These Ideas Simplify Housekeeping

BY ANNE DREWE

WHAT an exciting time modern brides must have in furnishing their new homes! That was my first thought when I attended a recent exhibition, and I left it with a feeling of utter dissatisfaction with my own household goods, wishing I could scrap them all and re-furnish all over again.

I like the new idea of building a room, brick by brick, but fitment by fitment so that you get the maximum of furniture in the minimum of space. I like the modern kitchens which do not seem to need much in the way of furniture; every piece they contain does more than double duty. I like the expensive kitchen cabinets which find room for everything from cooking utensils to household cleaning equipment, and ironing tables, and equally well I like the cheaper editions of these de-luxe cabinets which are obtainable in whitewood and need only a coat or two of glossy paint to transform them into luxury articles.

Modern Necessity

One thing that struck me when I attended this exhibition was the interested crowd watching a demonstration of a new refrigerator. A refrigerator is an absolute necessity in every modern home. In days gone by, when larger houses were built, there was more larder accommodation as well as a really cold cellar, so the storage of food in hot weather was not the difficult problem it is to-day; but now that the larder accommodation of many modern houses is little more than a cupboard built in a kitchen, the only sound solution of the food storage problem is a refrigerator. With this the housewife can be sure that the food for her family will always be fresh and in perfect condition.

Without a refrigerator one can never be quite sure, during the summer months, if any rare, that perishable food is fit for consumption. Although perfectly fresh when bought, after one night in an ordinary kitchen larder it might be quite unfit to eat because in hot weather food deteriorates so quickly.

This means trouble for the housewife—if eaten unwittingly someone is sure to suffer; if the food is found to be "gone off" it must be thrown away, and this means a definite loss on the housekeeping budget.

Planning Ahead

In a home, however, where a refrigerator is part of the kitchen equipment, a housewife can shop ahead in perfect safety at all times of the year.

Another joy which the owner of a refrigerator will appreciate is that it permits a meal to be prepared well in advance. This means that the housewife who has to entertain single-handed can prepare her salads, sweets, ice-cream, and iced drinks quite early on the day of the party, knowing that, when kept in the refrigerator until required, the food will be just as delicious as if it were prepared only a short time before her guests arrived.

Foodstuffs stored in a refrigerator are in no way affected by this cold storage, and their vitamin content is just as high.

Some women hesitate to buy new equipment for their homes because they are not quite sure whether they will be able to understand it. If you have hesitated over the purchase of a refrigerator for this reason, don't do so any longer. The modern refrigerators are automatic in their action and so can be used satisfactorily by anyone.

On Easy Terms

If you have hesitated to buy one because of the cost, this need not worry you, as most refrigerators can now be bought on easy payment terms, so there is no reason why any household should be without one.

The size of the model chosen should be determined first by the size of the household it has to serve, and then by the cost, but I do advise the purchase of a fair-sized model, because the extra storage space more than justifies the larger outlay. Incidentally, it will begin to pay for itself immediately it is purchased, by cutting out all wastage of food.

And now about running costs. An automatic refrigerator operates to a prearranged temperature. When this temperature is reached the current is automatically cut off for the time being. The temperature then slowly rises, and when it reaches a certain height the current comes on again and the cooling process begins all over again. In this way the consumption of current is kept at a minimum and so the running costs are kept low. This, of course, applied to electric refrigerators and gas-operated refrigerators function in much the same way. Your choice of either will depend entirely upon whether you have an all-electric or an all-gas household.

The following hints will help you in the use of your refrigerator:—

Never put hot food in it, but allow it to cool down to "room temperature" first.

Always remember to keep the door closed—it should only be opened just long enough to put in, or take out, the food.

Arrange all food so that it has free current of air round it.

Electric Clocks

Have you see new self-contained electric clocks? No plugs, no wires, no mains wanted—you can keep them working from six to nine months with a threepenny bucket battery! I have not really wandered from the subject of kitchens and household equipment—I saw a wall clock for a kitchen for 30s. amongst various other attractive models.

And then my attention wavered to kitchen curtains. Say what you like, those oiled silk curtains may be expensive but they are ideal for kitchens and bathrooms. And how they wear; no washing, no ironing, no limpness! Once you have put them up you need not give them another thought for years. If they get dusty, you just sponge them over with a damp cloth. The colours never fade, and they really are a joy forever.

