

girls from a distance at excessive wages and a promise of a limited term of employment and a return to their original places with expenses paid. The hope of help from the outside is hardly worth considering.

Why Country Women Stay at Home.

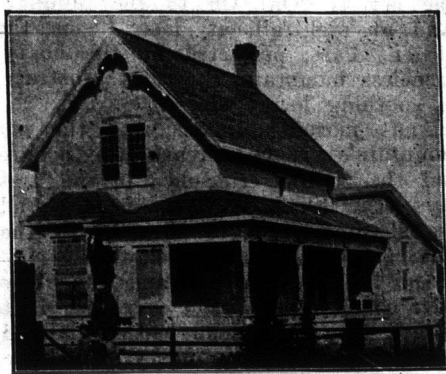
A woman of my acquaintance, intelligent, industrious and not lacking in the social instinct, wrote me that she had not been to town for three months and had been away from the farm only twice. She did not need to explain why, because I know that community perfectly and the simple reason was that there was nothing to go to. There were three churches within two miles of her home, and an itinerant pastor preached in one of the three at least once a month; but the churches were cold and in severe winters the fires were started on Saturday night. By Sunday the building was warm, to be sure, but the musty smell was enough to keep out even the most fervently religious. The trip meant a drive in the cold of more than two miles over muddy or snow-drifted roads, and any sane person would have been obliged to reflect that the effort was hardly worth while. The ministers who preached were divinity students from a near-by school who accepted these pastorates simply for the practice they could get. This is not a backwoods community either, but one of the richest in one of our leading agricultural sections.

I have visited and lived in many farm homes, have listened to hundreds of addresses by the "uplifters," and have attended women's courses at the agricultural colleges and women institutes; and I cannot see how any reasonable person who knows the farmer's wife's attitude and circumstances can blame her for her surroundings. The trouble is with the entire agricultural community. It needs reorganization, which must be conducted carefully step by step by people who know what they are doing. We have a number of "better-farming" experts who are taking up the problems of local communities, and we need some "better-housekeeping" experts who will study the conditions in farm homes and introduce improvements that will be acceptable. Thus far the most active agencies I have observed have been the grange, the farmers' institutes that have women's sections, and the farmers' clubs, especially those that give equal attention to the interests of the home.

The grange is organized on a fundamentally correct basis, because in it men and women are equal they hold office alike and their votes are the same. A delegate to a state or national grange is always accompanied by his wife and they have two votes; she votes as she pleases, especially if she is a good patron. All of the operations of the grange involve social as well as educational features and it is not all corn-and-hog talk as is the case in so many of our institutes. The best institutes, like those of Wisconsin, New York, and some other states, provide a section for the farmer's wife; and they are doing a great deal of good, because the farm women themselves participate in the discussions. The new type of farmers' club, like those of Michigan and Iowa, is providing a place for the women. It is unreasonable to blame the country woman for her surroundings, especially since so often she has not had a share in the discussion and is not responsible for the conditions in which she is found.

The Hope in Machinery.

Just as the machine has come to the aid of the one-man farm, so it must come to the aid of the one-woman household; and with the use of machinery must come some training in handling it. I thought to please a friend in the country by buying her a new device for use in canning. It was not expensive, but I had found it a great labor-saver. A later visit disclosed this gift packed away on the shelf of the pantry with the paper label still pasted on it, showing that it had never been used. I frankly asked why it was not in commission and with some embarrassment my friend replied that she was "afraid of the wheels on the contraption." After a demonstra-



NEEPAWA, MAN.
Home of George R. Belton. On this lawn and garden grow Ontario maples, plums and apple trees, and small fruits such as gooseberries, raspberries, currants and other fruits.

tion by me it went into regular use and now is nearly worn out. I had seen the device demonstrated by a canning expert. Is the farmer's wife to be blamed if she does not use some of these new "fixings" which require a demonstration to show how to work them?

Self-Help the Best Remedy.

