

Leaving Well Alone

AT an election for the Auckland Electric Power Board, all members of the old board were returned, which surely speaks volumes for the way in which consumers in the Queen City have been served.

Record Cooking Classes

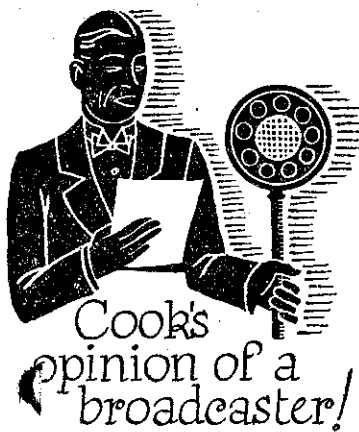
WE are accustomed to hearing of things being done in America on the grand scale, whether it be a railway accident, or a religious revival, but surely a record was created recently when 20,500 women attended cooking class held for three days only in Birmingham, U.S.A.

Five thousand women stormed the doors of the Municipal Auditorium (one of the largest in the States) the first day of the school, 5500 the second and the third day 3500 women braved a tropical deluge that lasted throughout the day, flooding the lower sections of the city. The fourth and last session, held at night, was attended by 6500 women and men, and the auditorium was filled to overflowing.

A great tribute to the home-making qualities of the women of that city, who evidently appreciate the importance of ministering to the "inner man."

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"Don't Lose Your Head"

Buying at Sale Time

SINCE sales of some kind seem to be continually in progress it may not come amiss to quote some advice that was recently given "over the air" in Great Britain, where women take their sale shopping very seriously.

It is a good plan to make a list before you start. Look through your clothes, through the household linen, the kitchen cupboards and the china closet and note down anything you need, or are likely to need, before you get another opportunity of buying cheaply, but by way of an object lesson first go through your piece bag and have a good look at the useless odds and ends you bought last time, in the hope that they would "come in" one day. It will have a most restraining effect if you are tempted at a foolish moment.

A plain tailored coat is always safe to buy, provided it is plain, and a beaded evening frock is always a good investment, for beads, in spite of having been popular for several seasons, continue to be so. A printed chiffon evening frock can be made doubly useful by the addition of a little coat, for which you may be able to pick up a remnant.

Stockings can be bought very economically at sales, if you do not lose your head, but it is necessary to look out for flaws. Flaws in silk stockings usually take the form of thick threads on the leg, not very conspicuous in themselves, but often meaning an extra thin thread next to them, where the silk has split, and a consequent ladder in a very short time. This is a matter for personal judgment, but it always makes for economy to buy two or more pairs of exactly the same colour and kind.

The remnant counter is where you really do get bargains, for there are always a large number of odd lengths left over in the materials department, and these are generally sold at half-price. The remnant with most possibilities attached is that which measures from a yard to two yards. A sleeveless jumper can be made from just over a yard. A remnant of silk will often make a half-lining for a coat or wrap, or a short length, slit in half widthwise, and the ends faggot-stitched together, will make an attractive scarf; a yard of crepe and a remnant of lace is enough for a dainty undergarment; a length of cretonne can often be picked up up cheaply to make a curtain for a corner cupboard. Small pieces of cretonne, if sufficiently handsome, are often useful, just to cut out the flowers or birds to apply to cushions and runners. A short length of net will make a curtain for the kitchen or bathroom, a thick piece of Turkish towelling, like that sold for bathrobes, bound with coloured tape, makes a bath-mat. A short length of tweed or woollen material, if not enough for a skirt nowadays, will make a beret, scarf and bag to match.

Shoe bargains are to be found among the samples if you are sure that they fit you. House linen and blankets show some very good bar-

A "Cotton Week"

TO give a much-needed impetus to the cotton trade, London is shortly to have a "cotton week," when only cotton materials will be displayed in the shops. The sympathies of prominent London actresses have been enlisted, who declare themselves so delighted with the sheen, texture and designs of the cotton materials they have been shown that they have promised to wear cotton dresses only throughout "Ascot Week."

Hope for the woollen trade is indicated too, as both London and Parisian dressmaking houses of note are making special features of light woollen dresses and costumes.

gains. Slightly damaged blankets are cheap and, darned with Angora wool, no one is the wiser.

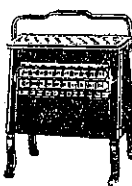
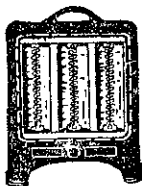
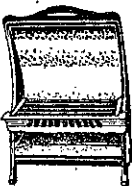
Standard and proprietary articles often go very cheaply, and stocks should be laid in of soap and soap powders—soap especially, as it improves by keeping. The most important thing to keep, however, is one's head, or the bargain may turn out to be "dear at any price."

A Sentimental Cynic

A LEADING woman journalist in America, Miss Helen Rowland, who specialises in writing cynically and devastatingly on love and marriage, discloses the fact, in a recent interview, that as with most cynics, a strong strain of sentiment and idealism underlies the crust of cynicism.

She deplores the fact that girls of to-day are cheating themselves of the old-fashioned love-match by feigning indifference, and adopting an attitude of equality to the opposite sex. She complains that they show themselves ready to dispense with love-making before marriage, in the beautiful old-fashioned sense that has inspired the masterpieces of the literature and drama of bygone days.

Much of what Miss Rowland says is unfortunately true, but happily she looks upon such conditions as a passing phase, and sees a new relation between the sexes arising, when women will, without the prudery of the Victorian era, yet wait to be wooed before being won. That, in these circumstances, men will again be found ready to do the wooing, she has no doubt, since the "just out of reach" will always seem the most desirable of attainments.—Isobel W.



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