If you can't afford oil silk, I saw some bathroom curtains made of coloured Turkish towelling, and how gay they looked! A border of the edging was stitched across the bottom of the curtain so that the pattern ran right round. To make this border you will want to buy an extra yard or so of towelling. After cutting off the border at each side to put along the bottom of the curtains, the piece of towelling left can be made up into small squares for face cloths or used as a cloth for wiping out the bath.

A refrigerator solves the food storage problem in the modern home.

A lightweight woollen in a new tan colour is used for this double breasted coat with stitched revers.

MEDIEVAL RIDGE TILE

Exhibit at National Museum of Wales

This week's special exhibit at the National Museum of Wales is a medieval ridge-tile, probably of fourteenth century date, from Caerleon.

The tile is angular in cross-section, with a serrated crest (partly restored), thus resembling more modern earthenware ridge tiles. It is covered with a green glaze, and decorated with a simple incised pattern, both of which are characteristic of its period.

Such ridge-tiles were commonly used on medieval buildings. The roofs themselves were apparently covered with flat tiles of stone, and the ridge-tiles must have given them additional colour and variety, with their green and brown glazes.

Sometimes also finials were added over the gables.

The tiles can generally be dated according to the way in which their serrated crests have been produced. In the earlier forms they are "pinched" up, and the serrations are therefore seldom as regular as they become in the fourteenth century, when they are cut (as in the present instance) with a sharp knife.

In the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries the serrations are still cut, but take on a different shape, becoming wave-like, instead of angular. These changes can be studied, with the accompanying changes in ware and glaze in the series exhibited in the Medieval Gallery.

Photograph on picture page.

NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD

Choral Competitors From Canada

The executive committee of the Welsh National Eisteddfod, Machynlleth, have appointed brass band adjudicators as follows:—

Class "A" and "B."—George Hawkins, Glasgow.

Class "C."—J. C. Bodding, Cory Workman's Band.

The general secretary, Mr. John Rhys Lewis, stated that entries for the choral competitions already received included Canadian choirs from Hamilton and Ottawa.

Sir Ernest Macmillan, of Toronto, is on the panel of music adjudicators.

MR. EVELYN WAUGH MARRIED

Mr. Evelyn Waugh, the novelist, was married to Miss Laura Herbert, a cousin of Lord Carnarvon, at the Church of The Assumption, Warwick-street, W., on Saturday.

Mr. Waugh is 33 years of age and his bride, who is 20, is the youngest daughter of the late Hon. Aubrey Herbert and the Hon. Mrs. Aubrey Herbert, of Pixton Park, Dulverton.

The bride was dressed in ivory satin and carried a bouquet of white lilies.

MY GARDEN TO-DAY

Edging Violas

Cuttings of violas, which have been wintered in a frame, should be gradually hardened off before they are planted in the edgings. The regular removal of the spent flowers will keep the plants blooming right into the autumn. J. P.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

By "J"

THE NON-STOP, LONG-DISTANCE RUN

"I never dreamt," said Tom, looking thoughtfully at his uncle, "that there could possibly be all that to do before the engine started on its run.

"Yes, it takes a long time," said Uncle Dick, "and there's plenty to do on the run, too.

"Practically no two runs are alike, and I've always got to use my own judgment. If I get delayed by bad weather on the first half of the run, then I must make up time on the second. That is, if I'm sure it's perfectly safe. If there's a bad fog, I've not got to bother so much about time as safety.

A non-stop express.

"If I hear that the train is carrying more coaches than usual, I shall need extra steam to carry along the added weight in the same time. I've got to be on the look-out for emergency signals. There are all sorts of things to be thought of all the time, and I always feel proud when I bring her in exactly to time, no matter how often I've done it before.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNS

"People are getting more and more keen on non-stop runs now on the long-distance trains, and of course it makes for a very efficient express service. But it also means that the driver can't relax for a minute.

"I suppose you know, of course, that long-distance non-stop runs are fairly new. Often runs used to appear as non-stop in the time-table when actually the train had to stop three or four times. But it didn't stop for the taking up and setting down of passengers. It only stopped to take water.

"An engine can carry the amount of coal it needs for a long-distance non-stop run, but it would be simply impossible for it to carry the amount of water. The weight would be too much, as well as the size of the tank.

"It really was a rather wonderful invention that did away with this stopping for water. In 1860 an inventor named Ramsbottom, who was at that time the chief mechanical engineer of the London and North Western Railway, had a brilliant idea.

"He thought out a thing called a track trough, and it's just what it says it is. On some level and straight stretch of line a well-like trough about a quarter of a mile long, eighteen inches wide, and six inches deep, is laid between the rails. This trough, in its turn, is fed by a large water tank at the side of the line that fills automatically whenever the passing of a train has emptied it.