The improvement which has come in conditions in farm homes has nearly all been the result of the experience and agitation of intelligent farm women rather than of those who are full-time students of home economics or sociology. There are plenty of ideas circulated for the purpose of helping solve the country woman's problems, but what is needed is some means of

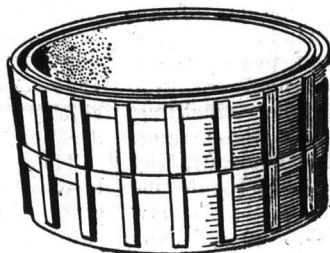
adapting them intimately to her daily life and showing her how she may use the many suggestions. This is where the travelling demonstrator will play a large part. The best proof of this is the success which has attended the farmers' institute cooking schools, now conducted in several states. Though a small part of the programme is devoted to the chemistry of cooking and the like, the exercises that actually take hold of women and give them the greatest help are the demonstrations of how to follow the simple recipes with reasonable assurance of success.

The woman's course and the woman's institute are all well enough and should be more widely developed, but they reach only a very few of the hundreds of people who need help. The more

Facts About McClary's "Sunshine" Furnace —The Understudy of the Sun—

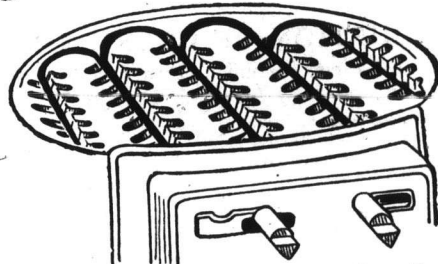
The Fire-pot of the "Sunshine" is made of Semi-Steel—that of the ordinary furnace is made of Grey Iron.

Here's the difference—Destructive sulphur fumes penetrate Grey Iron easily because it is porous. Semi-steel is not porous—it is a close-grained material with a smooth surface secretly processed by McClary's. Gas fumes cannot penetrate Semi-Steel therefore it lasts longer. The "Sunshine" Fire-pot is built in two sections joined together with our famous cup joint. The shape of this joint, combined with a layer of McClary's asbestos cement, makes it absolutely gas, smoke and dust-proof.



Clearly, the "Sunshine" is the premier furnace as far as the Fire-pot is concerned.

The Grates of the "Sunshine" Furnace have three sides each. Plainly, they have three times the endurance of one-sided grates. Every time you rock down the ashes of the "Sunshine" you can expose a fresh side of the grate to the fierce heat of the fire—lengthen the life of the grates.



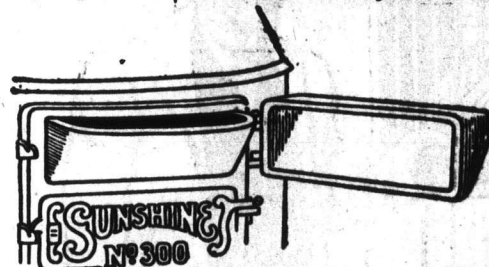
And the short, strong teeth of "Sunshine" grates simply grind up clinkers. The "Sunshine" Furnace is the best as far as grate construction goes.

Shaking an ordinary furnace is hard, back-breaking labor. You don't need to shake the "Sunshine"—you simply rock

it and the ashes drop into the ash-pan. A child can easily rock the grates of a "Sunshine"—merely another reason why you should buy a "Sunshine" Furnace.

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radiator near the dome—the heat laps up the water, before being diffused all over the house. It contains the same amount of moisture as the air of a balmy June day. Plainly, as far as the water-pan is concerned, the "Sunshine" is the furnace you should buy.

There are many more reasons why you should invest your money in "The Understudy of the Sun"—McClary's "Sunshine" Furnace. Call on the McClary agent and ask him to show you all the mechanical reasons and exclusive devices which go to make the "Sunshine" the best and therefore the cheapest furnace you can buy. Write us at our nearest address if you cannot get in touch with him.

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