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Tips for college girl and homemaker from Dorothy Anne Roost's collection

WORDS from the wise are these ideas evolved by busy coeds to save time, labor and money and guaranteed to send that pet peeve scurrying into a corner. When casting on stitches, especially for those fluffy angora mittens, cast them on over a rubber band, and the finished garment will retain its shape.

Have you ever opened your suitcase and found everything in it saturated with your best perfume that leaked en route? Next time, seal the top of your perfume bottle with nail polish. It can't spill, but you can open it in a jiffy by a quick twist.

Don't fuss because the dormitory closet hasn't enough hooks for your shoe bag. Simply fasten it to a hanger by snap clothespins or common safety pins, and tuck the bag away in your closet.

To avoid the tiresome task of mating hose after the weekly wash, fasten the pair together with a small safety pin in the reinforced area at the top of the stocking. If you do it carefully and near the top, there's no danger of runs.

Are you constantly exasperated by nail polish that chips and peels? Apply a coat of polish, then run cold water over the fingernails until the polish is set.

And speaking of nail polish, do you have difficulty in outlining evenly the moons of your fingernails and in keeping the polish off the skin around the nails? Don't blame it on coffee nerves, but try cutting the polish brush straight across the end, as shorter, stiffer bristles are easier to control.

You needn't scrub and scrape on that picnic coffee pot! Rub a little grease on the outside of the pot before you use it, and the sooty smoke washes right off.

To loosen a stubborn jar lid or bottle top, use an old rubber bathing cap as a firm gripping ground and twist quickly. Don't tear your hair because the very best china breaks or chips in the dishpan. A simple remedy is a folded dish towel covering the bottom and sides of the pan—and don't pile them all in at once!

The old fashioned clove-studded apple will give your closet a pleasant fragrance. Cover a hard, ripe apple entirely by sticking with whole cloves and hanging it from a remote hook.

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The Iowa Homemaker
Application Aids

by Dorothy Finnessey

"SCHOOLBOARDS try in a very short interview to decide everything about you. Your personal appearance, your social background, and your general attitude is judged in a few minutes. I suggest that you dress up, be confident and keep up your end of the interview," commented Dean J. E. Foster, of the Teacher's Placement Office in a talk to education majors.

The dean emphasized the importance of well written application letters and a good command of English. Some people fail to obtain positions because they do not have the proper combination of subjects.

"Don't hesitate to go out for an interview. You will gain more by personal application than staying on the campus. In a personal interview, you are confronted with realities."

"You should spend more time on an application letter than on a term paper," Superintendent J. L. Larson, of the Ames Public Schools advised the women preparing to apply for positions. "Your letter of application should include extra-curricular activities, personal data, education and experience. Be careful of your grammar and spelling. Be calm, natural and comfortable in your personal interview. You will have a very short time to impress the schoolboard, so don't hesitate to display your personality."

"You should be sufficiently interested to ask questions about the town and what is expected of you. I warn you not to build your hopes too high on your first application. Even if prospects do look bright, look around for other openings."

In conclusion, Superintendent Larson said, "Do your best; angels can do no more."

HINTS—

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where it will exude a spicy odor for many months.

For bright and shiny windows, use 1 cup of kerosene added to 1 gallon of warm water. It removes the dirt quickly and easily. Dry the windows with newspapers, because they leave no lint

A use for that discarded broom? Novelty buttons can be made by cutting oblong slices cross-wise from a broom handle. Initials or a design may be added with an electric needle, and a coat of varnish gives it a professional look. Wouldn't they be an attraction on a house coat or a knitted sweater?"