TAKING IN WATER

"Of course, on a long-distance run we get to know just when we shall have to take in water, and we know to the inch where the troughs are. Just before we come to the trough we want to use the fireman lets down a hinged scoop, shaped rather like a bucket. As the train goes over the trough the rails dip slightly downwards so that the scoop passes naturally into the water.

"The speed of the train drags it through the trough so quickly that it exerts an enormous pressure on the water and it is driven right up into the tender tank.

"We can take up about 2,000 gallons in 10 seconds. Then, very skilfully, at just the right moment the fireman will lift the scoop up and the engine will have had her drink. And mighty particular she is, too. Nothing but the very purest water will an engine drink!"

"It is wonderful," mused Tom.

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WEDDINGS IN SOUTH WALES

Mr. H. Robertshaw and Miss Betty Bellamy

The wedding took place on Saturday at Llandaff of Mr. Harry Robertshaw, son of Mr. T. W. Robertshaw and of the late Mrs. Robertshaw, of Llandaff, to Miss Betty Bellamy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bellamy, of Woodlands, Tygwyn-road, Cardiff.

The ceremony was performed by Canon Akrill Jones and the Rev. Austin Evans.

The bride chose a gown of ice-blue satin. Cut with a square neckline it had slim fitting sleeves, and a long scalloped train falling from a pleat low in the skirt was edged with a frilling of ice-blue chiffon with which it was lined. Orange blossom tinted to match held in place her long ice-blue tulle veil. She carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley, muscaria, and blue hyacinth tips, with heather.

Four attendants were Miss Kathleen Bellamy (the bride's sister), Miss Inez Emlyn-Jones, Miss Joyce Rose, and Miss Valerie Treseder Griffin. Scylla blue chiffon over emerald green gave a shot effect to their gowns, which were cut with draped necklines and sunray pleating on the skirts. Scylla blue chiffon sashes were matched by their little pointed caps, modern versions of the mediæval hennin, which were worn with a foam of veiling falling from the tip, and greenish-blue flowers at the front. Their bouquets were of blue irises and pale yellow daisies.

Mr. Roy Price acted as best man, and the groomsmen were Mr. V. F. Bellamy, brother of the bride; Mr. Maurice Little, and Mr. Teddy Rose.

A reception was held at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, and later Mr. and Mrs. Robertshaw left for a secret destination.

The ensembles of the bride, the bridemaids and the bride's mother were designed and made by James Howell and Co., Ltd.

FOR SUMMER

This smart little costume, showing advanced fashions for the summer is of navy blue silk with a pattern in white. It is severely tailor-made and has white georgette collar and large flower.

(Exclusive design specially drawn for the "Western Mail & South Wales News" by "Frankie.")

HONEYMOON POSTPONED

Mr. Horace Samson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Samson, of Tynewydd, Treherbert, and Miss Muriel Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Grant, of George-street, Treherbert, who were married at Porth on Saturday, will postpone their honeymoon until Coronation Week. The bridegroom, who is a Territorial, will then be on special duty in London. Mr. Dan Fitzgerald was best man.

The bride wore a satin gown with veil and coronet of orange blossom. She was attended by Mrs. D. Fitzgerald.

CONNOR—GLYN-WATKINS

St. Peter's Church, Belsize-square, London, provided the setting for the wedding on Saturday of Miss Joyce Glyn-Watkins, elder daughter of the late Mr. Adrian Glyn-Watkins and Mrs. Glyn-Watkins, and grand-daughter of the late Archdeacon Glyn-Watkins, of Brecon. The bridegroom was Mr. Geoffrey St. Barbe Connor, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Connor, of Chelsea.

The bride wore a gown of white and silver brocade cut on simple lines with a train extending from the skirt. A Russian head-dress of silver net and orange blossom held in place her veil of tulle, and she carried a sheaf of Madonna lilies. She was attended by Miss Sybil Glyn-Watkins and Miss Margaret Curtis.

JONES—HUMPHREYS

The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Woolos, Newport, of Mr. J. Glasgow Jones, son of the late Mr. John Jones, of Rhayader, and of Mrs. J. B. Jones, of Sheffield, and Miss Honora Humphreys, daughter of the late Councillor Edwin Humphreys, of Newbridge, Mon., and of Mrs. Cater.

The bride, who wore a petrol-blue and rose two-piece ensemble, was attended by Miss Nesta Davies.

Mr. Cyril Jones (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man.

