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## March 2019 Newsletter

# This is part 3 of the series, 13 Ways Buyers Can Step Up Their Game When Buying A House

### 3. Be Prepared To Make Compromises

You may not be able to get everything you want in a home. Maybe you can get a home for the price you want in the location you want, but it needs repairs. Or maybe you find the perfect move-in ready home in the ideal location, but it's more than you wanted to spend. You need to be ready to make compromises. Make a list of things you absolutely must have, and make a list of "would be nice" items. - Will

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#### Tip of the month

#### Clean your range's hood filter

Depending on how much frying you do, hood filters can get clogged with thick grease quickly. In order to stop the grease getting inside the range itself, filters are designed to trap grease. If yours is doing its job correctly, expect to see something awful...

This isn't the kind of cleaning you can do with a wet cloth, either. You're going to need an agent to break down the grease. Here's how you clean it:

- Pop the filter out
- Fill a bucket with boiling water

- Squirt in dish soap, and pour a 1/4 cup of baking soda
- Stir the bucket, then submerge the filter for 10 minutes
  - Remove, scrub clean, and leave to dry

With a fresh hood filter, your range will extract steam and grease more efficiently, saving you money and possible replacement costs for the rangehood.

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**FROM THE LIGHTER SIDE**  
**Classmates?**

**While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 45 years ago.**

**Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was too old to have been my classmate.**

**After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school.**

**"Yes," he replied.**

**"When did you graduate?" I asked.**

**"In 1952."**

**"Why, you were in my class!" I exclaimed.**

**He looked at me closely, and then asked, "What did you teach?"**

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