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Loretta Kelly brings a bit o' Spring indoors

HAVE you ever felt with the suggestions of Spring in the air that you would like to bring a bit of her bouyant freshness inside for your room?

Organizing our closets is like organizing our budgets. We have just so much space to our credit and we have just so many obligations to meet with the given space. Usually it avails us little to moan for "more money" for our budgets or "more space" for our closets, but if we plan wisely with what we have, our closets, like our budgets, can be made to yield 100 cents to a dollar.

In copy-book words, "A place for everything and everything in its place," must be our system with closets. We are given the closet space. We can achieve the maximum of orderly closet capacity. Those clothes, strangling themselves on hooks, would give more room if they were hung on hangers, and they would look less worn out when the time comes to wear them. Those topsy-turvy shoes can be filed in shoe bags which not only make the closet more presentable but which leave room on the floor of the closet for something besides a chaotic array

of shoes. Hats can be allocated to hat racks or boxes; umbrellas, to a holder. Method out of madness!

Besides having the charm of orderliness and convenience, our closets can have charm in color. Such accessories as covered hangers, shoe trees, shoe pads and smart shelf-edgings can add individuality.

One of the most effective ways of getting some sunshine into your life is a shift from those dark curtains hanging at your window, probably looking depressingly dull about this time and ready for a change, to some lighter, brighter ones. You'll be surprised at the change a pair of yellow curtains will bring about in giving your room that clean, fresh look that all nature seems to have suddenly taken on.

As for the pillows piled in the corner on your bed—new covering for them of flower-patterned chintz or plain colored monk's cloth will give them a new outlook on life.

How many times each day do you look in the mirror on your wall? You're supposed to do things for your mirror by looking your best, but have you ever thought that your mirror might do

something for you? By painting the frame the color in which you yourself look best, your mirror can assure you that you DO look your best.

Those four walls at which you spend so much time staring can become as uninteresting as last year's spring bonnet. For a definite change of atmosphere in your room, maybe you can change your picture for those on the walls of the next room. It's almost certain your neighbor would submit readily to such an idea. Or if you feel that a change of pictures would be worth a few pennies, you can get bright new plaques for little cost. Some stores have made a specialty of handling reprints for the price of a few cokes—and think of how much longer the pictures last.

Have you ever seen a plate that appealed to you so much that you've wanted to keep it around where you could look at it? Why not hang it on the wall? Yes, it's a workable idea. With a simple device made of flexible wire shaped to the plate contour and equipped with a wall eyelet you can hang the plate on your wall. This wire frame holds the plate securely without marring it.

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