MEECHEM—WIGGIN

The wedding took place on Saturday at Llandaff Cathedral of Police-constable Reginald Meechem, of the Cardiff City Police, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meechem, of Cressy-road, Penylan, to Miss Maude Wiggin, second daughter of Mrs. E. Wiggin and the late Mr. E. Wiggin, Cardiff-road, Llandaff. The bridegroom's father is an ex-sergeant of the Cardiff City Police.

Given away by her eldest brother, Mr Edward Wiggin, the bride wore a gown of ivory satin beauté, cut on classical lines, with a train, and her veil of tulle was held in position with a halo of orange blossom and fell to the end of her train. She carried arum lilies.

In attendance were the Misses Evelyn Wiggin, Gladys Meechem, and Jean Lewis, of Brecon. Police-constable Thomas Davies was best man.

THOMAS—GIBBONS

At All Saints' Church, Penarth, on Saturday Mr. John M. Thomas, of Cornerswell-place, Penarth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas, was married to Miss Edith Gibbons, of Cosmeston, Lower Penarth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibbons.

The bride wore a pale blue crêpe-de-chine ankle-length gown and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The best man was Mr. Daniel Elliott.

FLORAL DECORATIONS

All the bouquets and floral decorations at the wedding of Mr. Eric Dolman and Miss Doreen Box at Llandaff Cathedral on Friday were by Nora Dunford, florist, Queen-street, Cardiff.

RURAL RATE REDUCTION

Average Drop in Magor and St. Mellons 1s. 10d.

A reduction of 1s. 10d. over the whole area is shown in the rate for the next half-year, adopted by the Magor and St. Mellons Rural District Council on Saturday.

Mr. Tudor Morris (accountant) said 1s. 1½d. of this reduction was the result of reduced calls by the Monmouthshire County Council and 8½d. due to the decreased requirements of their own council.

The new rate varies between 6s. 3d. at Nash and 9s. 7d. at St. Mellons. The greatest reduction is 2s. 3d. at Peterstone Wentlooog, and the smallest is 1s. 6d. at Bishton.

Mr. H. D. Jenks, Rumney, was elected chairman in succession to Mr. W. H. Williams, Magor.

Mr. J. O. Cullimore was elected vice-chairman.

It was decided to support an appeal by the ratepayers of the High Cross district on the Newport- Risca road to Monmouthshire County Council to erect or acquire a building for a temporary school in the district.

WOMEN AS POLITICAL WORKERS

Saving Liberalism in South Wales

WHAT THEY DID AT CARMARTHEN

By Our Woman Correspondent

Women from all parts of South Wales attended the annual meeting of the South Wales Women's Liberal Federation held at the Marina, Penarth, on Saturday. Mrs. Dapho Powell was in the chair.

Miss Alice M. Bale, the hon. secretary, reported that the formation of a Liberal National organisation in one or two divisions had split up the local Liberal associations; but women members had taken this as a challenge to work harder. In connection with the recent crisis at Carmarthen the South Wales Women's Liberal Federation was able to help in the fight, and as a result the official association was held by the Liberals with an overwhelming vote and they were determined to run a candidate.

Mrs. Chalke, the hon. treasurer, reported that, as a result of several special efforts, the year had closed with a balance in hand of over £45.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were re-elected: President, Dame Margaret Lloyd George; chairman, Mrs. Dapho Powell; hon. secretary, Miss Alice M. Bale; hon. treasurer, Mrs. Chalke; financial secretary, Miss Blodwen Lewis.

The vice-chairmen elected were Mrs. Cleeves (Gower), Mrs. Denzil Harris (Carmarthen), Mrs. Walter Jones (Neath), Miss Marshall (Cardiff), and Mrs. Owen Williams (Pembrokeshire). The organiser is Miss Dilys Grice Lloyd.

An address was given by Miss Margaret Harvey (London), secretary of the Women's Liberal Federation. She said it was realised at headquarters that it was the Women's Federation which had kept the Liberal Flag flying in South Wales. She referred to the Special Areas Bill and criticised members of Parliament who did not stay in the House when this measure was being debated. It was a sad sight to see so many empty benches. She also referred to the new contributory Pensions Bill and the unfair handicap it imposed on women, for whom the income limit proposed was £250 compared with £400 for men. Every woman member, whatever her party, and the Liberal members in the House were pressing the Government to give equality to men and women in this matter.

Mr. Arthur Johnson, of the Liberal headquarters, who is at present making a survey of South Wales divisions, also spoke.

