thousand times. It became a great favorite with Mr. Sankey himself and from that day he first sang it in 1874, until his death many years later, there was no hymn he loved quite so well. Writing of the hour when the tune was first composed he once said, "It was the most intense moment of my life."

FAVORITE HYMNS AND THEIR WRITERS
By How Archer Wallace

"There Were Ninety And Nine"
The author of this favorite revival hymn, Elizabeth Clephane, daughter of Fife, Scotland. She was born in 1830, and died of tuberculosis in 1869. Not a great deal is known about her, in fact she had been dead several years before her poem was first used as a hymn. It is quite certain that neither she, nor the editor of the Christian Age, the paper in which the poem first appeared, had the faintest idea of the popularity to which the poem was destined to attain.

The most authentic account of how the poem first came to be used as a hymn seems to be as follows. Mr. Sankey first saw the poem in the Christian Age in 1874 when he and Mr. Moody were in Scotland holding evangelistic meetings. He clipped it out and laid it aside for possible future use. Some days later, after an address by Mr. Moody on "The Lost Sheep," he turned to Sankey and quietly asked him if he could sing something which would suit the occasion. It was an impressive meeting and Sankey was exceedingly anxious to follow the sermon with a suitable solo. He knew that precisely what was wanted was in his vest pocket but could the hymn be sung without a tune.

With a silent prayer for help the poet took out the slip on which was Mrs. Clephane's poem, laid it on the little red organ and began to play. He had to read

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