

# HELP YOURSELF

## EGG SHORTAGE

In laundering a beret wash in the usual way, wring out and place it over a plate of its own size.

Stretch evenly and stand outside to dry.

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Cover a beetroot stain with a piece of bread lightly damped with water. Leave until the stain is absorbed by the bread. Treat the stain immediately.

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Starch your ironing sheet and you will have a smooth surface that does not wrinkle.

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Woollen clothes never shrink if you wash them in water almost cold. The first suds should be thick. Rinse. Then wash again in lighter suds and rinse two or three times.

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Take the cover off an old umbrella. Paint the frame white. Hang from a hook in the ceiling and use as an airer for small articles of clothing.

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Paint your clothes prop white. This prolongs its life and also prevents tripping over it in the dark.

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To remove dirt from collars attached to shirts, scrub gently with a soft nail brush. Good for cuffs too.

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Get the handy man to make a ladder about 10 inches wide by about 25 inches long, or long enough to go across your copper. Place this over the copper and starch the clothes on it to drain, instead of using a copper stick. Saves time, labour and water.

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To get rid of grass stains in clothing, sponge with a little alcohol. If the article is coloured use a paste of soap, baking soda and water. Soak the stained article in this for 12 hours and then rinse well.

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To find the cause of a smoky fireplace, notice whether it smokes intermittently or constantly. If the former, the cause is usually from faulty construction that results in permitting downdrafts, which are probably due to an excessively damp chimney.

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Wads of cotton packed in the finger tips of rubber gloves will keep fingernails from tearing through the rubber.

warm milk and golden syrup will serve the same purpose. Use 1 tablespoon of syrup to every half pint of milk. This quantity is equivalent to 3 eggs.

## HOLE IN HAMMER TO START NAILS

When it is necessary to hold both the stock and a nail in position somewhere overhead, or when starting a finishing nail in a spot that is hard to reach, the problem can be solved by using an old hammer that has a hole drilled in the head to hold the nail. Drill the hole near the edge of the face so it will not interfere with hammering, and make it large enough to accommodate a nail of the largest diameter commonly used. To use, merely insert the nail in the hole, tap it lightly until it grips the wood, and then finish hammering in the normal manner.

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Boys will be boys. Trevor Saunders, of Purfleet, has learned to handle axes with more care; unfortunately in the process he cut one of his fingers off, but Trevor stood up to it like a man.

Russell Saunders, trying to emulate Tarzan, received a nasty gash on the scone, but of course is all grins—not missing a beat at school.

Greg. Simon received a nasty fracture of the arm—but he is being well looked after by the Manning River District Hospital.

Once again, boys will be boys, and men have all gone through the process.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams, of Brungle, near Gundagai