

### The Interior of the House

**H**EATING the house is one of the things to be considered under necessities. The old way of shutting up most of the rooms and heating the rest only enough to make life possible has all gone by. The young people need to have the entire house open and warm, if they are to be contented. A furnace is the thing to have, unless absolutely out of the question. The first expense is a good deal, doubtless, but that is all it will cost for years. If it cannot be had, then base-burner stoves must stand where they will heat the halls, and in each room there must be either some other sort of stove or a drum or an open fireplace. In the parlor or living-room this latter is a constant delight.

The next serious question is that of running water. No woman to-day should be expected to "manage" with a pump in the kitchen sink, and no bathroom, when by having a windmill near the house, or piping up the water from the windmill at the barn, she can have both. If there is no other way, then a nearly spring may be piped in, if it is high enough, or a small hydraulic ram may be put in, or a little gasoline engine installed, but at least in the kitchen there must be a good water supply, and one windmill for the house need not be an impossibility. The health of the women, and the cleanliness of the family generally, are quite as important as the health of the cows on the farm, and all practical farmers have a windmill for them.

#### HAVE A BATHROOM.

As to the bathroom, it is not necessary to go to great expense for that. One end of a back porch may be built in and a tub like a folding bed may stand here with a little kerosene stove, fitted with a small round boiler on top with handles to lift it if necessary, and a faucet at the bottom.

This can be filled and it will heat the water rapidly; the cold water may come in a pipe from the kitchen sink, and the drain-pipe may go out of a hole in the bottom of the porch, and the water run into the same drain as the dishwasher. The whole thing need not cost fifty dollars.

Of course this is not saying that a regular bathroom should not be put in if possible.

### The Woman Looking for Paid Employment\*

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**I**T was not with the impression that any of you would be looking for employment that I thought you might care to hear about the paid worker. Work is the consolation of women in war. It is the best thing we can do, and work such as we can now do has turned the world into a far greater and more interesting place than it was before.

There is plenty of work for everyone to do, and any woman who knows how to do any particular piece of necessary work is always sure of good paid employment. One day last summer a friend of mine, who is a distinguished public man in Canada, was talking to me about work. He said women were very much handicapped as compared with men, and if both are looking for work it is easier for a man to find a position than a woman. This is a mistaken notion, as it depends altogether on the work you look for.

It is not merely that the employment of women is of great moment just now. It was before war began. If you yourselves never need to say, "What will I do to make a living," your daughters, friends or neighbors will, and the condition of these workers and how the work is to be found is of the greatest interest to all of us.

In thinking of what could be said

that might be of interest, I jotted down a number of different points which summaries what I have been able to learn about employment for women. In the first place, a necessary feature is the knowledge of how to do some necessary work well. Being in earnest in determining to get paid work and to keep it is another factor. It interferes with people's usefulness not to be in earnest about keeping work. Knowing how to keep healthy is one of the things absolutely necessary in order to do good work. We should know what to eat, what to wear when to sleep. It has been proved that young women in offices, factories, stores, etc., require to know about food just as much as the housewife does. Our health depends on food. A man generally succeeds in business because a woman keeps him properly fed.

One of the points that assures a woman doing well is character—a woman who has something to her. Another thing is good temper. Good discipline is also important. We must face the disadvantages of life as we come to them and somehow bear them and solve them. Paid work is just like life. Qualities that help one in life help them in business.

Determination to improve is necessary. Unless one improves they will go back. The people who stay still seem to disappear, but those who improve remain. The person on whom we can depend to help us is ourselves. A friend of mine used to say long ago, "It's your own hole, and you have to get yourself out of it." I don't think any of us can understand the greatness of work until we interpret it in the words of Christ when He said, "I must do the work of Him who sent Me."

\*A synopsis of an address delivered at the Annual Convention of the Women's Institute held in Toronto last November.

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