

Economy of Labor-saving Machines.

A little reflection will show, that to save time is a great gain, while a liberal, though economical expenditure of money is equally so. Labor-saving machines in a farm-kitchen are, therefore, of the utmost importance, as they not only save time, but strength; for instance, if a farmer expends a few dollars in the purchase of a churn so constructed, that it will bring butter in five, ten, or twenty minutes, and afterwards work the butter fit for printing, and this only by turning the handle (and there are such churns now in use,) he will soon perceive that he has gained more than at first sight he could think possible. If he adds to this, pans for hot water, in which the milk-pans can be placed to prevent the new milk from cooling too rapidly, he will find on churning day that he has gained one-fifth more butter than by the ordinary method. If such liberal conveniences are allowed the farmer's wife and daughters, as the modern sausage-chopper, that noiseless friend to the farmer's wife, that will silently do in two hours what it would take a man a whole day to accomplish by his single arm; or if a wood-shed in which the kitchen shall open, where a space can be portioned off for barrels and boxes that are to be receptacles for all sorts of things that the women should have in use close to the scene of their labors, and to receive trash that otherwise would be thrown out, littering the yard, and giving an air of unthrift that is always disgusting, and if saved in barrels and carefully collected on a compost heap, will serve as manure for the garden or farm, of the best quality, the farmer himself will find in a short time, that in saving his strength, time and health, he has gained at the end of the year, at least, the price of the labor-saving machines, and the following year, there will be a clear profit of money as well as time, that can be spent more profitably in lighter and equally useful occupations. If in the above mentioned wood-house, a row of barrels be placed close to the kitchen door, one for ready made soap, one for soap-fat, into which is previously placed twenty-five pounds of potash, and two barrels of water, one for pig-slop, another for bones and all the worthless scraps and sweepings of the house, and another for chicken feed, the following results will take place:—The soap being close at hand, can be used, when it is wanted, and there will be no excuse for things

not being kept perfectly clean. If the barrel of potash and water be kept close at hand, ten times as much soap-fat will be gathered and saved, as if the barrel were not there; for it will take no more time to throw it there than into the pig's barrel, or to the dog. The potash will prevent the fat from becoming mouldy, or filled with skippers, which it is apt to do when collected in the usual way. The soap will make itself, if stirred once or twice a week. Potash, instead of lye, is most economical, as it is more certain in its results; and the ashes are more valuable on the manure heap or pasture land than what the soap is worth. The pig-slop will be under the mistress's eye, and ingredients neither too good nor too bad will be put in. The bones and scraps, now so highly prized as manure, may all be saved; and last, not least, dirt is not made, and the time and strength that would otherwise be taken in cleaning and scouring are saved for better purposes; and the chickens may be regularly fed without waste of time.

On a farm, as in a bee-hive, all should be workers, and the drones sent out. The women, as well as the men, should work; but all will find that the best economy is to save, whether it be in time or money, or strength, though all should be diligently, carefully, and liberally used, if the farmer wishes to thrive. If from a careful management of time, you save one hour a day, either from unnecessary sleep, pleasure, or ignorance, you will gain in five years, seventy-five days and two hours for profitable improvement of mind or means.—*American Agriculturist.*

Co-operation of the Wife.—There is much good sense and truth in the remark of a modern author, that no man ever prospered in the world without the co-operation of his wife. If she unites in mutual endeavors, or rewards his labor with an endearing smile, with what confidence will he resort to his merchandise or his farm, fly over lands, sail upon the seas, meet difficulty and encounter danger, if he knows he is not spending his strength in vain, but that his labor will be rewarded by the sweets of home! Solitude and disappointment enter the history of every man's life; and he is but half provided for his voyage who finds but an associate for happy hours, while for his months of darkness and distress, no sympathizing partner is prepared.—*Dollar Newspaper.*