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by June Clopek and Jean Arms

Don't touch the door knob. It's all stuck up with taffy apple. Here, find yourself a seat on the bed—that is, if you can. Does that sound just a wee bit familiar? Or, are you a model "college room keeper?"
The storm center of your room is probably your dresser. It does seem to clutter up in an amazingly short time.

Bobby pins, hair nets, powder and lipstick land in one grand, growing heap. An inexpensive and handy make-up box is the remedy.

Several fresh dresser scarfs to harmonize or contrast with the design of the box also help. Change them frequently. This necessitates cleaning the dresser first.

Drawers seem to need continual cleaning. Start at the bottom with some white or colored lining. If you will straighten them once a week, you'll be surprised how many "lost" articles will be found.

Is the "little toy dog covered with dust," or is he still the proud poodle that came to school with you? If not, give him a shower, a corn meal shower. It's simple. Just shake white corn meal liberally into his fur and rub gently. Then brush out with a soft brush or whisk broom. Presto! Fido's fur gleams once again.

Have you heard about the bulletin board idea before? A heavy board or cloth suspended from the molding serves as a background for all those fine dance programs and souvenirs. How is it coming? Do you still have all the dusty literature from Freshman days pinned on it? Or, are you up to date with last week-end's dance favors? When magazines, programs, and papers get out of date put them away, or better still, throw them away. You'll probably never look at them again anyway. If you must save everything, make a clever scrap book. That will solve the problem and be fun to look back at.


Straighten out your pictures. They'll hang better with two wires instead of one.

Remember the dusty, musty old-fashioned living rooms of a number of years ago—Aunt Susie's seashells and Uncle Herman's family albums and a wide variety of dust-collecting gadgets filled the room? A college girl's room can easily become a modernized version of this. So take care—we don't want to be back numbers.

Travel Light by Betty Grant

If you are buying a new traveling bag, it should be light weight. Canvas or light weight leather are durable, easily cleaned and certainly easier to carry. The newest bags have extended seams to cut down the wear and tear along the edges.

"The bigger the better" seems to be the motto for bags these days. The large size aeroplane ones with wardrobe hangers and pockets are grand. A new model has a removable rubber division for shoes or cosmetics.

If it's hanger space you want there is a small trunk for dresses only. It would accommodate the average wardrobe.

The answer to the one-bag weekend is found in a suitcase which has an inset on the outside for cosmetics. This pocket opens without unfastening the whole case.

You'll appreciate the new hat box with a leather strap. It's made to fit new spring hats and is inexpensive.

Then there's the bag which takes care of everything from your wide brimmed hats to a whole shoe wardrobe and has a tray on top for clothes.