

USE OLD FELT FOR MAKEOVER

Discarded Hats Can Be Reworked Into Many Useful Items

Tucked away in almost any attic there are old felt hats, both men's and women's, tossed aside because they have lost their shape, look faded or are out of style. Marjorie Lusk says that the felt in those cast-offs is often good and can be reused in many ways.

Felts are made of fur, wool or cotton. Fur and wool felts are especially useful, but cotton felts are seldom worth reusing, except perhaps for trimming.

Discarded felt hats are often worn so little that brushing with a stiff brush or fine sandpaper is all that is needed to remove dust and brighten them. If faded they may be turned wrong side out. Most of the soil on the wrong side is on the sweatband, which you

will remove. However, if the band is good leather, it too can be renovated and used again.

Grease spots come out of felt with dry-cleaning solvent. Badly soiled hats may even be dipped in the cleaner. Or, good quality felt can be washed like woven material in mild, warm soap suds, though this takes out some of the stiffness. Handle felt gently, as there is always a danger of breaking or pulling it apart with rough treatment. However, thin or weak spots can be reinforced underneath with press-on mending tape, attached when the felt is dry.

Felt may be stretched, shrunk, or molded with steam and a hot iron. To flatten a felt hat for making over, fold the hat in half. Cover with a wet cloth, steam, and shape with the hands. When flat, let dry, then brush.

Felt can be cut and sewed as easily as cloth, by hand or by machine. There is no raveling, so seams need no finishes. However,

wearables such as bedroom slippers and mittens must be roomy so there will be no strain on the felt. As a safeguard, reinforce them with cloth-leather, or another layer of felt.

Patterns and tips on the use of felt plus information on the cleaning, blocking, molding, cutting and sewing of reused felt may be obtained from the U. S. Department of Agriculture bulletin, "Makeovers from Leather, Fur and Felt." Your county Extension office will furnish you with a copy.

OPEN EVENINGS AT TED'S PLACE

Ted's Variety, Spanaway, will be open every night until Christmas. Low priced gift articles, good work gloves, heavy socks, Cannon bath sets, stocking fillers and school party gifts for after-supper shopping at Ted's Place. (adv.)

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Mrs. Hassett of Spanaway Passes

Mrs. Mae Alfaratta Hassett, 63, of Spanaway, died in a local hospital Monday, December 9. She was a native of Peoria, Ill., and had lived here the past three years. She is survived by her daughter, Bernice Shepherd of Spanaway, a grandson, Ralph Shepherd, of Mason City, Iowa, and a sister, Mrs. George Williamson of Chicago.

Burial services were held Thursday, December 12, at Buckley-King Funeral Home with Rev. Milton A. Marcy officiating. Burial was at the Spanaway cemetery with Ted Harris, Joe Sladek, Arthur Hallengren, Fred Grim, Louie Allegro and Tom Bailey as pallbearers.

The tallest United States Army general is six feet eight inches tall. . . Major General Frederick H. Osborn, Chief of the wartime morale division.

SILK WORMS 'NO GO' HERE

STATE OF WASHINGTON LACKS NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS

Growing of silk worms in Washington is beset with a number of difficulties, says David Brannon, extension entomologist, who recently has received a number of requests at Washington State College from people interested in starting silk worm establishments. "I know of no instance where silk worms have been grown successfully on a commercial basis in this state," he declared. "It appears very questionable that the industry could be financially successful here."

Trees Scarce

One of the difficulties, he continues, is the scarcity of the right kind of mulberry trees in this state. Silk worms consume an enormous quantity of food and must have an adequate supply at all times. They prefer leaves from the white mulberry tree, but will feed to some extent on the Chinese mulberry. For limited periods, they can also live on American Osage orange leaves or common lettuce. Washington has only a few white mulberry trees, a number of which are in the Clarkston area.

Another difficulty is that they require considerable attention; they must be carefully fed day and night, and their rearing cages must be kept scrupulously clean at all times. The need for properly trained labor to grow silk worms has been the principal drawback to growing of silk worms in California, where the culture has been underway for a number of years with varying degrees of success. Regarding expense, American growers cannot easily compete with growers of the Orient and southern Europe who pay lower wages.

Prey of Pests

Still another problem of silk worm growing, says Brannon, is the worms are the prey of a number of pests such as rats, mice, birds and certain insects, as well as a number of diseases, the most common of which is Pebrine. When this disease appears in a silk worm establishment, he adds, it is often necessary to destroy all silk worm life therein and sterilize all equipment used for the care of the caterpillars, cocoons and moths.

Finally, Brannon points out it is sometimes difficult to get a supply of disease-free silk worm eggs. These eggs have in the past usually been imported from special sources in Asia and southern Europe; but, until sericulture is re-established in these countries, further supplies will probably not be generally available. It may be still possible, however, says Brannon, to obtain supplies of eggs from silk worm industries of Brazil and Mexico, with the assistance of United States agencies.

