

The Farm Home

Information Wanted.

By way of opening up a discussion that we think will be very helpful to all concerned we would like to have as many short articles as possible from the readers of these pages, dealing with the following topics. Contributors can write on any one or all of the subjects, as they see fit:

1. How can the long winter evenings in the farm home be most profitably spent?
2. What are your ideas as to entertainment for young people in the country?
3. What would be the best plan for arranging a reading circle in the farm home so that every member of it who could read could take part?

DEAR EDITOR,—In answer to your questions re the entertainment of young people in the country, I will tell you what a friend of mine has done. She called her neighbors together and organized a reading club. Each member pays five cents a month, and the money is sent to Eaton's for books by the best authors. Every two weeks they meet to change books, talk over what they have read, and enjoy themselves at music and games. I consider this an excellent start, but not enough to be satisfied with.

I advised them to take up a special course of reading, such as history, and have essays and discussions on it. Also to hold debates on various subjects—if they thought they were cool enough to debate without quarrelling. This, with music and games interspersed, would be the best way of spending the evenings, in my opinion. I always spend my evenings with books. As there is no one near by who shares my taste in literature, I conduct a literary society with a membership of one, and say, with Tennyson: "I will bury myself in my books, and the devil may pipe to his own." I am glad to see Mrs. Graham among your correspondents. We are old comrades, and have fought side by side in columns less peaceable, and, I am afraid, less profitable, than yours.

ALICE HOLLINGWORTH.

Beatrice, Muskoka, Nov. 20th, 1899.

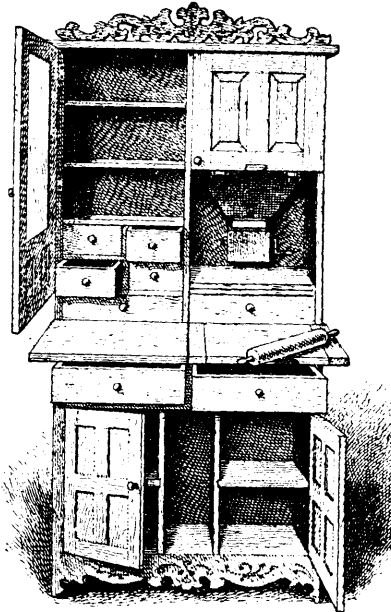
A Convenient Kitchen Cabinet.

The cut of a kitchen cabinet given below is reproduced from the *Ladies' Home Journal*. Mrs. Lizzie M. Lindsay in writing in the same paper on this topic, describes her own cabinet as follows:

"My home-made kitchen-cabinet has been my best friend. It is made of a box thirty by ten inches, resting on a chest of drawers; an old washstand may be used. The box is

covered with pretty wall-paper; the shelves with oilcloth, which is easily cleaned; Swiss curtains on a rod cover the front beautifully. On top of the box two wooden boxes contain cook-books, also grocers' account-books.

"One shelf is filled with quart and pint fruit jars, labelled cornstarch, cornmeal, sugar, oatmeal, pepper, salt, vinegar, flavoring, etc. The middle



shelf has the flour-sifter in a large tin pan, measuring cups, several little mixing pans, spoons, etc. The lower shelf has a tin box, which fits in the right corner, for flour; to the left, a tray made of an old baking pan, painted the same color as the box, contains baking-powder, a box of

coffee ground ready for use, salt and pepper, knives, forks and spoons.

"When I am ready to prepare a meal this tray is placed on the table by the range, thus saving many steps. The coffee-grinder is fastened to the right side of the box. There are brass hooks on the left side for egg-beater, spoons, etc., and a slate and pencil for daily orders. The top drawer is for everything used in making bread; the middle one for cake-pans; the lower one is reserved for aprons, towels and pot-lifters."

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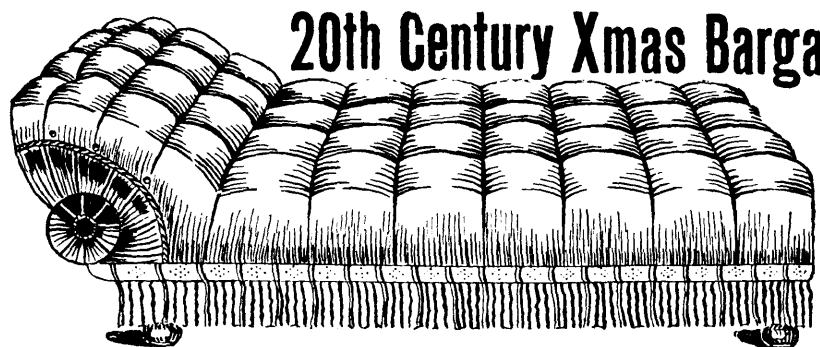
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