

To prevent overheated stoves it is necessary to watch the fire and drafts more carefully when burning soft coal or wood.



Watch careless smokers.

If you smell gas, open the window and turn off the gas at the meter. Don't go looking for a leak with an open light. . . . "Willoughby struck a match and there was a terrific explosion, throwing him with great violence against a stone wall. . . . Wm. Hoover was also killed in this cellar by a gas explosion."—St. Thomas despatch to a Toronto paper.

It is dangerous to leave jets or gas stoves burning over night.

Do away with swinging brackets and rubber gas tubes from the house.

All gas connections should be of metal pipe with air tight joints.

If you smell smoke, investigate until you find the cause.

If you are using an electric iron, etc., and are called away, turn off the current, as otherwise the iron may become overheated and start a fire. A fire in London on November 15 was caused by an electric iron, with loss amounting to more than \$8,500.

Never fill a lamp except in daylight. See that the burner is clean and that the wick fits properly. It is dangerous to leave a lamp burning all night, especially if it is dirty or made of glass.

Use nothing but—"Strike on the Box" safety matches. Keep matches in a metal receptacle out of the reach of children.

Caution children against playing with fire or lighted matches.

For lighting gas use a metal "friction lighter," it is both safe and cheap. An automatic push button in connection with a "pilot light" is a safe way to light gas stoves; or use an electric lighter.

Keep matches out of the pockets of clothes hung in closets. They may cause a fire by spontaneous combustion.

Use metal cans for ashes. Never put ashes in wooden receptacles or pile them up against wood.

Get rid of rats and mice. They are disease carriers and their nests are fire-traps.

Never use gasoline in the house.

Use an electric flash light rather than an open flame in looking for articles, especially in clothes closets.

Never light a fire with coal oil or throw coal oil on a fire to quicken it. It may cost you your life.

Never hang clothes to dry near the stove or grate.

Paper shades on electric globes invite fire.

Oily waste or rags used in polishing furniture or cleaning machinery, if left around the house, are liable to cause a fire from spontaneous combustion. An oily mop has been known to ignite from spontaneous combustion within one hour.



Don't let the baby play with matches.