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Recent Events

Thanksgiving

Although 2020 has been a real turkey of a year, hope you all had a great turkey day!



Briefs

SEND ME MORE!

Game on

Ye editor admits to playing games on her phone. Recently, she has seen ads for some that she just might play for the sake of looking at the costumes.

Legend of the Phoenix seems to be aimed at pre-teen Asian-American girls. You have to choose the correct costume to wear for the occasion at the emperor's court. For example, what do you wear if the empress asks you to come moon watching. You can move between a low-class servant and a concubine.

There is another similar one (haven't caught the name). You get a tip the empress' favorite color is red – will you pick a red dress to wear to the audience?

Ye editor just got a new phone, so she may have enough memory to try out one of these costume-y games. If so, she will report.

Back in the Good Ole' Days. . . Part 2

by Mahala Sweebe

This is from a farm journal printed in the late 1930's. Life on the farm was clearly different from today, and some of the methods and supplies the farmwife had to use were certainly unusual by today's standards. Check out the way to remove grease spots.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS

For Wash Day

Dampened clothes will not mildew for several days if you put them into the lower part of the refrigerator.

When washing or ironing, put a thick rug under your feet and you will find you do not tire so easily.

Table cloths and sheets should be folded cross-wise occasionally. It will make them last longer.

Removing Stains and Spots

Grease spots generally may be removed with hot water and soap. If stains have become fixed by long standing, they may be removed by chloroform, ether or naphtha. If any of these chemicals are used, keep them as a safe distance from fire or artificial light.

Soften axle grease or tar stains with lard then soak in turpentine. Use a knife to carefully scrape off all the loose surface dirt. Sponge clean with turpentine and rub gently until dry.

To remove chewing gum from fabrics rub with ice and the gum will roll off and leave no marks.

Odds and Ends

When putting up curtains on small curtain rods, slip a thimble over the end of the rod. The curtain slips on in a second and no threads are pulled.

Your thread will never knot or kink when sewing if you will always make your knot in the end of the thread that first leaves the spool.

Minutes

No minutes, again, alas, alas.

Calendar

Do you know an event of interest to Arizona costumers? Please contact your editor with the details. **Red text and an asterisk*** designate an SWCG-sponsored event. *Unless otherwise noted, our monthly meetings start at 1PM.*

Estrealla War 2021 has been postponed until November – details to follow

WildWestCon 2021 - cancelled,

Old Tucson (as such) has shut down permanently – Pima County is taking over
WWC is planning for March 3-6 2022 - At Old Tucson.

On Sept 14th, Pima County took over the site.

Update: the Old Tucson Task is hoping for a reopening in the fall of 2021

Arizona Ren-Faire Feb/March 2021 - cancelled

WinterRange 22 Feb to 28 Feb 2021 - cancelled

Leprecon 2021 - March 20th & 21st, 2021

NEW LepreCon 47 is going VIRTUAL, after a great deal of discussion and in consultation with the LepreCon, Inc. Board of Directors, it has been decided that LepreCon 47 will be going Virtual.

Costumecon - Not in 2021

2022 should still be held in Maryland. What was planned for 2021 is moving to 2023.

Westercon 2021/2022 - <https://westercon73.org/> -

Westercon 73 will now be held in 2021 and Westercon 74 in 2022. There was no Westercon held in 2020. The full joint statement can found in the following [PDF](#)

Seattle is the site of the 73rd Westercon. It will be held from July 1-4, 2021 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Seattle Airport. It is organized under the auspices of SWOC [the Seattle Westercon Organizing Committee]. Attending memberships are available for \$70, with supporting memberships at \$20.

Ye editor does not want to speculate further out

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