

WOMEN

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Follow These Basic Rules For Your Floor Finishing

There are three basic rules for floor finishing, whatever the material used, paint experts say: The floor must be clean. Best cleaning is obtained with alkaline cleaners, solvents and hot water; The floor must be properly primed; Only those materials especially prepared for floor finishing may be used.

VARNISHING

In varnishing new wood floors, the wood must be sanded with a power sander, then thoroughly dusted. Open grained woods, particularly oak, must then be filled with a paste wood filler that has been reduced to paint consistency according to the manufacturer's directions.

Filler should be applied lengthwise with the grain with a three or four-inch brush, covering about a two-foot wide strip. It should be worked for about 10 minutes, or until a whitish cast has developed. Excess filler should then be rubbed off, across the grain, with bur-lap or excelsior, leaving filler in wood pores only. The entire floor should be treated in this manner, and, after sweeping off all filler particles, allowed to dry overnight.

PRIMER COAT

When dry, the floor should then be primed with a coat of quality

floor varnish thinned as recommended by the manufacturer.

The primer coat should dry overnight, then the floor should be sanded with sandpaper and dusted. The first of two top coats of unfinished floor varnish should dry for 24 hours, then be sanded and dusted. The second coat finishes the job.

Badly worn coats of varnish should be sanded to the bare wood, then refinished as are new floors.

REMOVERS

Paint and varnish removers may be used advantageously if the surface is in good condition and does not require sanding.

Old varnished floors in good condition require no preparation other than a thorough cleaning with hot soap and water, or paint thinners, to remove all traces of dirt, grease, or wax. Worn places should be spot primed before finishing the floor.

Painting floors requires similar attention. New wood floors need only be sanded, primed and finished. Previously painted floors in poor condition must be sanded to the bare wood or treated with paint or varnish removers.

If in good condition, previously painted floor surfaces need only be cleaned before painting.

ELLEN'S DIARY

Spring Work Is Coming

"With the house cleaning and gardening and all the spring work coming on presently, I shall have so much to do that just to consider it is wearing," a farm wife said when we chatted with her one morning of the winter. "I think before then I'll take a vacation. It would be only for a few days but I know I should come back better prepared for it. You see, a few weeks ago, I was feeling a little tired to think of it," she nodded, "a fresh perspective of the home and surroundings and my cares. One has to get away from them to appreciate ones job better."

"So I just picked myself up today and away I came," another housewife recounting her troubles to us on the bus one summer morning commented. "That's what I always do when things bother me—I run away from them all. I sometimes visit some special friend or relative. Or maybe I take a lazy day in town, idling over my shopping and the funny part of it is," she chuckled, "I'm usually more than pleased to get home... that's as it should be. I guess. Even when the dog welcomes me at the gateway," she chuckled, "it seems to move me close to gladness. And everything new and different then and the cares have assumed their proper size or have vanished entirely. Yes, it does one good to get away for a while."

"O.K. Chesterton the noted English essayist and critic used to live in Battersea, a section of London," one writes. "One day as he was packing for a holiday, a friend asked where he was going. 'To Battersea,' he replied. 'The wit of your remark escapes me,' said the friend. 'I am going to Battersea' said Chesterton, 'via Paris, Heidelberg, Frankfurt. I am going to wander all over the world until once more I find Battersea. I cannot see Battersea here because a cloud of sleep and custom has come across my eyes. The only way to go to

Battersea is to go away from it. 'A cloud of sleep and custom', an indifferent attitude over ones lot and a monotony of round.

Today then we were back to our cares at Alderlea, fresh from an outing which had given us other scenes and with no regrets that it was over, good, indeed lovely, as it had been, but with the eager and satisfied thrill of being home again.

This morning brought us "the clang of the wild geese" a-faring. Out of an April cloud, and into another above an opposite hilltop, winging prettily the high air-span between, their return to northern haunts brought us many a gift. And the last, it came to mind with a sigh, will be a picture of the flaming shades of autumn along the reaches of countryside, before at their next passing, the trees and fields will nestle then into their season of sleep.

Staring whistled not untruthfully in the orchard-branches today in another gesture to spring, and with the children we spread litter over restless tulips in the border. And left the snowdrops, which have stirred in March before this, buried still beneath a considerable depth of snow.

