



The Swatter that Kills and Swallows Them

CONSTANTLY we are told to swat that fly. Here's something new to swat it with—a swatter that stuns and then swallows the fly.

The handle of this swatter is hollow, and the screen at the top is made in two sections, with a small space between. The center is cut out of one of the sections. This is the section that faces front when you swat.

Thus the fly is simply stunned. It drops between the two sections and lands in the handle, the corpse and evidence being thus completely hidden.

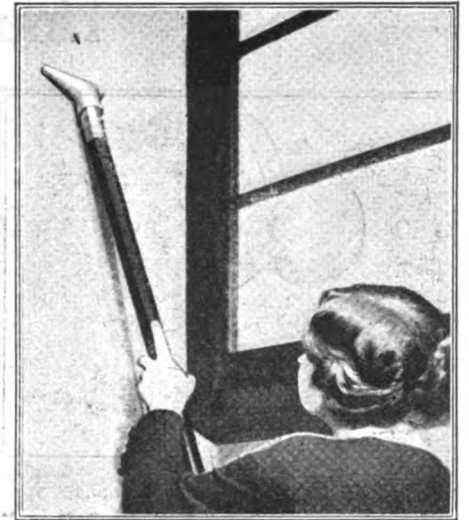
When you have obtained a handful of flies, you dump them out and begin again.

A Giant among Pots with a House of Its Own

WHOEVER heard of a pot large enough to have a special house built for it? The inhabitants of Bunzlau, Germany, have.

A potter named Gottlieb Joppe labored for months over the molding of the pot displayed in the picture below. It is about twelve feet high and six feet in circumference. It tips the scale at twelve hundred pounds. Quite a hefty pot!

Such a pot could not be placed upon the pantry shelf, like other pots; so a special house was built to hold it.



Swatting by Means of a Vacuum Cleaner

BY the end of the summer your fly-swatter is usually worn out and the joy of killing flies has turned to monotony. The flies have become stupid and they don't put up a fight; they simply stand still and let you swat them.

Then is the time for you to get out your vacuum cleaner. Run it along the walls and doors, as shown in the illustration, and the flies will be swallowed alive.

Vacuum cleaners, as their name implies, were originally meant for cleaning. But they have since been put to many other uses—drying, for instance. The force of the draft will cause the molecules of liquid to evaporate more rapidly than usual; in other words, a wet article can be more quickly dried.

This Battle Cruiser Is Mother to the Mine-Sweepers

SEAPLANES have their mother ships, and now mine-sweepers have them too—that is, German mine-sweepers.

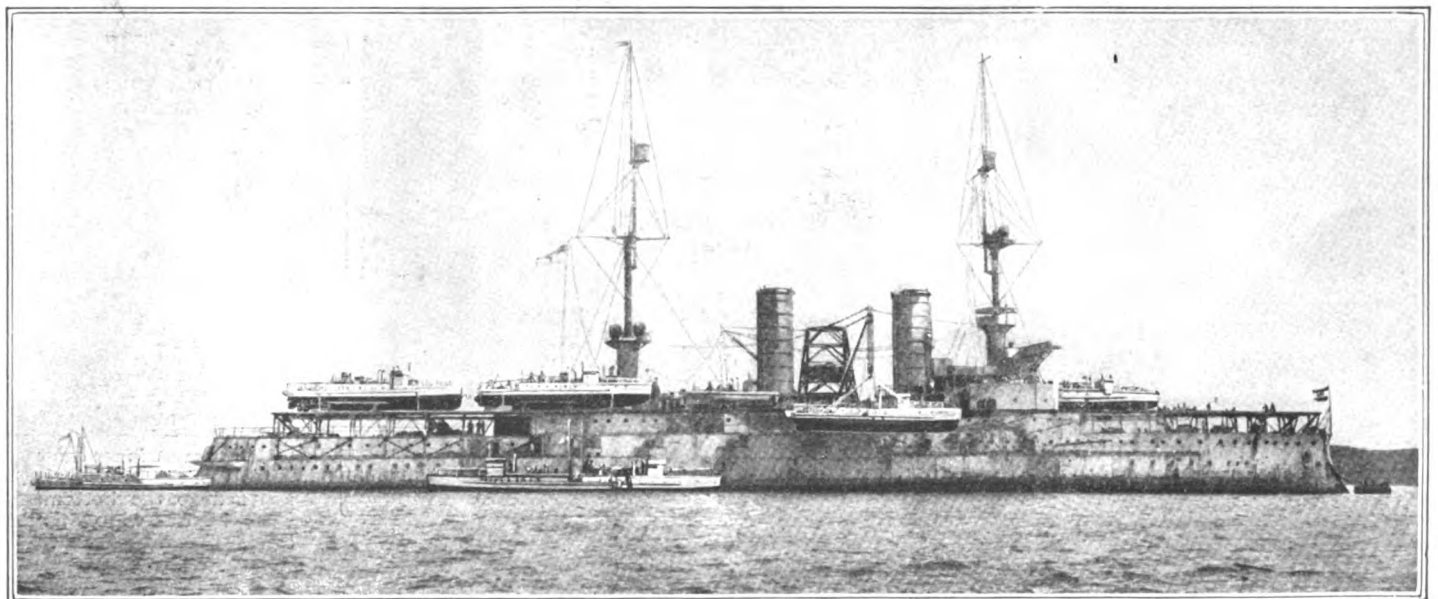
In the picture below you see the *Wittelsbach*, an old battle cruiser that has but recently been converted into such a mother ship.

She can now accommodate twelve small

mine-sweepers on her decks. There are also on deck huge cranes for picking up the mine-sweepers and lowering them to the water.

When the sweepers return at the end of a day's work, the cranes reach down and pick them out of the water with hardly an effort.

In the picture of the *Wittelsbach* shown herewith you can see four of the sweepers in their places on deck. Two more are still in the water, ready to be lifted up to the ship's decks, as a cat lifts her kittens and carries them one by one to the corner that is their home, taking them out of harm's way.



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