BRIGHT AS A BUTTON

Blouses are so easy to launder and iron when buttons aren't sewn on. Longer wear for fragile buttons too! So when you next make a blouse make button holes on both sides of the front opening. Then sew the buttons on a strip of grosgrain ribbon, spaced as far apart as button holes. To fasten, simply button through both holes. You can then add new zest to your blouses with a change of buttons and no extra effort!

ON THE SPOT

When you get a small spot on your new suede shoes, you may find it will quickly disappear if you sand over it light with the fine side of an emery board. Use a circular motion and the matted-down nap will quickly soften.



Meet Mr. Everingham, an old and respected resident of La Perouse.

WHAT A PICKLE!

Green tomato pickle or relish will keep better and have more flavour if one tablespoon of olive oil is added to every three pounds of tomatoes.

QUICK COLOUR CHECK

If you want to find out quickly what paint will look like when it's dry, put a dab of it on a clean white blotter. The blotter will soak up the solvents and the colour patch will appear dry. It will be the same colour as the dried paint.

A FEW MORE INCHES

With clean plastic tape, fasten part of a tape measure along the base of your sewing machine. Tape can easily be removed and won't damage surface—and you have a quick check for button placement, hem and pleat widths.

CARROTS AND ONIONS

Sliced carrots and onions are delicious cooked together slowly in a little water. Use this water with milk to make a sauce to be served with these vegetables. Top with grated cheese or chopped parsley.

BUDDING ARTIST

When the kiddies are painting you'll find there's less clearing up to be done if the mixed paint is put in the sections of an infant-feeding dish, which is broad based and fairly solid. For beginners, the three sections give enough colour selection.

JUST A THOUGHT

Small boys and girls often enjoy shelling peas, sorting the contents of small drawers, polishing silver and doing other sitdown household tasks. It's a good hint to help them help you!

For stubborn Screws

Get more push on screw-driving when you are dealing with hard-to-turn screws, by covering the end of the screwdriver handle with a bottle lid. It protects the palm of the hand, and lets the screwdriver turn more easily because of less friction. Use a lid which best fits the handle so that it doesn't slip when you bear down on it.