"Who winds the clock tonight, Ellen?" James in the armchair asks by his farm-paper to ask. Until tomorrow — Diary — Good-night.

CAC Is Working For All Consumers In Research Field

Did you know that the Canadian Association of Consumers is working on behalf of all consumers toward the standardization of sizes for children's clothes? Any mother knows about the confusion that exists in this field now, how each manufacturer makes a different size six, for example, according to his own ideas. Through the cooperation of many groups, children's sizes should soon be as standardized as weights and measures.

Did you know that two sheets the same size may be marked in two different ways so that the shopper may think one is many inches longer than the other? In one case the finish length is marked after hemming, in the other, the torso length, before hemming. This can be very misleading when you are comparing prices, so the Canadian Association of Consumers is supporting a request to have one uniform marking for length and width of sheets and pillow cases.

Did you know that the weights now marked on soaps, detergents and other such packages were put there through the insistence of the Canadian Association of Consumers? That the CAC worked for five years to have the deceptive red stripe removed from bacon so that you can really see the quality of the meat.

Did you know that there may be considerable differences in the capacity of the measuring cups and spoons in your kitchen? We may think we have standard weights and measures in Canada, but this doesn't apply to our kitchen equipment. The Canadian Association of Consumers has been working with other groups to obtain uniform, standardized measuring utensils for use in cooking. If you are interested in helping this in your kitchen craftsmanship, join the Canadian Association of Consumers and support its work.



MARRIED IN MARCH CEREMONY

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Spurgeon MacLeod are pictured with their attendants following their marriage on March 29 at 7 p.m. at Zion Presbyterian Church Manse. Left to right: Mr. Adrian Debber, best man; Mr. MacLeod; Mrs.

Adrian Debber, matron of honor, and in front is Mrs. MacLeod. Rev. W. H. Brown officiated at the ceremony. Following the marriage at the Queen Hotel the couple left on a trip through the Maritimes. They will reside in Charlottetown.

The bride is the former Miss Kathryn Rebecca MacLeod, daughter of Mrs. James P. MacLeod, Mr. Hope, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Murdoch N. MacLeod, Cardigan. (Photo by Cook's Studio.)

HAPPENINGS

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The Margaret Stewart Branch of the Canadian Home Reading Union met for their annual luncheon at the Charlottetown Hotel on Thursday. The table was attractively arranged with spring flowers. Fifteen members were present. Following a toast to the Queen the party proceeded to the lounge where bridge and interesting contests were enjoyed arranged by Mrs. Charles McKenzie. Flowers were presented to the president, Mrs. Margaret R. Stewart.

The executive of the Charlottetown Community Concert Association entertained in honour of Miss Saranae Endlich and Mr. Carl Davis after the concert, Monday evening, at the Blue Room, Milton's Old Spain. Mrs. Keith S. Rogers, the president, and Mrs. Milton Bell welcomed the guests. Soft candlelight, gleaming silver and spring flowers made a beautifully appointed supper table. Mrs. Raoul Raymond poured tea. The assistants were: Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Mrs. J. W. McKenzie, Mrs. Stanley Lancaster, Mrs. Arthur Roper, Mrs. J.L.B. Anderson, Mrs.

MORNING SMILE

Professor—What words are used most by college students. Student—I don't know. Professor—Correct.

Upon adjournment of the meeting lunch was served by Mrs. G. M. Chandler, Mrs. Louis Doyle,

VALLEYFIELD W.I.

The March Meeting of the Valleyfield Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. M.D. and Mrs. Angus Martin. The president, Mrs. Alex Martin presided, and the meeting opened with the creed, followed by singing the ode, and roll call. The minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. H. Vanbuskirk, and approved. Collection amounting to \$1.35 was received by Mrs. W.A. Bruce.

A bill for books for the school, bought by Mrs. D. Matheson, was voted paid. The Red Cross sewing and knitting was checked by the convener. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Herb MacKenzie.

