

HOME-CRAFT

GLEANINGS

By "GADABOUT"

At Your Service

If you are needing information or advice regarding electrical equipment, "Gadabout" is here to help you. Correspondence will be welcomed. Replies will appear in the next issue that goes to press, or sent by post if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed, so do not hesitate to write.—"Gadabout," "Radio Record and Electric Home Journal," P.O. Box 1032, Wellington.

The Glue-Pot

"A MERE MAN" writes thanking me for the necktie hint, published in a recent issue, and asks me if I know anything about electric glue-pots. Yes, I do, and have sent him the information by post. They are excellent, inasmuch as they keep the glue at a workable heat, do not allow it to boil over, and the glue does not deteriorate.

A Salad Tip

IF you want to keep a lettuce fresh, either cut or uncut, place it in a dish or bowl, covered with water, and in the water also place a stainless steel knife, and it will keep as fresh as if just cut for an incredible time.

To Avoid Burns

SOME nasty little burns can be had from hot fat spitting when it is in the pan, but if you drop in a pinch of salt it will cease at once.

Ye Daughters!

WHICH of you has not scoffed at some time or other at the twenty years old photograph of your mother, or rather at the clothes she wore. Let me tell you that you will soon be going to them for inspiration. Blouses tucked in at the waist, ribbon trimmings, frills and furbelows.

Washing Machines

WE have received so many inquiries that we have decided to deal with this subject in a special article. A washing-machine is found in nearly every home in Canada, and the signs are that we are not for long going to be content to be behind our Canadian sisters.

Table Decorations

DID you see the strings of coloured electric lights which were sold for illuminating Christmas trees? They are excellent for table decoration all the year round. Delightful effects can be obtained by making paper figures, animals or plants, and inserting the coloured bulbs. The strings are inexpensive and use very little electricity.

Pots and Pans

TALL iron saucepans, iron frying-pans, etc., should not be used for cooking by electricity, as they take too long to heat through. A good make of enamel-ware is best.

Cafe au Lait ou Noir?

COFFEE is not such a popular drink in this country as it should be, probably because to make it well is a good deal of trouble. Electric coffee percolators make it in the French way, allowing the boiling water to percolate through the coffee, and keeping it hot without allowing it to boil. They are really handsome, in good de-

'Ware Moths

A SCENT-BAG which will prevent moths injuring clothes and is not unpleasant is made by grinding together one ounce each of cloves, caraway seeds, nutmeg, mace, cinnamon and Tonquin beans, and as much orris-root as all the rest put together. Place in little silk bags.

and then, before it dries, put the brush without cleaning into another colour, and splash that on. Don't be concerned at the colours running one into the other, as that is the way the artistic effect is obtained.

Doctor's Orders

IF you have been ordered olive oil by your doctor (and it often prevents a serious operation) and find it difficult to take, try it with cheese—the two crushed together.

Wicker Work

WICKER-WORK is so fashionable for chairs, settees, tables, and so on, both indoors and out these days, but it does seem to delight in secreting dust where it cannot be got at. Try using the blower on the vacuum cleaner.

Colour Washing

IF you would like to colour-wash a small room, and are trying to work out a colour scheme, make a pint of boiling starch, add a quart of boiling water in which a packet of dry soap has been dissolved, and one or more packets of dye, to get the colour required. Add this mixture to as much whitening as will be required to do the job. This wash will not fade or rub off.

For the Invalid

IF you have an invalid in the house, who finds time hang heavy on her hands, try putting a bird-bath outside, where it can be seen from the window. It will prove an unfailing source of interest.

Oddments

EVERY frock and every coat sports a belt these days, and you can wear it where you like, high or low. The whole ensemble will benefit, however, by giving the matter a few minutes' study before the mirror, as there is a right height to place it on every figure.

LIGHT leather handbags have an irritating way of becoming grubby and scratched whilst still good in themselves. Try giving them a thorough dubbing with brown boot polish, rub well in, and polish hard next day. A few minutes in the open will remove any odour of the polish.

EQUAL parts of eau-de-cologne and lavender water mixed together make a refreshing and somewhat elusive perfume, which, above all, does not stale.

EXPERIMENTAL cooks have found that the favourite angel-food turns out better if week-old eggs are used. Angels, evidently, are not particular.

... Fundamentals ...

(By Grace Noll Crowell).

What makes a home?
I asked my little boy,
And this is what he said,
"You, mother, and when father comes,
Our table set all shiny,
And my bed;
And, mother,
I think it's home,
Because we love each other."

You who are old and wise,
What would you say
If you were asked the question?
Tell me, pray.

And simply,
As a little child, the old
Wise ones can answer nothing more;
A man, a woman and a child;
Their love
Warm as the gold hearth-fire
Along the floor;
A table, and a lamp for light,
And smooth white beds at night;
Only the old sweet fundamental things.

And long ago I learned
Home may be near, home may be far,
But it is anywhere that love
And a few plain household treasures are.

signs, and make most acceptable as well as useful presents.

Umbrellas to Match

GOOD silk umbrellas, in delightful colourings, brown, blue and green, that can be used for rain or sun, are on sale at reasonable prices and add a distinctive note to a smart outdoor toilette.

Splash Painting

I SUPPOSE in every house there are little empty cream jars, pots, etc., that one hesitates to throw away, many of them of quite quaint shapes. Invest in a few tiny tins of bright enamels and splash paint them, when they will be welcomed as presents. Dip the brush into any bright colour, and simply splash it on to any part of the article;