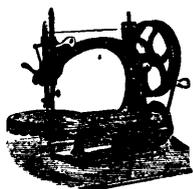


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THE flour barrel should be kept in a dry store-room, and covered tightly, so as to exclude flies and dust. The flour scoop and the sieve can be kept in it, if they are never dampened at all. In many store-rooms there is a special closet for both the flour and sugar barrel, with an opened door to put them in and out, and a close-fitting lid over them; but it is well to keep them also covered with their own heads, which should be fastened together with a slat, or a bit of lathing, when first opened. Unbolted flour should be stored in kegs, or covered tubs, or the small tea-chests that are so much used just now. It is better when purchased in small quantities. Indian meal should be kept in the same manner. If it is stirred up occasionally, it is improved; as it is apt to become musty and sour, a little at a time is preferable.

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