

THE KITCHEN AND UTENSILS

THE kitchen should be arranged with due regard to convenience, and ease in keeping clean. It should have good fitted cupboards and shelves; the floor should be covered with linoleum, the walls with a light washable distemper, or varnished paper. A washing curtain should be adopted in preference to a blind as it takes off less light. A rod of light brass should be fixed about six inches below the top of the window, so that steam and smell may escape even when the curtain is drawn. In smoky towns a strip of fine wire gauze should be fitted at the top of the window frame to keep out smuts. The table should be of a convenient height, covered with a light linoleum, or American cloth. Both table and chairs should be fitted with Domes of Silence, for easy moving. The dresser should be stained, varnished or painted. Soft white wood is not easy to keep clean, or to dry.

The Stove. A stove for cooking should be placed in a convenient position for light, and should stand out from the wall. It is wise to learn the construction and working of the stove one has to use. Where gas is available a cooker should be hired from the local gas company. One of the latest improvements is a plate-rack with an enamel-