

**Heavy Toad Migration****Due to Wet Weather**

An unusual number of migrating toads is attributed by biologists of the United States Department of Agriculture to an extraordinarily wet season. There is on record a migration of thousands of these little amphibians along seven or eight miles of the Dallas-California highway on the east shore of Upper Klamath Lake. They were all moving in one direction across the road and automobiles were killing them by the hundreds. The live ones were hopping over the dead ones and continuing their journey. The dead toads probably furnished food for crows and magpies, as there was scarcely a toad carcass to be seen when the same region was visited a day later.

These toads, upon emergence from their winter hibernation, retreats, proceed to the shallow edges of some lake, pond or stream, and the female begins laying from 4,000 to 15,000 eggs. The hatching period depends upon the temperature, usually requiring from three to twelve days. The transformation of a tadpole to a young toad takes place some time between fifth and sixty-five days after hatching and under abnormal conditions may require hundred days. The young toads leave the water and enter the marsh before they find some sheltered retreat. Under certain conditions literally thousands of these young toads emerge from the water at the same time.

**Genius of Holbein Recognized by King**

When Hans Holbein, the celebrated portrait painter, went to England, he became a favorite of King Henry VIII, who took him into his service, and paid him a salary of two hundred pounds a year.

One day, it is said, a nobleman called upon Holbein when the latter was very busy, painting from life. Holbein sent a message asking to be excused the honor of the visit for that day. The nobleman, slightly offended, walked straight upstairs and broke open the door of the studio. At this, Holbein also lost his temper, and aimed a blow at the intruder which sent him from the top of the stairs to the bottom. When his passion had cooled down, the artist related the whole story to the king at once to the king to whom he told the story of the quarrel. Shortly afterward, the nobleman made his appearance, clamoring for vengeance. Henry made Holbein apologize, but the angry peer declared that nothing but the offender's death would content him. Whereupon Henry replied, "You have not now to deal with Holbein, but with me. Whatever harm you do him shall rebound tenfold on your own head. Whenever I please, I can make seven lords out of seven plowmen, while five good lords I could not make one Holbein."

**When Visiting Invalids**

"When calling on an invalid, don't spend your time talking about her health or your health," advises a writer in *Capper's Farmer* who has been in the invalid business for twenty years.

He suggests that you spend your time talking about the illness of friends; especially do not describe the symptoms of people who are "just like you." Meet her in the same friendly fashion that you would if she were well. Wear your prettiest dress and your newest hat; remember, all the clothes she sees at the ones her callers wear."

**Bell Long in Service**

A seven hundred year-old church bell with a tone of unusual beauty rings each Sunday in the little village of Safety, in the west of Sweden. According to the inscription on the bell, it has been in continuous service since 1228. The inscription is preceded by the letters A. G. (A. A. believed to stand for a powerful Hebrew inscription, the words which are "Aita Gibor Leolam Adonai" or in translation, "Thou art eternally strong. On Lord."

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**CANNING STRING BEANS AND TOMATOES**

Canning String Beans at Home in the Steam Pressure Canner.

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All the garden vegetables, string beans and tomatoes are the favorites when it comes to canning a supply for winter use. They cannot be done in the same way. Because of their acid, tomatoes may be canned by the water-bath method; but for string beans a steam pressure cannot be used. Like other nonacid vegetables, string beans should be processed at a temperature higher than 212 degrees. Fortunately, this is only possible under steam pressure. Either glass or tin containers may be used.

String beans should always be picked boiling hot. That is, they are cooked for a few minutes, and then, while still boiling, packed into the jars, sealed, and processed the required length of time. This is sometimes called the "hot-pack" method.

It is recommended by the bureau of home economics of the United States Department of Agriculture that the beans be heated at the center of the container are quickly raised to the temperature required for processing, and the bacteria that cause spoilage are more likely to be killed. Also by the hot-pack method the step known as the "exhaust" is unnecessary.

**USE OSNABURG FOR HOME FURNISHINGS****Charming Fabric for Draperies and Upholstery**

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"From field to fireside" might be the slogan that heralds the appearance of osnaburg as a house furnishing fabric of merit. Osnaburg, in the South, is known as the stuff cotton picking bags are made—bags for gathering cotton, for instance. It is made by the hand loom in India in undyed colors. It is similar in color to unbleached muslin or linen. It is coarse and strongly woven, in different degrees of looseness, and with some irregularities of yarn. These very irregularities make it an artistic and charming fabric for draperies and upholstery and other house furnishings. Additional practical advantages of osnaburg are that it is inexpensive, easy to launder, easy to dye to match other furnishings, and made to desirable widths.

The bureau of home economics of the United States Department of Agriculture suggests, among other uses, that osnaburg makes excellent and inexpensive slip covers for furniture. It can be relieved by cordings or bands of cretonne or chintz in gay patterns, if desired, or by using decorative pillows by way of contrast. The illustration shows a slip cover for an uphol-

stered chair, made with corded edges of cretonne, which give firmness and add color. The box-plaited flounce is effective. The round pillow is made from the same cretonne as the corded edge, and other furnishings in the room where this chair is used have also trimmings of the cretonne. When necessary such a slip cover may be laundered.

A similar cover may be made for a davenport or box couch, for a violin seat or a draped dressing table. Sometimes a trunk must be kept in a bedroom or hall, and an osnaburg slip cover will camouflage its presence attractively. Radiators may be concealed when not in use by osnaburg draperies plated on a covered board which is fastened to the wall by brackets and is a handy shelf for books and magazines.

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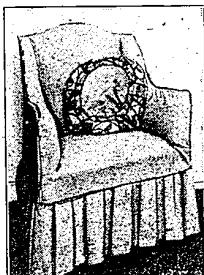
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There is danger of rust when a stove or furnace stands unused for some time. Pipes should be taken in the spring, cleaned, and "aired" in a dry place. The pipes should be left open to keep the water out. A lump of unslaked lime on the grate will collect the moisture and thus prevent rust. Home economic specialists in the United States Department of Agriculture say. Leave a gallon of a steam or hot water heater filled with water up to the safety valve during the summer.

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