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By RUTH KNUTSEN

The kitchen floor has the hardest wear of any in the house, but very often the kitchen has the poorest floors in the house. This is particularly true in old houses. If the floors are in poor condition in the kitchen, linoleum covering is probably the most satisfactory covering. A good quality inlaid linoleum, varnished, has many points in its favor, as a kitchen floor covering. It is durable, easily cleaned, is easy to walk on and to stand on and it does not absorb grease. An expert should be employed to lay linoleum however, as a poorly laid linoleum is apt to buckle and crack. When cleaning linoleum use as little water as possible and never leave puddles or wet spots, because it quickly becomes water spots, because it quickly becomes water

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Refilling the Household Linen Chest
By OPAL MILLIGAN

WITH the new year, still young, comes the annual inventory of the household linens. By the inventory method a housewife knows exactly what she has on hand, the condition they are in, when they were purchased and the amount that is needed— it is always a good plan to mark the date purchased on each new piece of linen. This will help the housewife in telling the age of her linens, and it is also a valuable aid in telling what linens to use for the family and what to use for the guests.

The first few months of the year, the housewife has a remarkable opportunity to replenish her depleted chest. Most stores are also taking an inventory and at the same time are having their big “white” sales. The well informed woman will take advantage of these sales, and restore her supply, at a reasonable cost.

If the housewife will buy her sheeting and pillow tubing by the yard and hem them herself she can save a nice sum of money. The same is true with hand toweling and tea towels.

Fine table linens, the cherished luxury of every home, will always cost, but one can save a few dollars, even on these items if they are purchased at the time of these sales.

It is well to have a “linen budget” so when restocking time comes the housewife will know how much money she can spend.

The housewife’s inventory sheet might be arranged in the following manner:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Article</th>
<th>No on Hand</th>
<th>Condition</th>
<th>No. Needed</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Table Cloths</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Table Napkins</td>
<td>7 doz.</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lunch Cloths</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lunch Napkins</td>
<td>2 doz.</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hand Towels</td>
<td>1-1-2 doz.</td>
<td>Fair</td>
<td>2 doz.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bath Towels</td>
<td>1 doz.</td>
<td>Fair</td>
<td>1 doz.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wash Cloths</td>
<td>2 doz.</td>
<td>Fair</td>
<td>1-2 doz.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tea Towels</td>
<td>1 doz.</td>
<td>Fair</td>
<td>2 doz.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sheets</td>
<td>1 doz.</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>1-2 doz.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pillow Cases</td>
<td>1 doz.</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>1-2 doz.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mattress Pads</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Fair</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bed Spreads (heavy)</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bed Spreads (summer)</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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surprising, for who is there who will not admit the joy of seeing a transformation such as takes place in a case of this kind? A transformation brought about with one’s own hands should surely be excuse enough for a considerable amount of pride.

Styles have changed in floor finishes as well as in other things. Think back to our grandmother’s day, when unfinished floors, scrubbed until they fairly shone, were in vogue. But think also of our grandmothers wearing themselves out to keep those floors in that spotless condition. Compare that state of affairs with conditions today. Think of our floors, finished beautifully, with a polish which would have made our grandmothers open their eyes in amazement. Then compare the difference in the labor spent on these two floors and draw your own conclusions. Who says this world is not making rapid progress?

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