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## THE BUSTLE OF SPRING Getting Your House In Order

EVERYONE—except, perhaps, sufferers from hay fever—loves the spring. It brings with it an urge to get into step with the brightness and beauty of the landscape around you. So you buy a pretty hat and consider where you will begin spring cleaning the house, says a writer in "The Listener-In" (Australia).

WE might begin by putting winter away. Cleaning is the first step in putting away winter things, for spots are particularly liable to moth attack. Furthermore, both washing and dry-cleaning rid garments and soft furnishings of moths in every stage of development, and if the garments are then immediately sealed in paper bags or tight, crack-sealed trunks, they are safe until taken out again.

Wash blankets, spray them with a moth-proofing spray, or else sprinkle them liberally with crystals of paradichlorobenzene, then wrap them up in several layers of paper, seal and store. The paradichlorobenzene crystals form a gas which is death to moths.

Those soiled rugs which you have put up with all winter will probably be quite unbearable in the light of spring sunshine, so try shampooing them. First, vacuum the rug slowly and thoroughly several times. Then, with a soap jelly made from one half-cup of mild soap dissolved in a quart of water, scrub the carpet or rug, a small area at a time, with a moderately stiff scrubbing brush until you have worked up a good lather.

Then with a cloth repeatedly dipped and wrung from clear water take up the dirt and lather. Use a clean cloth to rub the rug partly dry. Allow at least 24 hours for drying in a well-ventilated room.

You may even iron them, very gently, and on the wrong side, to give a good finish and raise the nap.

### Draperies And Wall Hangings

Draperies and wall hangings should have any loose dust removed with a vacuum before taking down. Many of the good quality cotton and linen ones are washable, but first test a small section to make sure. If there is any doubt, have them dry-cleaned. Otherwise, launder them in this way. Soak the heavy fabrics thoroughly for two or



three hours in cool, heavy suds. After this, wash in fresh, lukewarm water in which has been dissolved enough soap jelly to whip up into a good lather. Rinse in several lots of clean, cool water.

If you have a suite upholstered in leather, and its grimy surface is worrying you, apply saddle soap with a lightly moistened sponge, rubbing gently and thoroughly until all the dirt is gone. When the soap is dry, rub the leather briskly with a soft cloth, and you will find it comes up bright and lustrous.

### Cleaning Lampshades

Clean lampshades according to their material. All cleaning of shades begins with brushing to remove loose dust. Some spots may be removed with an artgum rubber. Silk shades sewn to the frame may be brushed gently in soapy water, then rinsed by dipping in clear water. Always test contrasting trimmings for fading before washing.

Paper parchment shades may be cleaned and polished by wiping over with turpentine, and those lovely shades of real parchment will be clean and soft in texture after using neatsfoot oil.

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## "QUEEN OF THE AIR"

LIONS of London's midsummer social season this year have not been belted ears, but simple U.S. journalists. Publisher George Backer, of the New York Post, Editor Herbert Agar, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, and the well-known broadcaster, Raymond Gram Swing have dined, wined, interviewed, been interviewed, orated, been subjects of oratory. But all their receptions paled when Columnist Dorothy Thompson stepped off a 'plane at Bristol, states a recent issue of "Time."

Sought by Duchesses, acclaimed as "Queen of the Air" by the London Daily Herald's veteran columnist, Hanne Swaffer, Miss Thompson had to install three stenographers and two male social secretaries in her suite at the Savoy to answer mail and arrange engagements. So busy was she that Lady Reading, relict of the late great jurist,



DOROTHY THOMPSON  
All others went pale

was unable to make a date to see her. Later, Lady Reading pointedly absented herself from a reception in Miss Thompson's honour.

In the first half of her two weeks' stay she (1), addressed the nation over the BBC; (2), spoke in the House of Commons in person; (3), ate meals with Winston Churchill, Lady Astor, Ernest Bevin, Harry Hopkins, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Brendan Bracken (new Minister of Information), several other members of the British Cabinet; (4), shook hands with some 1200 leading Britons

at a reception in her honour at the Savoy; (5), went to the movies with Anthony Eden to see a special showing of a new film about the R.A.F., *Target for To-night*; (6), interviewed a score of notables, from Czechoslovakia's Eduard Benes to Zionist Chaim Weizmann; (7), spoke at a fireman's dance in a London suburb.