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graveyard on the hill at Lundy's Lane, with its monument placed there to commemorate the battle fought there on July 25th, 1814. The long war was nearly over then, but in the little churchyard are the graves of British and American soldiers, side by side. Very near the tall monument erected to the memory of the Canadian soldiers who fell in that stubborn fight, is another, a lower one upon which, in gold lettering, the United States has expressed her tribute to the memory of her lads who also fell in the thick of the fight.

We wandered about among the old tombstones there, trying to read the inscriptions now almost obliterated by the rain and snow and hail of the long years, and perhaps we were interested, most of all, in the monument erected, in 1901, to the memory of Laura Secord, the brave Canadian girl who in the summer of 1813 walked 20 miles through the woods to Beaver Dams to warn the few soldiers there stationed, under Lieut. Fitzgibbon, that the Americans were planning a surprise attack upon them, a warning which enabled the little force, not only to resist, but to compel the 600 men who made the attack to surrender. A bronze bust of Laura Secord surmounts the monument. Very life-like it is, showing a comely young woman with smiling face and waving hair. But already the long inscription is wearing off the granite below. Unless soon re-cut, it will be entirely illegible.

It seems strange, now, to think that Canada and the United States were ever at war. Henceforth may the hatchet be buried deep indeed, and the handclasp from border to border grow firm in friendship, as the grand old flag of Britain and the beautiful stars and stripes of the United States float side by side in amity.

Now to a different subject. Have you seen the plan the summer cottage folk have adopted for saving table laundry during the summer? If not here it is: They cover the dining table with nice white oilcloth, then, to make it look more inviting put on a centrepiece and a doily of "sanitas" for each plate. These sanitas sets cost about \$2.75, and are made of a fine white oilcloth material decorated with blue, or brown, or green. They are very pretty, and when soiled need only to be rubbed off with a wet rag.

In these days, when linen is such a price that it is almost prohibitive, the idea is economical in regard to money as well as the work of laundering. It seems to me that it would be a good one for the farm kitchen as well as the summer cottage. If you don't like the sanitas you can make doilies to suit yourself, or you can buy Japanese runners in blue and white which are very pretty and dainty, and much easier to wash and iron than a whole table-cloth.

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### Worth Thinking Over.

"If the key to the puzzle of this distracted world can be said to rest in any single fact, most people would agree that it is to be found in the relations of the British Commonwealth and the American Commonwealth."—A. G. Gardiner.

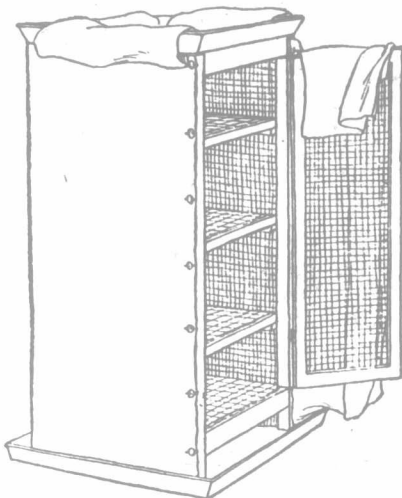
"We've made a fierce mistake, but I swear I'll twist it into a step up."—Caption on a Movie Screen.

### An Iceless Refrigerator.

It will come as a surprise to many housekeepers to learn that ice, however desirable as a luxury, is by no means a necessity for preserving food in a fairly good condition in warm weather. Experienced campers know how to get along without it very well.

They have several methods of constructing these "coolers." One of the easiest to make is fashioned from a peach crate, but any box of open-frame construction with slats for sides instead of solid boards will do. Still better is a box made for the purpose, with three sides of wire netting and the fourth occupied by a screen door. The shelves should be very solid, and their efficiency will be greater if they are made of heavy netting over zinc. Cover the four sides entirely with canton flannel, smooth side out, buttoning it closely to the frame. This may be done by sewing buttons firmly to tape which is tacked to the frame. Buttonholes to suit are then made in the canton flannel, which can thus be removed frequently to

be washed. Tape with buttons should also be tacked to the framework of the door. Allow a flap of flannel to extend past the outer edge of the door to be buttoned over on the framework. It will, of course, be necessary to unbutton and button this flap when opening and closing the door. . . . Around the top of the covering sew 4 flaps of canton flannel a little narrower than each side of the case and large enough to extend up over the top and dip into a pan of water set on top. These will serve as wicks to carry the water downward and keep the entire



AN ICELESS REFRIGERATOR

Any handy person can make one.

surface of the flannel moist. Place a large pan under the refrigerator to catch the water that drips down.

The principle upon which the refrigerator works is the coolness induced by evaporation, hence it will be effective if placed wherever the cloth will dry readily in the shade, preferably a place out of doors where the breezes can get about it unimpeded. If placed on the porch a pan must be placed beneath to catch the water that drips down. Be sure to use non-rusting wire netting for the screening, if wire is used. The canton flannel over slats, however, works very well, but the contrivance is not so neat and tidy as that made with the netting; also the slats impede circulation of the air somewhat.

With a refrigerator such as this, placed in a good position, a temperature of about 55 degrees F. can be maintained.

A handy size for the contrivance is that given by the Dept. of Agriculture of Cornell University.

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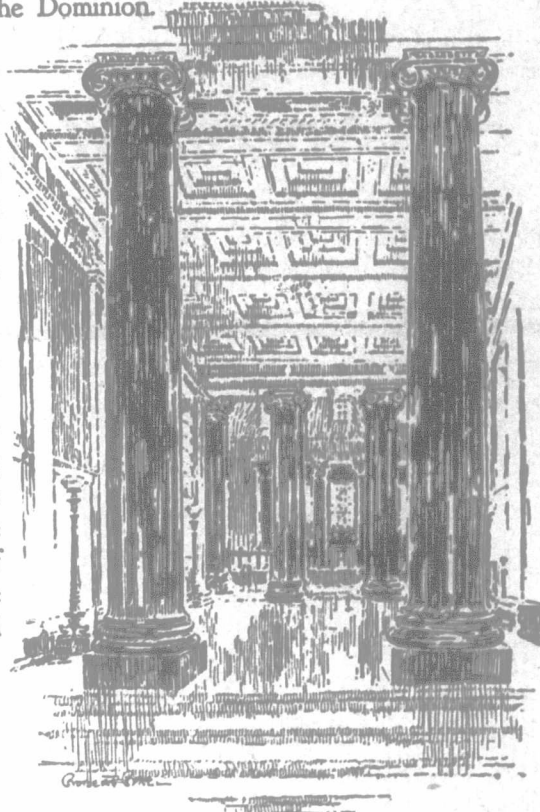
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