

Coed Trickery

Marion Dougan retells
student ingenuities

TO GIVE you the efficient feeling that comes when you save a few pennies with some clever trick, to help a roommate solve some problem or to help you use your ingenuity in creating something clever, some of our alert coeds have assembled helpful hints. When your mother has that baffled look on her face and you can offer one of these gems of wisdom, she'll probably forget about that overdrawn account of yours and begin to appreciate her daughter more.

To start in balancing your bank deficit, try home economics sophomore Margaret Paden's idea for a smart, practically no-expense necklace to adorn your collarless dresses and sweaters. Having gathered a handkerchief-full of acorns on a walk through North Woods, she collected screws, shellac and leather and set to work.

After she had washed the acorns, she fitted caps on them, made a tiny hole through the cap and top of the acorn and inserted the screw. A coat of shellac to give a shiny luster followed and when this was dry, she strung the acorns on a long slender piece of leather with a knot between each acorn.

Pleasant odors are conducive to pleasant atmosphere and the effect is easily achieved according to June Shakstad, H. Ec. Jr. By sprinkling a bit of lavender sachet under the ironing board cover, she finds that the dampness of the clothes is all that is necessary to bring the fragrance into the things that are being ironed.

Eleanor Mack, H. Ec. Jr., has a new idea of peeling oranges. She begins at the stem and cuts the rind into segments like petals of a flower. This is much quicker and retains more juice than ordinary peeling methods.

Lorraine Guernsey, H. Ec. So., says that a small magnet kept in the sewing box is useful in picking up needles and pins and in your makeup box for collecting stray bobby pins. Foods students, why not try Eleanor Mack's system of cooking carrots with the skin on as you cook beets. Then scrape them, butter them and reheat them. You'll find the carrots are sweeter and the flavor is superior to those cooked in the usual way.

Different and appropriate kitchen-curtain tiebacks made out of two large, tin kitchen spoons bent double and enameled a suitable color are suggested by Margaret Randall, H. Ec. So. Tack them in place, spoon bowls to the outside, and tuck in the curtains.

If you've been having trouble with nails splitting, Mary Jane Pauley, H. Ec. Sr., has found that it helps to file them with only the fine side of an emery board.

Maybe you're one of the favored few who doesn't have any bad habits, but Jane Fay, H. Ec. So., has an idea for getting rid of hers. She says the alert person, conscious of the little flaws in her personality caused by bad habits, can put up small signs—preferably humorous—around her room to remind her of the things she wants to remember. Put one in front of your desk, one on the mirror of your dresser, one near the door for you as you leave the room or one as a bookmark.

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