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THE SECOND LIFE OF UNNECESSARY THINGS

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The modern world has faced a serious problem. The name of this problem is the growing quantity of garbage. The things were different in the ancient times – people looked for food, found it, ate it and everything returned again into the earth. So called “recycling”. Everything went into the earth – sooner or later, and then blossomed and bore fruit. Now it is not as simple as it was before. For last decades man has created too many new things – so many that nature itself hasn’t learnt to recycle them. Plastic containers, PVC waste, metalware, home appliances, even simple batteries and bulbs – all these are fruits of human activity – and they are a hard nut for nature to crack. Thus, every year hundreds of thousands of waste are accumulated on dumping places which poison our environment! Some years ago the Garbage Island appeared in the northern part of the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and California. Its name is “Great Pacific Garbage Continent”. It is the largest congestion of plastic garbage in the World Ocean. The area of Garbage Island varies from 700 thousand to 1 million square km. This area is twice as large as the area of Texas – the second largest state in the USA. 80 % of garbage comes from ground sources, and 20 % are thrown out from decks of ships. According to the information of the UNEP, about 70 % of the garbage, which gets to ocean, sink. It hasn’t been found out yet, what heaps of waste are formed also on the ocean floor and whether biologists will reach them sometime. Nowadays, people are trying more and more to struggle against environmental contamination. For example, in Madrid they created a hotel from garbage. The garbage hotel in Madrid was opened on January, 20th, 2011. The German artist Hans Schult was engaged in its design. To collect the necessary quantity of garbage for this hotel, 12 tons of different waste from beaches of Spain, Italy, France and Belgium were required. Having expressed in this way the protest against contamination of the environment and of the world ocean, they placed the hotel in the center of the capital of Spain, directly in the area of Plaza-de-Kaljao. The essence of this construction is to show people how you feel living among the garbage which is thrown out into the nature every day. One more fascinating structure is the house made of garbage in France. Bogdan Litniansky left Ukraine for France in 1930s. As many immigrants he didn’t have the place to live. He bought a deserted house in Picardy and began to restore it step by step. When he retired at the age of 62, he continued to decorate the house, using various stuff and here it is – what we’ve got today.

So, the fact is that ruining the nature, we ruin ourselves. We should do our best to protect the nature.