

HOME-CRAFT

GLEANINGS

By "GADABOUT"

Darn It!

DARNING dark socks or stockings by artificial light is often a great strain on the eyes. Try using a small electric torch in place of a darning ball. If placed in the stocking with the light on, the hole is illuminated, and the bulb provides a smooth working surface.

A Camping Tip

WHEN going on a camping holiday by car, take three pieces of fibrocement, beaver board or three-ply, each 3ft. x 2ft. They fit behind the rack on the back of the front seat of the car, and occupy very little space. At meal-times, place the sheets on top of a stretcher, and you have a good, serviceable table.

Dirt Defying

IF, like myself, you are one of those unfortunate people who cannot work in gloves, try the tip given me the



O Sole Mio

—is a wonderful song when the dishes have been cleared away and you are sitting by a cosy fireside—but it isn't much of a help to the housewife preparing scones and cakes for the evening meal.

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other day, by a man who not only cleans his own car, but does all his own gardening, and still keeps his hands irreproachable. He first scrapes the nails along a cake of soap to fill them, and then rubs his hands with vaseline. No matter how dirty they get, dirt, soap and grease all scrub off together.

Passe?

NO matter how great a bargain, don't buy a really short frock, unless it is one of the straight ones, like last year's tennis frocks. In that case you can bring it up to date by putting in a deep band of contrasting material

ringing the changes on our summer frocks, until we are obliged to take to the more serious ones again. You can wear them like a tiny shawl, tied at the back with the point in front, draped around the shoulders, or merely pinned on to one shoulder, with the ends hanging, and very graceful they are.

Just Arrived

IF you are thinking of buying yourself a present—and it is a very cheering sort of thing to do sometimes—let it be a lampshade, or a table lamp, for the latest arrivals, in French and peasant pottery and vellum and leather

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.

Jeffery Farnol

ADMIRERS of this whimsical author, and their names are legion, will be glad to know of his latest book, "Another Day." The scenes in rural Sussex are inimitable.

Diamond cut Diamond

DO you know that if you are unfortunate enough to have a glass of port wine spilt over your frock at a party, the stains can immediately be removed by dashing a glass of sherry over the same place?

Answers to Correspondents

TRIPLE, Tuapeka Mouth—Thank you for your kind letter. Particulars of the waterless cookers have been forwarded. Please write again, if we can help in any other way.—Electra.

"BACKBLOCKER."—Have posted you particulars of the hair-drying combs, and there is no reason why your hair should not in future look as well or better than the next one's. When the hair is thoroughly wet, put in the electrically-heated comb about one and a half inches from the parting, deep down into the thickness of the hair, holding there until the hair dries in that particular wave. Then put it in a little further down, but put the comb in in the reverse direction, and so on for its full length, turning the ends under the comb and holding them there until dry. With a little practice before a mirror you will soon be able to produce beautifully natural-looking waves all round the head. Glad to be useful.

"PLUNKET."—Quite right, "Plunket," thermos flasks are not a satisfactory way of keeping the wee one's food at the right temperature. What you need is a small electric saucepan, or immersion heater. Both are easily kept clean and sterilised. Details are on the way to you.

"HYGIENE."—Yes, if your vacuum cleaner has not one already, you can buy an attachment that will atomise and spray a disinfectant fluid or spray insect powder. The whole house can be sweetened and freshened in a few minutes. I should like to know which one you decide upon. They are all good.

... An Appeal ...

"Let me die, working,
Still tackling plans unfinished, tasks undone!
Clean to its end, swift may my race be run,
No laggard steps, no faltering, no shirking:
Let me die working.

"Let me die thinking.
Let me fare forth still with an open mind,
Fresh secrets to unfold, new truths to find,
My soul undimmed, alert, no question blinking;
Let me die thinking!

"Let me die laughing.
No sighing o'er past sins; they are forgiven.
Spilled on this earth are all the joys of Heaven;
Let me die laughing!"

—S. HALL YOUNG.

around the hips, and side pieces at each seam, the shape of a section in an umbrella. If the side pieces droop below the hem of the original, so much the better.

Worth Knowing

BOIL three or four onions in a pint of water; then with a soft brush, go lightly over your picture and window frames with the solution. It will do no injury, and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that no flies will afterwards alight on the articles.

'Kerchiefs

OF allsorts, shapes and colours, have some into their own again. Moreover, they fulfil a useful purpose in

respectively, are lovely enough to be a joy for ever. And not prohibitively expensive, either.

Old Clo'

SAVE your old felt hats and every scrap of fur. By-and-by, when the winter comes, they will make such cosy bedroom slippers with a fleecy sole and very little trouble.

Leather Reviver

THOSE of us who possess that beautiful hide-covered furniture, as well as those who are owners of leather coats, may like to know that either can be immensely improved by rubbing with a well-shaken mixture of one part