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we could stand. We thought it imagination at first, but there was no getting away from the fact that conditions were most decidedly different.

There was very little change in the weather outside and Bob kept the fire going about as usual, but things were not the same. I complained of a kind of chilly feeling, but he, pointing to the thermometer, remarked that it stood at 70 degrees, and previously we had never found it necessary to have it warmer than 68.

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However, to please me, he opened the dampers a little and we soon had the temperature to 72, and then it was like out of the frying pan and into the fire, for I experienced that stifling feeling which makes one long for a breath of the clear, cold out-door air. The children simply could not study their lessons, for, with heads nodding over their books, little was accomplished.

It was the plants which finally brought this water famine to an abrupt conclusion, for, if there is any one thing more than another that I do enjoy, it is their presence in the house in winter time.

I had never had such success with them as during this particular winter, and had watered and tended them faithfully every day. If only one or two had been affected I might have put it down to other causes, but by the end of a week of dry atmosphere I came to the most emphatic conclusion that what nature rebelled against must be so, and that if plant life could not thrive in an unnaturally dry air how could human beings expect to thrive or be comfortable or healthful in it, either.

That settled it, and for the balance of the winter we evaporated in our furnace from four to seven gallons of water every twenty-four hours. We wrote our thanks to the furnace makers for the way they had handled the matter. They did not reply that "we told you so," but instead sent us some literature, and I'm not yet through realizing the immense importance of humidity in artificially heated air.

Nature's air out doors has generally 70 per cent. humidity, and it simply takes gallons of water evaporated—not quarts—to maintain even 50 per cent. in the warmed air of the house in winter. I've also learned why so many people have to continue to use cold cream and other toilet preparations to keep their skin soft and smooth, while I need it no more—they live in that hard dry furnace-heated atmosphere all winter.

I could tell you lots more,

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During the campaign in St. John there was a good deal of discussion as to whether or not the service of more capable men could be secured, under the new system, than under the old. It was argued that the proposed salaries—\$3,000 per annum—would afford no inducement to first-class men, and that in this respect there would be no improvement. This, however, was really a begging of the question, for, it was admitted by promoters of the new system, that many of the men who then or formerly sat at the Council Board, would be quite capable of managing the city's business efficiently, were they to devote sufficient time and attention to it. The main contention of the promoters was that five men, even of no greater average capability, devoting their time and thought daily and almost wholly to civic affairs, could accomplish better results than seventeen men meeting as a rule only once a month all together, and in various groups of about half that number, somewhat more frequently. The results so far seem to have abundantly justified this contention.

The plebiscite having pronounced in favour of commission, a new city charter was prepared by a sub-committee of the Citizens' Committee, which had conducted the campaign. The Charter Committee was composed of two or three lawyers, a like number of aldermen, or ex-aldermen, and a few business men. The chairman was Mr. J. A. Belyea, K.C.,

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