

Bred in Captivity

The vicuña, whose wool was used by the ancients for their finest weaving, has now been bred in captivity. Its wool can be woven 270 threads to the inch, compared with 140 threads per inch otherwise thought to be the world's finest. The problem of breeding the vicuña in Peru has been successfully solved.

Baby Bibs

Many ready-made baby bibs are too narrow, but large square ones can be made at home out of bath cloths. Just cut a shallow neckline in one side and bind with bias binding. Let binding extend about eight inches on either side of neckline. These ends serve as ties when stitched.



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Do Your Christmas Baking Early



IN these days of food shortages and rationing something good to eat makes an ideal Christmas gift. You can turn out the attractive looking Coffee Nut Cookies pictured above in no time at all. They're especially good because they are coffee flavored. Everybody goes for coffee in a big way so you can't go wrong if you use it to give added flavor to your favorite sweets.

You can make a number of delightful Christmas presents right in your own kitchen and save yourself many weary hours of shopping. These Coffee Nut Cookies are attractive and have a real holiday appearance. The coffee flavor makes them truly delicious. But make plenty while you're at it for you'll want to keep some on hand for yourself and your family. They are just the thing to serve at that coffee party when friends drop in for a

visit during the holidays. Here is the recipe for Coffee Nut Cookies. It's tested, of course.

Coffee Nut Cookies

3 cups sifted flour 1 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking soda 2 eggs, well beaten
1/2 cup cold coffee 1/2 cup finely chopped nuts

Mix and sift flour, baking powder, and salt. Cream shortening, add sugar slowly, and cream until fluffy. Stir in well-beaten eggs. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with coffee. Blend well and chill. Work nuts into mixture and form into small balls. Place several inches apart on baking sheet, and flatten each ball with the bottom of a pottery or metal cup. A glass cup may be used if it is dampened. Garnish with halved almonds, whole pecans or raisins. Bake in a moderately hot oven (425° F.) 8 to 10 minutes. Yield: About 6 dozen 2-inch cookies.

FARMINGTON GIRL JOINS WOMEN'S ATHLETIC GROUP

Dorothy Gustafson, Farmington freshman at Michigan State College, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gustafson, 33230 Prospect, was recently initiated into the Women's Athletic Association, according to Marge Smith, Durand, senior and vice-president.

Miss Gustafson was asked to join the organization after accumulating more than 100 points for participating in women's intramural sports. Twenty-five points are awarded per term for each sport in which a woman is active.

Experience Gained In Cooking Art

If a stray chicken was seen wandering around the school campus on the day of December 7, it was trying to avoid the second year Home Economics class, who were preparing chicken dinner. The class composed the menu and prepared the feast, which consisted of chicken pie, peas and carrots, nutbread, milk and a dessert.

—C.Y.

Apply Potato
Bleeding from small cuts can be stopped by applying a piece of raw potato.



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Too Much Soaking May Hinder Monday Wash

Soaking, soaping and scrubbing may hinder rather than help the housewife do her Monday wash. While the dirt in white cottons and linens is loosened by a two-hour soak in soft, lukewarm, soapy water, longer than overnight soaking may do more harm than good, allowing the soil in the water to be drawn back into the fibers of the cloth.

Just enough soap should be used to make a suds two inches thick when thoroughly dissolved, as too much soap may cause the machine to overflow and is a wasteful practice as well. Too thin a suds, however, is inefficient and more soap should be added if suds thin out to less than an inch. When necessary a good water softener may be added to the water before soap and clothes are put in. Dirt goes back into clothes if they are washed too long. Too long washing, or too hot water shrinks woollens making them harsh, so hand washing is recommended as safer than machine washing for wool fabrics.

Allow seven to ten minutes of machine agitation for badly soiled cottons, and five to seven minutes if they are slightly soiled. Only three to five minutes is sufficient for rayons and silks. Clear suds are in order if clothes are not clean in ten minutes though in hand washing a slightly longer time may be necessary. But long, hard rubbing will not get clothes clean if the water needs changing.

Take Closet Inventory To Relieve Clutter

A few hours devoted to cleaning out closets can contribute mightily to giving new life and new use to neglected articles.

The best way to inventory a closet is to empty it completely. Wash the shelves, the rods, hooks and floor, using warm sudsy water. Put back the clothes that are in good condition, but keep out the garments that have been saved because "some day I may do something with this old thing." Go through the boxes and make sure that you need all the articles, then paste a label on each box with a list of contents.

When the closet is clean and orderly, study the collection of discarded to see how they can be made useful to someone else. Have a washday for the cast-off clothes, the portieres that you haven't used for ten years, and the other fabrics you don't want any more. If you aren't clever about re-using material, give the clean things to someone who is. There are thousands of new homemakers who are only too happy to "inherit" such things, and dozens of organizations that are glad to get them.

Sea Water

Rafts and life boats will probably soon be equipped with a simple method of chemical desalination—the most practical method of producing drinkable water from the sea yet devised except distillation. The equipment, invented by the navy, is a marvel of compactness and simplicity. There are two chemical compounds compressed to the size of a bar of soap—and four plastic bags having a capacity of a quart each. Sea water is transformed in the following manner: one of the chemical compounds is dissolved in a bag filled with sea water—this eliminates several of the unpotable elements in the water. Next the liquid is poured into a second bag which contains a filter each. By this time the water is saltless, but it is entirely too alkaline to drink. The alkali is removed by pouring the water into the third bag where the second chemical is dissolved—then the water is finally filtered into the fourth bag and is palatable.

Paint Designs

Many an attic will yield a piece of fine old furniture with designs of flowers, fruit or foliage carved in relief in the Victorian manner. The flowers, fruit or foliage on such pieces can be painted in natural colors after the piece has been sandpapered and given an all-over finish suitable for a background. Some very novel effects may be achieved in this way. Knobs and handles can be similarly finished in bright colors—or if they are broken or ill-matched, new handles or knobs may be substituted for the old ones and brightly decorated.

Other of the older pieces of furniture may seem to call for refinishing in a way which will retain the grain of the wood, and in such cases clear finishes should be used. If badly stained or splattered, a thorough sandpapering and a judicious staining should be effective in bringing out the grain of the wood.

Poison Ivy

Poison ivy is dangerous during all seasons of the year, the department of agriculture points out, although it is most poisonous during the spring and summer when its leaves are greenest and the sap most abundant. While some of the strength is lost as the leaves begin to turn red toward the end of August, the stems and roots are capable of causing severe poisoning even in the winter when the leaves are gone. Poison ivy presents a hazard when brush is being cleared, or even when the plants have been mowed for burning, the smoke may carry sufficient poison to cause injury.



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