The members were the guests at tea of the Penarth Women's Liberal Association, of which Mrs. Judd is chairman and Mrs. Skrine hon. secretary.

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Others whom I saw were Sir Robert Webber, D.L., J.P., Miss Duncan, Mr. Carlyle Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Renwick with their two sons, Mr. and Mrs. John Morel, Mrs. Ivor Lewin, Mrs. Ralph Downing, Mrs. W. Roberts, Miss Rosemary Elliot, Mr. Creighton Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Stock, Mr. and Mrs. J. Twomey, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stratton, Capt. and Mrs. George Lewin, Mrs. R. C. Morel, Mr. and Mrs. Peter England, Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Lewis, and Miss Clay.

FASHIONS AT THE RACES

Tailleurs of Tweeds and Slub Wools

By Our Woman Correspondent

The new location at Monkswood, beyond Usk, proved a successful one for the Llangibby Hunt Point-to-point races on Saturday. The spot forms a natural arena, eminently suitable for a country race meeting.

The sun and the spring conspired to present a glorious aspect, and even without the racing it would have been joy to spend the afternoon in this vale of loveliness, where belts of larch trees climbed up the hillsides, flaunting their new green, and hilltops merged into the blue sky.

Hundreds of people had found their way to the place. Car parks were full and the winding roads were lined with cars for a mile or so beyond the entrance. Nature provided a grandstand for racegoers in the slope of the hill overlooking the course.

MASTERS OF HOUNDS

Capt. W. R. Bailey, master of Llangibby Hounds, had the support of several other local masters, including Mr. H. C. R. Homfray (Glamorgan), Mr. C. C. Williams (Tredegar), and Mr. Rhys Llewellyn (Talybont), and the hunting fraternity of Monmouthshire and Glamorgan were well represented.

Women racegoers for the most part had chosen tailleurs of tweeds or slub wools and in one case of silver. This was Lady Mary Herbert's choice. Her neatly tailored jacket and skirt were of berry-red suede, and her hat was of the same material. Over her suit she wore a short nutria coat.

Mrs. H. C. R. Homfray wore a blue and brown belt less tweed coat over her brown tweed suit, and her hat was of brown felt. Her daughter, Miss Anne Homfray, was in a navy and white checked Harris tweed tailleur with silver fox furs slung over her shoulder, and a navy felt hat. With them, during the afternoon, were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams and their three daughters, Susan, Joan, and Mary.

Front-line cars afforded "ringside" seats for many. A cluster around Mr. Richard Cadman's car included Mrs. Cadman (wearing a white Exmoor coat with a turquoise knitted scarf tied at the throat and a brown sports felt hat), Mr. Spencer Miles and his fiancee, Mrs. Winifred Thorne (in a brown tweed lamb coat with a bright scarf and a brown felt hat), Col. A. P. Carey-Thomas, and Mr. Robert Rickards. Mrs. Ken Wood came with Col. Carey-Thomas, and Mr. Rickards's family party included Mrs. Rickards, the Misses June, Pamela, and Violet Rickards, and Mr. and Mrs. Glyndwr Lewis Harris.

Mrs. Cyril Morgan found many old friends whom she does not meet so frequently since she has been living in Weston-super-Mare. She wore a brown broadtail coat over a larch-green tweed suit, and a brown halo hat. Her tall son, Peter, accompanied her. In the same group were Dr. and Mrs. H. C. C. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keen, Mrs. Trevor Evans (wearing a green suede page-boy cap with her green, brown, and white checked tailleur), and Mrs. Richardson.

HEATHER TWEED

Miss Peggy Liddell was one of the most attractive among the young racegoers, in her heather tweed tailleur with a bright folk-weave scarf at the neck, and a tiny pageboy cap of brown felt.

Mrs. Lyndal Corbett attended with her husband, and wore a brown diagonal-weave coat with a brown cap. Mrs. Peter Clay wore a brown and yellow checked tweed suit beneath a leopard skin swing coat, with a brown felt hat.

Mrs. Glyn-Williams wore silver foxes with her dark green tailleur and garnet red felt hat. Mrs. Pennydd Traherne was in a beige tweed sports coat with a Bing-boy hat of brown felt.

Racegoers from Swansea, Porthcawl, Cardiff, and one from London, made another group. They included Mrs. E. P. St. John Charles (in cinnamon tweed), Miss Helen Charles, Mr. Bertram Charles, Miss Lenda Rowland (wearing a coloured scarf over her head, with a brown squirrel coat), Mrs. J. W. Duncan, Miss Diane Duncan, and Miss Diana Cory.

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