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Winter Wardrobe Clothing Care

With colder months rolling in, winter clothes are replacing summer and fall fashions and winter stains are replacing summer stains. Here are a few tips to consider when making this fashion migration – and how your stains will differ as we slosh through the winter.

Inspecting the Closet

After a long slumber, your fall and winter clothes need to be awakened and taken out of storage. Depending on how careful and attentive you were last spring when packing them away, you may have had some unwanted visitors over the summer months. You should check your garments for signs of insect damage.

Insects such as crickets, ants, moths, beetles, and cockroaches tend to feed on stains left on clothes that were not cleaned properly before storing. Look for small holes, worn areas, and discolored lines on the portions of the garment that had spills or stains that were never removed.

The odor from moth balls or crystals can be difficult to remove. Try airing the garments by hanging them outside in the shade. If this does not completely remove the odor, cleaning the garments may help.

When putting away your summer and fall wardrobe, don't leave them in the plastic bags that us dry cleaners use to protect your clothes on the trip to your home. Fabrics need air circulating around them to help them stay well during the off season. And keep them away from natural and artificial

light to avoid fading.

If you notice knits and other clothes seem a bit out of shape, we can help restore their shape using our steaming equipment.

Holiday Stains

Holiday dinners, office parties, and celebrations make December a festive month. Amid such revelry, stains from food and drinks inevitably will end up on your clothes and holiday table linens.

Wine, tea, coffee, soft drinks, eggnog, apple cider, cranberry sauce, and gravy stains are some of the common culprits of holiday stains. Treat these stains as soon as possible to avoid having them set.

If the garment is dry cleanable it should be handled professionally. Dry cleaners are experts in stain removal, but there are things you can do at home as well. Here are some tips on how to remove stains from washable items.

Always test for colorfastness before attempting any type of stain removal treatment. If the stain remains, please ask us. Be sure to show us the stain and describe everything you did to treat the stain when you bring it in to us.

Wine, Tea, Coffee, Soda, Cranberry Sauce, and Apple Cider Stains

First, rinse the stain with cold water. Then blot it with mild dishwashing liquid or detergent and rinse. If the stain is still present, blot it with white vinegar then rinse

thoroughly. If none of these procedures work, you may need to use 3 percent hydrogen peroxide, which is available at any grocery or drug store.

Before using 3 percent hydrogen peroxide (or any chemical), test in an unexposed area such as an inside seam or shoulder pad to make sure the treatment is safe for the fabric and color.

Eggnog and Gravy Stains

First, blot the stain with cold water and a mild detergent. Rinse. If the stain remains, take a small amount of powder detergent and mix with about one ounce of regular household ammonia (the non-sudsing type) to form a paste and apply to the stained area. Let stand for five to 10 minutes, then launder as usual. This procedure should not be used on silk or wool garments. For silk or wool, use a mild detergent and rinse thoroughly. Remember to test for colorfastness prior to treatment.

Next time you change over from summer to winter, think about these tips and considerations so you can spend the winter months getting the most out of your winter wardrobe.

Remember to never put your clothes away for the season without cleaning them.

David

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“Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”

OPEN A CAN OF WORMS



Meaning: Doing something that causes a situation to become more troublesome and complicated.

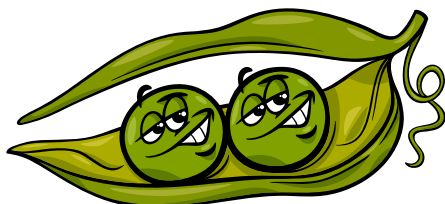
Origin: It looks like the exact origin of this phrase is unknown, although it seems likely that it has to do with fishing and

people buying literal cans of worms to use as bait. Here's why: These long, wriggly creatures are sold in cans at fishing stores. While a fisherman is shopping there for supplies, he may choose to buy a literal can of worms. Later, when the fisherman opens up the can, what will happen? The worms inside are gonna try to wiggle their way to freedom, and since there are so many in there twisting and turning all over the place, it can be a hassle to keep them all in check. Thus, as any fisherman knows, opening a literal can of worms can be troublesome. So I could see how this idiom would develop from this. Anyways, the earliest this phrase was used as an idiom is in The Edwardsville Intelligencer newspaper, November 1951: "The question of command for Middle East defense against Soviet Aggression is still regarded as 'a can of worms' at General Eisenhower's SHAPE headquarters here."

