

Laundry Day Detective

Search for the items in bold.

How much laundry do six boys between the ages of four and 20 generate?

The answer is far more than you could possibly guesstimate.

If you were to ask Betty Trilby, she'd be quite happy to fill you in;

With **clothesline** and **10 clothespins** ready, she prepares to wash and spin.

First, she must find the clothes strewn about in her children's rooms,

An easy job she could do with eyes closed if she but followed the fumes.

Then a search and rescue of things stored in the pockets of the brothers:

A **ketchup pack**, **3 lollipops**, a **toothbrush**, and **3 pencils**, among others.

Dad's pockets aren't much better, with a **golf tee**, **lip balm**, and assorted cash—

Mom collects **four ones**, a **fiver**, and **four quarters** for her petty cash stash.

She's got a **squirt bottle**, **2 detergents**, and **fabric softener sheets** in hand;

With **2 baking soda boxes**, a **starch can**, **bleach**, and **2 irons**, she's in command.

With **3 spools of thread** and **2 hangers**, she reattaches the **dryer vent** so it's steady,
Then checks her **watch**—the boys and Dad will be home soon, and she's more than ready.

She's washed and dried 10 laundry loads, and the clean clothes are all piled on the floor.

She delights in instructing her bewildered crew, "Dive right in and find what's yours!"