

HOME-CRAFT

GLEANINGS

By "GADABOUT"

Enough, Too!

"SAVOIR-FAIRE" tells me that one competitor in the "Trials-in-Tact" competition states that "if my husband had recently provided me with an electric washing machine, vacuum cleaner, electric refrigerator, or any other such article, I might here find the solution of Mrs. B.'s changed attitude." 'Nuff said, and husbands please note!

Try It

THE pads of metal wool, sold for cleaning pans, etc., will also scrape potatoes, carrots, etc., in half the time and with a quarter of the effort. Keep one for the purpose.

Automatic Ventilation

A NEW automatic ventilator has been placed on the market. It is contained in a neat little cabinet, and by simply opening the glass panelled door the ventilator is set in motion; by closing it, it stops. It should prove valuable in introducing fresh air throughout the house, and ridding the atmosphere of cooking odours.

Shrinking New Flannel

HAVE you ever heard of the man's red flannel vest, that shrunk so continually at each successive wash that he finally presented it to his wife, who wore it for a red coral necklace? To prevent such catastrophes, new flannel should always be shrunk before it is made up. Not only is the grease contained in the wool extracted, thus enabling the garment to be cut out more easily, but once made up it will retain its original size and shape until the days of its usefulness over. It reaches the emergency box to be cut into bands or dusters. Make two strong soap lathers, in separate bowls, using water as hot as the hand can bear. Immerse the flannel in the first bowl and wash it well. Pass it on to the second bowl, and after it has been well soaked, rinse it in warm water to which just enough soap has been added to give the water a bluish tinge. To this water should be added a very little blue. Wring and shake the flannel well, and while it is drying, shake, stretch, and turn it well. When thoroughly dry, beat and stretch it well between the hands and roll it up tightly until it is required for cutting out.

Two-in-One

HAVE you seen the electric irons, sold for travelling, which will work from any voltage? They are sold with a stand, on to which the iron fits upside-down, when the han-

dle, which is detachable, has been removed, and it will then warm any liquid in a little pan, or heat curling irons.

Helping the Invalid

TO save an invalid that irritating, helpless feeling, when taking meals in bed, it is a good plan, if serving a poached egg, to cut the toast in small sections, before placing the egg on top. It will be found much easier to manage.

applying current to the jug, whilst the proper lid is off. These jugs are the quickest means we have of obtaining boiling water, bringing 3½ pints to boiling point in as many minutes.

Worth the Time

A TUBE of artist's flake white oil paint is an excellent cement for china or earthenware. Squeeze out a little of the paint along the edges to be mended, press them together, and bind around if possible. Place the

young man, and that if he is adverse to the study of mathematics, as he says he is, he more than makes up for it by his interest in history. His pen-pictures of prominent English statesmen are graphic.

A Useful Novelty

GLOVE-DRYING frames in the form of wooden hands can be bought quite cheaply, and save shrinking, stretching and pulling into shape after washing.

And Another

A STANDARD electric lamp now on sale, unscrews in the middle, allowing a small, round table to be fixed between the two pieces, before it is screwed up again, making a convenient rest for book, glass, cup of coffee, or cigarettes.

Autumn Wear

THE new tweed coats and skirts for autumn wear are very attractive. The skirts are what look to unaccustomed eyes, quite high-waisted, and quite cover the knees. The so-called three-quarter coats are more like five-eighths, reaching nearly to the hem of the skirt.

Those Taps!

IF you dislike polishing them, and most of us do, and still more dislike their dull, sulky look when you neglect them, get a small quantity of brass lacquer from the oilman, and after giving them one really good polish, paint them lightly with the lacquer, and they will remain bright with a light rub from a duster for weeks and weeks.

Shoe Linings

THE life of an otherwise good pair of shoes is often shortened on account of the lining becoming torn. If found in time, such a tear can be effectually mended with a small strip of adhesive tape. A patch will last for many weeks, and can be renewed when required.

For the Book-shelf

NORMAN EDWARDS presents to us the view of youth on all things past and present under the title of "Through a Young Man's Eyes," and a very readable and interesting book it is. At the same time, we feel that he is something more than the ordinary

Mere Man Once More

IF you find yourself short of a collar-button in an emergency, and have an ordinary brass paper-fastener handy, press that into the service—and also through the collar and shirt-holes from the inside, and then bend the little legs back flat. Such a fastener will also serve as an emergency cuff button.

... The Open Road ...

*White and straight is the road that runs
Over the blue hills far away.
Over the hills where the sun rides up
In golden glory at break of day.*

*The Open Road with its lure of miles,
That call and beckon the traveller on,
Like siren voices in Southern Seas;
Haste, oh haste, ere the day be gone.*

*Haste to the lure of "far beyond,"
Rich in its promise of things unseen,
Mountain and river, dale and glen,
Open moorland and rushing stream.*

*Hark to the voice of the Open Road;
Murmur of winds on the tree-clad hill;
Whisper of leaves and song of birds,
Distant music of flowing rill.*

*Hearken! and answer the magic call,
Gossamer veils the distant bourne.
Who can resist the wide appeal
Of the Open Road on a summer morn!*

—Hubert Turner, in "The Morris Owner."

Fool-Proof

THE newest jugs for boiling water are so designed as to make it impossible to pour while the current is on. This is a great safety-feature, as, if the user neglects to turn off the switch, the process of removing the lid automatically disconnects the current at the jug itself. Another safety guard is that the connector pins are set too wide apart for any other connector to fit, thus preventing anyone

mended object where it will not be disturbed for six weeks, when it will withstand boiling water and daily use.