

An Improved Bath

One of our exchanges tells us follows about how one farmer's wife improvised a bath in the house:

Few farmhouses have a bathroom. Many farm houses have large kitchen, and a good kitchen range. Having these, one woman evolved one thing more. For ten dollars she bought a nine bath tub, for which she found a place on one side of her kitchen. Her husband being handy with tools soon enclosed the bath tub in a frame made of matched ceiling. The tub was set about four inches from the wall and this four inches was made the base for a lid which could be let down over the bath tub, covering it completely so that it might easily have been mistaken for a large chest.

When the tub was set in place a lead pipe was fitted to the opening in the bottom, carried down through the floor and out to a drain beyond the outside wall. The lumber, the lead pipe together with the trap, the tub only expense incurred. Woman-like she made sure no accident would befall by setting a large screw-eye in the wall and a hook in the lid, so that when the lid was lifted to allow the bath tub to be used it was hooked fast

to the wall and was in no danger of falling. A little butter-and-egg money did it all and not a week passes but the family blesses the hour when this bright idea dawned in the mind of a woman who had the pluck to carry out.

Gasoline Launch on the Farm

If one is fortunate enough to be situated near any body of water, few possessions will rival a gasoline launch as a means of recreation. Especially is this true in the case of the farmer who will often enjoy a few miles' run



A Farmer's Launch

Mr. J. W. Richardson of Brant Co. uses the gasoline engine in his launch for firing to use it in winter for such purposes as pumping water, running the separator and cutting wood. Utility and pleasure will thus work hand in hand.

after the labors of the day are ended, when no powers of persuasion could induce the tired man to exert his weary muscles in propelling a canoe or a skiff.

In fact the many ways in which it may be used are never fully realized until you are the possessor of one. In the "picknick season" a day spent in "picknicking" makes such a pleasant break and is really an ideal holiday. To run down to the nearest village for supplies is quite a pleasant

outing, and is much preferable to the inevitable harnessing, and unharnessing, always attending a drive. Needless to say the horses appreciate the installing of any innovation which will enable the members of the family to attend church, without their assistance these hot summer Sundays

One of the greatest advantages is the comparatively small cost. It is really wonderful to calculate the amount of pleasure derived from a gallon of gasoline. In fact as an all round means of pleasure and use the motor boat has an unrivalled reputation, and the owner of one generally regards it as a source of unalloyed enjoyment, except when he is being "towed home." The engine can be taken out of the launch during the winter and late fall seasons and used in a great number of ways, such as pumping water, running the separator, churning, etc. It can be made a useful and valuable adjunct to any farm home.

Handy Household Canvas Bags

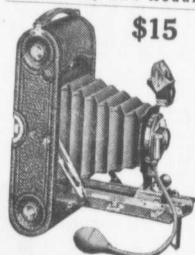
To carry potatoes, apples, etc., and kindling or stove wood, I have made a set of handy bags like the sketch. Of course they vary in size. These bags are made of canvas, and they



are sewed up like a satchel, with only the top open. For handles, I cut a leather strap (that had done duty as a school-book strap) into equal lengths, and with an awl punched holes through the straps and canvas, and fastened them with stout brass paper-fasteners. These canvas bags are easily kept clean, as they can be turned inside out and the dust brushed out, and if necessary they can be washed.

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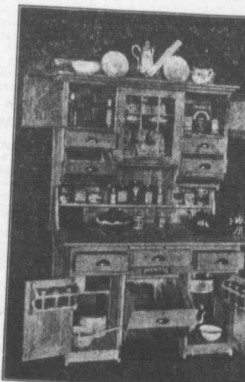
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