TWO PEAS IN A POD

Meaning: Two people who are very alike; being similar to another person, either in appearance or because they both like doing the same things.

Origin: This phrase stems from the fact that two peas inside of a pod are very much alike in terms of how they look. Indeed, if you pulled out a couple of peas and placed them side by side, they would be nearly indistinguishable from one another. Although their size may differ slightly; one may be a little bigger than the other, they're both green, round, and small. Thus, a comparison is drawn—two people who share



similarities are like two peas in a pod. This expression has been used for nearly 200 years now, though it is probably much older.

The earliest we found in print is from the early 19th century, from a book by Catherine G. Ward called The Widow's Choice, or, One, Two, Three, 1823: "Nay, I have actually heard Miss Liddy say that the eyes of Lady Primrose, which are of a charming bright black, you know, and the nose of Lady Primrose, which inclines rather to the aquiline, is as like yours, when you was a young man, as two peas in a pod."

BULL IN A CHINA SHOP



Meaning: A person who breaks things because they are clumsy.

Origin: This phrase is about a bull being inside of a china shop, and the idea is that the bull, being the massive creature that it is, would wreak havoc as it stomps throughout the place, knocking over and shattering all of the ceramic objects. But is that really what would happen?

This expression is over 200 years old, at least. The earliest in print is from a book called Ashburner's New Vocal and Poetic Repository; a Collection of Favourite Songs and Poetic Fugitive Pieces, printed by George Ashburner, 1807.

It's listed as the title of a poem where it reads:

"A Bull In A China Shop, You've heard of a frog in a opera-hat, 'Tis a very old tale of a mouse and a rat. I could sing you another, as pleasant, mayhap, Of a kitchen that wore a fine high-caul'd cap: But my muse on a far nobler subject shall drop, A bull who got into a China-shop."

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Winter Solstice

Winter solstice occurs exactly when the axial tilt of a planet is farthest away from its star, depending on the polar hemisphere of reference. The significance of winter is the lengthening of nights and shortening

of days. Depending on the shift of the calendar, winter solstice usually occurs on December 21st or 22nd in the Northern Hemisphere. This year it is Friday, December 21st 5:23 EST.



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- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots
- Wash Dry & Fold
- Alterations

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Santa Jokes



Q: What do you call Santa if he goes down a lit chimney?

A: Crisp Cringle

Q: What does Santa suffer from when he gets stuck in a chimney?

A: Santa Claustrophobia

Q: What type of potato chip is Santa's favorite?

A: Crisp Pringles

Q: What is Santa's favorite Olympic event?

A: North Pole-vault

Q: What did the reindeer sing to Santa on his birthday?

A: Freeze a jolly good fellow

Q: Where does Santa stay when he's on holiday?

A: At a Ho-ho-tel.

Q: What kind of motorcycle does Kris Kringle ride?

A: A Holly Davidson.

Holiday To-Do List...

- ☒ Holiday To-Do List
- ☒ Update any holiday mailing list.
- ☒ Buy stamps, cards and wrapping supplies.
- ☒ Put all activities on a calendar.
- ☒ Make a list of gift recipients.
- ☒ Start your decorating.
- ☒ Do any online shopping. Order gifts now so you have lots of time to wrap them once they arrive.
- ☒ Make sure to schedule some down time - enjoy the season with family and friends.
- ☒ Send any holiday cards and make sure any out of town presents are mailed.
- ☒ Know what you'll be cooking and what family members will bring.
- ☒ Relax & enjoy this time with your family and friends!