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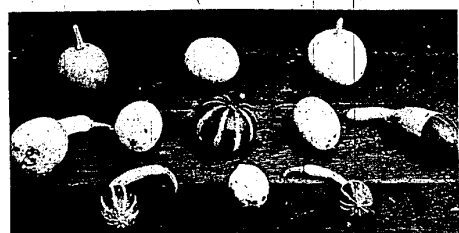
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No-Stain Cloths Not Automatic

If you have tested the new stain-resistant fabrics and found them not much better than the plain finishes you used to buy, it may be you aren't giving them a chance.

Miss Bernetta Kahabka, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service specialist on clothing and textiles, says the oil and water stain resistant finishes are a form of built-in help, but do not automatically eliminate the necessity for attention.

"It is important to recognize that once a stain has penetrated through the stain resistant finish and into the inner structure of the fabric, the very quality of the resistance that it has will not release the stain to normal laundering procedures," she reports.

MISS KAHABKA explains that prompt treatment of a stain on any fabric, including a treated one, is important. The finishes are stain resisters, but are not stain-proof, as many consumers treat them. They will reduce the size and severity of a large stain and often provide complete protection against minor stains, but this is not always the case.

Stains vary in their degree of difficulty to remove. Rubbed-in stains or those allowed to dry and age are much more difficult to remove, she points out. The effects of some finishes may be canceled out by poor rinsing either in washing or in dry cleaning. Thorough rinsing is recommended in both cleaning processes. Any detergent residue left on the fabric can mask the effectiveness of the case.

Windows Give Mom Extra Hand

If you doubt that woman's work is never done, consider these statistics: the average housewife does 17 hours of general housework a week; cooks 57,000 meals in a lifetime, and walks 300 miles a year just in the house.

Most of her work is dull and thankless: making beds, sorting laundry, washing windows. If her husband has time, he probably pitches in.

But, it's actually home product manufacturers who have come to the aid of overburdened housewives.

For example, while no one has figured out a way to dispense with window washing, modern wood windows now have a number of convenience features to make the job easier. Among them are: 1. removable grilles; 2. pivot and lift-out sash; 3. insulating glass.

Since it is the number of corners that determine how difficult a window is to clean, removable grilles are a boon. They snap into place over the inside glass surface to give windows an attractive small-pane appearance.

When the windows need cleaning, they are simply removed to expose one easy-to-wash pane of glass.

The grilles, in rectangular or diamond patterns, are available with stock windows of ponderosa pine.

Pivot and lift-out sash have definite advantages — convenience and safety. These windows lift right out of the frame, or tilt inward to permit both sides of the glass to be washed inside the house.

No more leaning out of windows, sitting on high window sills, or climbing shaky ladders to wash the outside surface of the glass.

Insulating glass, which used to be a custom feature, is now obtainable with all ponderosa pine window styles.

By eliminating the need for storm sash, insulating glass cuts by half the number of window surfaces to be washed.

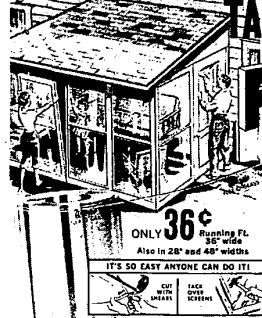
Bonus attraction for the man of the house is that he no longer has to bang, store or maintain storm sash.

stain-resistant quality, Miss Kahabka cautions.

THE CLOTHING SPECIALIST also has a word on "do-it-yourself" applications of stain resisters: "When one considers how many factors enter into the picture when a finish is put on in the textile mill, and the high degree of technology involved, surely home-processing by amateurs could never be as satisfactory."



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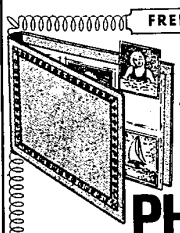
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