

HELP YOURSELF

Newly Painted Chairs "Shod" to Protect Floors.

Newly painted chairs, although they seem to be dry, will sometimes leave marks on floors. This is caused by extra thicknesses of paint which have collected on the bottom edges of the legs. To avoid these marks, attach a wax-paper "shoe" to each of the legs. Simply fashion small cups from wax paper and place them over the ends of the legs. Then wrap the upper portion of the paper with string or rubber bands to hold the shoes tightly to the legs.

When your hotwater bag goes into storage for the summer, blow a little air into it and fit the stopper in firmly. This prevents rubber from sticking and keeps the bag in good condition.

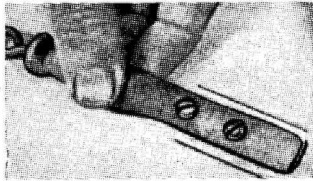
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Home dressmakers will welcome this hint. Take an eighteen-inch rule, stick it upright into a lump of plasticine, and you'll find it a great help in measuring up the hem of a frock.

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Clothespeg Provides Handle for Razor Blade.

Fitting an ordinary razor blade with a clothespeg handle provides a handy cutting tool that is useful both in the home and in the shop. Two holes are drilled in the clothespeg for small bolts. One passes through the centre of the razor blade, and the other engages the notch at one end. The cutter is stored out of reach of



inquisitive youngsters by driving a small screw eye into the end of the clothespeg and hanging it from a nail.



This happy group of Balranald Sunday School children seem to be enjoying something nice. It wouldn't be watermelon already, would it?



Dulcie Edwards and Mrs. Brummie, of Tingha.

Helpful Hints on Varnishing.

Before starting to varnish floors or woodwork, be sure there is no dust either on the wood or in the air. Varnish should be applied with smooth, light strokes and plenty of time should be allowed for it to dry.

Removing Kalsomine from Walls.

To remove kalsomine, soak it thoroughly with a wet brush, or pat it with a very wet cloth. Usually, a thorough soaking will permit the kalsomine to be rubbed off with a cloth or sponge. It is best to clean only a small area at a time. If a hardener has been used in the kalsomine, such as alum, you may have to use a putty knife to scrape it off after soaking it.