Christmas Party For Past Matrons

Mrs. Lela Welliver entertained the Past Matron's Club of the Mt. Star Chapter of O. E. S. at her home in Elk Plain on Dec. 7 with a delicious turkey dinner.

With Mrs. Edith Morrisetti, president, and Mrs. Martin Kilcan, secretary-treasurer, presiding, the meeting was called to order, and the election of officers for the coming year was held. Those elected were: President, Charlotte Kenny and Secretary-Treasurer, Edna Buchman. Mrs. Opal Rae, the outgoing matron of the Mt. Star Chapter of Eatonville was initiated into the club.

There was an exchange of gifts, which were found beneath the beautifully decorated Christmas tree and the remainder of the afternoon was enjoyed with four tables of bridge. The first prize was won by Mrs. Henry Holz, the second by Mrs. August Holz and the door prize by Mrs. Opal Rae.

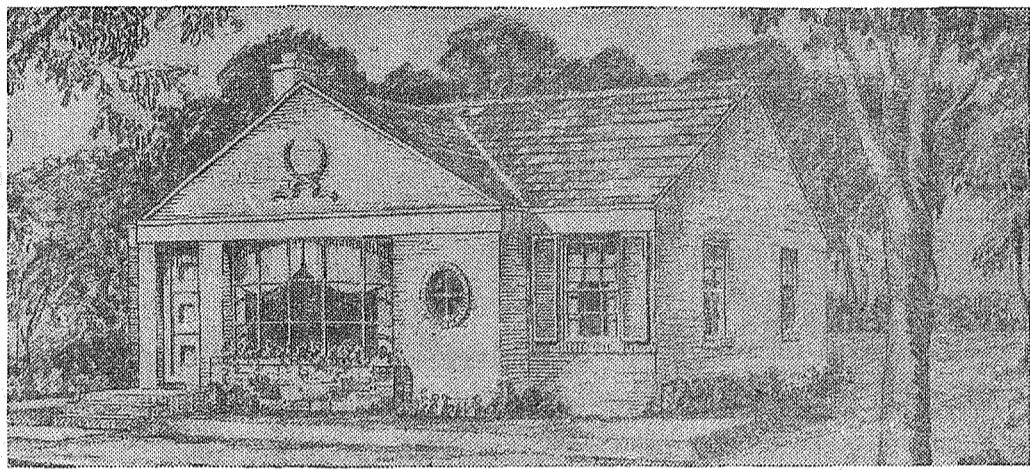
From Seattle came Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Holz and Mrs. Pearl Hague, members of the club. From Spokane was Mrs. Cora Craig and visitors from the Past Matron's Club of Yelm were Masedames Axel Carlson, George DeWitte and Edward Castle Sr.

Assisting Mrs. Welliver in the kitchen were her granddaughter, Mrs. Evelyn Shepherd, Mrs. Anna Milton and Marguerite Hansen.

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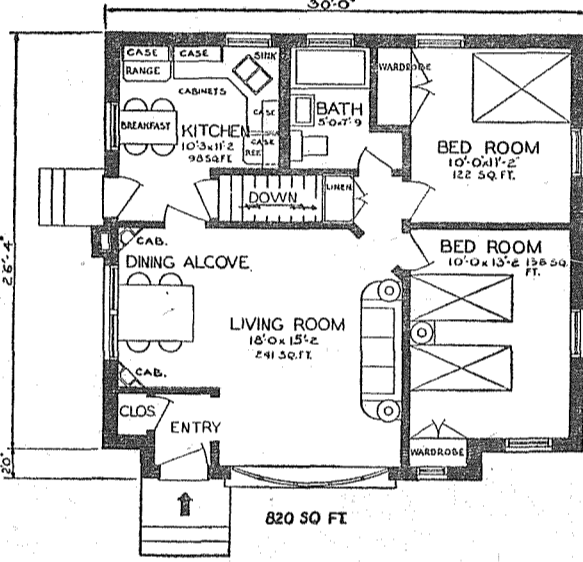


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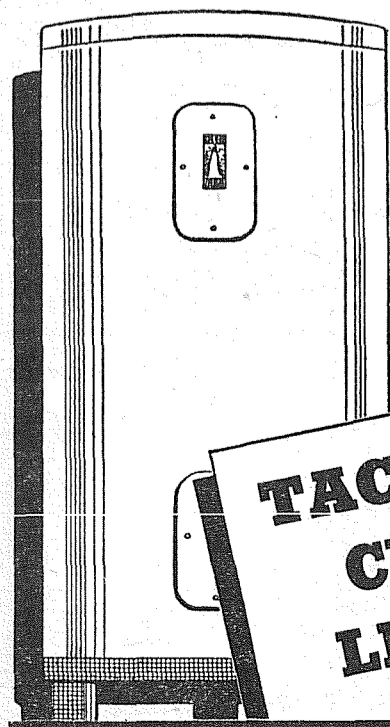
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