

PRIZES AWARDED IN OUR LABOR SAVING CONTEST

In the June second issue of Farm and Dairy was instituted a Labor Saving Contest. We asked the women readers of Farm and Dairy to write us regarding what they considered the most helpful and best labor saving device in their home. The articles received by the Household Editor are interesting and cover a large scope of ideas. We did not desire that letters should cover more than one device in each reply. In nearly every instance the writer told of more than one labor saving implement. Nearly every article of household use found in our homes today was included in the category of a labor saving device. We have not space to print all of these letters in this issue but are giving the first, second and third prize letters.

THE KITCHEN CABINET LEADS

Mrs. I. V. Follitt, York Co., Ont., won the first prize of \$2.00. Miss Priscilla Buchner, Norfolk Co., Ont., takes the second prize of \$1.50 and Mrs. Jas. Fiske, Frontenac Co., Ont., wins the third prize of one year's new or renewal subscription to Farm and Dairy.

The Kitchen Cabinet which is the device that Mrs. Follitt considers the greatest labor saver, heads the list. The Washing Machine plays a most important part in the contest and is the article which Miss Buchner writes about. A home made device constructed by Mrs. Fiske in her home, and illustrated in this issue, will be of interest to all our readers.

Mrs. Follitt's letter to Farm and Dairy reads as follows:

My choice of the many labor-saving devices is "the kitchen cabinet", for nine reasons.

1. A kitchen cabinet is used at least tri-daily, as cooking and baking are things that have to be done three times every day, and done on time. Whereas, devices for the saving of labor in washing, butter-making, etc., are needed only once or twice a week.

2. To the average housewife, standing and working in the heat, as cooking and baking compel one to do, is very tiring; therefore, a device, such as the kitchen cabinet, which enables her to do her cooking and baking with despatch, saves her from unnecessary fatigue.

3. The preparation of meals occupies a large portion of the time in the daily round of duties. Therefore, anything aiding the housewife in the culinary art aids her very materially in the performance of her other duties.

4. Of all the housewifely duties, cooking and baking require the greatest number of articles in the performance of the duty. Therefore, having the required sugars, powders, spices, etc., right at her hand, saves her time, saves her strength and saves her patience.

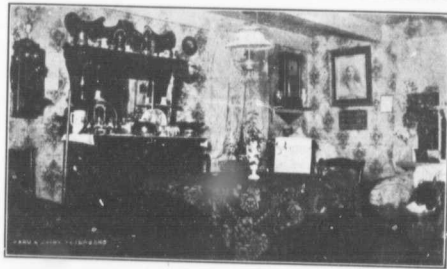
5. For the most part, cooking and baking are best done with a reasonable degree of quickness and having all material handy, as she has in the

cabinet, ensures to the cook more certain success.

6. And, if the old saying is true, that the way to reach and keep a man's affections is through his stomach, then success in her baking means success in holding her "quid mon's" regard.

7. Saving of time, labor and

Opening from the kitchen is found a convenient washroom connected with a 60 barrel cistern. A large wood-house, 20 by 36, is outside the kitchen, just a step from the kitchen door. One half of the woodhouse is floored and the other half of the separator is kept in it. Also a washing machine, etc. The other half is always filled with a good sup-



Dining Room in the Home of Mrs. E. Terrill, Northumberland Co. Ont.

This farm home won third prize in our recent Dairy Farms' Competition. One of the conveniences Mrs. Terrill possesses is a dumb waiter in her dining room, which is the great labor saver. Several other labor savers and conveniences are described by Mrs. Terrill on this page.

strength, means the saving of money; therefore because the cabinet is used the greatest number of times during the day, it follows that it must save in the end the greatest amount of work and money.

8. By saving the greatest amount of work, it saves the greatest amount of time, and gives the wife and mother the time thus gained to devote to recreation, to self-culture, to her children and to her husband.

9. By having a place for everything in such a small space, it enables the housewife to be systematic, to be the very embodiment of neatness and to teach her children to be such with the least amount of worry and trouble.

Miss Buchner's description of her favorite labor saver and her reasons will be published next week.

The Third Prize Winning Home

The home on the farm which won third place in the recent Dairy Farms' Competition conducted by Farm and Dairy, in the final contest this year, is presided over by Mrs. E. Terrill of Northumberland Co., Ont. A good description of Mrs. Terrill's home was published in the April 7th issue of Farm and Dairy this year.

Mrs. Terrill lives in a very old house. The homestead was built in 1829 when houses were built more for comfort and more substantially than they are built today. So well was the old homestead built that it is even now adequate in nearly all of its requirements.

The interior of the house has been considerably changed by moving partitions and making it more modern to meet the family requirements, since the erection of the house.

INTERIOR CONVENIENCES

Mrs. Terrill is the possessor of a Champion range manufactured in Prince Edward Co., Ont., and which she considers the best range for general usefulness and convenience in cooking. In the dining room is found a dumb waiter, affording an easy means of conveying articles of food from the cellar to the table.

Mrs. E. Terrill

ply of beech and maple stove wood.

EXTERIOR APPEARANCE
The appearance and attractiveness of the house is much aided by the fine lawn surrounding it. Mrs. Terrill writes to Farm and Dairy:

"We keep our lawn clear of everything but what is becoming and pleasing to look upon, such as flower beds and trees. We also have a rockery surrounded profusely by flowers and a stand at one side of the lawn with house plants."

Our clothes line and rubbish barrel and also another barrel with the bottom taken out and a few sods placed inside for emptying slops, all of which we find convenient as well as necessary, and none of them can be seen either from the road or barn. When we use system and forethought and have for our motto: "A place for everything, and everything in its place", house-keeping and house-making is never a burden but at all times a pleasure.

I might also add that we really did not put in any improvements on account of the competition but this year we placed in large diamond windows and a Mendelssohn piano (largest size) both of which had been in contemplation for a year or more."

In the judging of the farms, the judges gave Mrs. Terrill 28 points of a total of 35 on the garden and orchard around her home. This was the largest score given any of the prize winning farms on this point. On the matter of education in the home, Mrs. Terrill secured 19 points which was next to the highest award given by the judges for this branch of the competition.

Keeping Winter Apples

Last winter we stored our winter apples in crates and put them in a dark part of the cellar. We piled one crate over another, being careful to use only sound apples and not to let the crates too full, so none of them would get bruised by the crate above. They kept splendidly (except those which our appetites demanded until spring). When the warm spring days came I pared what was left and canned them, so we had apples nearly the year around.

Winter naps we pack in brine and freeze when needed by wrapping each in paper and putting in crates they will keep for a good while.—Eliza Smith, Kent Co., N.S.

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