The regular monthly meeting of the Junior League of the Charlottetown Hospital was held in the nurses Residence on Tuesday, April 3rd. Mrs. R. J. Mahar, president, opened the meeting with prayer. This was followed by roll call and the minutes of the last meeting which was adopted as read. The treasurer, Mrs. M. L. MacDonald gave her report. A letter was read from the Charlottetown Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic soliciting support in the coming Blood Donor clinic which is to be held in the near future.

Mrs. Maurice McAleer thanked the members for their support in making the recent "Penny Auction" such a success. Mrs. Jack MacCarville and Mrs. Edison Wood offered their services in the cart for the month of April. A report on the coming Spring Bonnet Tea was given by Mrs. Percy MacDonald, convener.

PLEASANT VALLEY EVENING AUXILIARY

Mrs. Melville Weeks was hostess to the members of the Pleasant Valley Evening Auxiliary on Wednesday evening, March 28. The Vice-President, Mrs. Arthur MacLaine presided. Roll call was responded to by twelve members. Mrs. Gerald Smith and Mrs. Everett McLellan were in charge of the Worship and Study period. The theme "The Call to the Mission of the Church through Evangelism and Missions." Several passages of scripture were read and discussed and the hymn was repeated in unison as a prayer. Cards were passed in by the members to be sent to Trinidad. A letter from Mrs. W.B. Creech, literature secretary was read. There were thirty-two home and hospital calls made during the month and twenty-five cards sent. Several thank-offering envelopes were passed in.

Mrs. Millar Weeks invited the members for the April meeting. Mrs. Glen Ling will have charge of the Worship and Study period. The meeting closed with the "Circle of Prayer" and the Mizpah benediction.

COVEHEAD C.W.L.

The St. Eugene's Sub-division of the C.W.L. held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles O'Brien on Sunday April 1st with the president presiding. The meeting opened with the League Prayer by the Director Rev. Fr. Wood. Thirteen members answered the roll call with a payment of annual dues. One new member paid her fee.

Minutes of the last annual, and last monthly meeting were read and approved. Each member was asked to write station C.F.C.V., thanking them for the presentation of Bishop Sheen talks. The fruit cake lottery took place, winners being Mrs. Neil McPhee, Charlottetown, and Mr. Irving Kinch, Covehead Road. The treasurer gave her report, the balance on hand is \$13.00. Fifteen members ordered new by-law books and are to pay for them at the next meeting.

It was decided that we write "Our Sunday Visitor" and ask that twenty copies be sent weekly. These are to be placed for sale at the church.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Pres. Mrs. Leslie McCabe; 1st. Vice-Pres., Mrs. Herbert Corrigan; 2nd. Vice-Pres. Mrs. James Lamphier; Secretary, Mrs. Charles Aylward; Treasurer, Mrs. Charles O'Brien; Councillors, Mrs. Louis Aylward, Mrs. Pat Horgan, Mrs. Hubert Morrison, Mrs. Alfred Morrison.

COLOURS SHOULD BLEND

The towel bars, soap dish and other built-in accessories in your bathroom take up little space, but they can make or break the decorating of the room. The best plan is to choose these items in the color of the tile used for the wainscots. When they match the tile-work, they blend into the background so the room does not seem cut up.

BRINGING UP BABY

I ran across an interesting article on laughter the other day. It seems certain doctors believe that laughter actually contributes to the health and well-being of children, since it relieves tension and stimulates many body functions. Interesting case in point: in a large metropolitan hospital, many of the doctors are convinced that when the circus folk visit in the children's wards the healing process is speeded by the spontaneous laughter of the little ones.



HINTS COLLECTED BY Mrs. Dan Barber (MOTHER OF 5)

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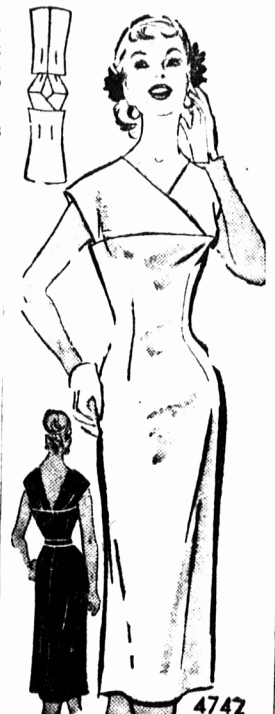
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