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Household Fairies.

Some days ago an old "Farmer's Advocate" friend, whom its readers will well remember as "Mollie," was in our little Ingle Nook headquarters, and, evidently thinking of our Ingle people, chanced to remark as to what a useful thing a bread-mixer should be to the farm women.

"I know several people who have them," she said, and they work splendidly."

That same afternoon (it was our Saturday afternoon holiday) it flashed upon me that there might be dozens and dozens of other things as well as bread-mixers which might serve as work-lighteners if people only knew what they were, and what to ask for.

A friend was quietly reading in the next room, and up I got and made a rush for her. "Put on your hat," I said, "and we'll see what there is."

"What there is where?" she asked, mystified.

"Why, in the hardware stores."

"In—the—hardware—stores!" she repeated, staring, and probably wondering if I had taken leave of my senses.

So then it struck me that everyone's mind wasn't running on our "Home Magazine," and I explained. She was properly enthusiastic, and we set out. Upon my word, I haven't enjoyed anything so much since Paderewski, if one may be forgiven for mixing up the name of so much celebrity with all the delightful things of tin and aluminum and "Rochester nickel" that we saw. Suffice it to say that we landed home at a quarter past seven, never dreaming that it was past six o'clock until the empty dining-room and ominous rattle of dish-washing from the pantry suggested that the dinner hour was long past. So much for the delight which every woman takes in rummaging around among household things.

Now, as to what we saw. I cannot enter into a detailed account of each, but will trust that in most cases the mere suggestion may be enough. . . First, the bread-mixer—a big tin-pail affair, with a mechanism inside, guaranteed to mix the bread in three minutes, and knead it in three minutes more. The one we saw sold at \$3, but of course prices vary according to "make" and locality.

SELF-WRINGING MOPS

came next. There were three kinds, at 35 cents, 75 cents, and \$1.50. Of these the 75-cent one looked the simplest and best, but in all the principle was the same, making it possible to wash a whole floor without ever putting one's hands into the water or stooping double over the pail.

Meat choppers, good for chopping nuts and vegetables for salads, as well as preparing meat for Hamburg steak, sausages and mince-meat, were shown at prices ranging from \$1.25 up to \$3.00, according to size; these, and a fine new washing machine, the "Sunlight," completely closed in by a lid, and so easily "run" that a child of ten can manage it, were among the things that aroused especial enthusiasm. The price of the latter in the size we saw was \$7.

A coal-oil stove, with two burners, asbestos wicks, an oven for baking, and lids for cooking, was shown at \$6. Coal-oil stoves have fallen into some disrepute on account of the coal-oil odor which is perceptible as the stove gets older, but we were informed that this trouble may be entirely prevented by changing the wicks once a month. Apropos of coal-oil stoves, we saw a very neat little bedroom heater, for which neither pipes nor chimney are necessary, and which is guaranteed to heat an ordinary room sufficiently.

A novelty in smaller utensils was an

iron, hollow, and lined with asbestos, which effectually prevents the heat from going up to the hand while using. Another was a little "sleeve" iron, especially made for ironing sleeves and "gathers." Besides these, in the lower-priced articles were ironing-boards, wringers, carpet sweepers, cream whippers, little things for scooping the eyes out of pineapples, knife-cleaners, alcohol lamps with little kettles and chafing dishes to fit, asbestos mats for placing hot dishes on, mincing knives, double boilers, pie lifters, wire net covers to keep flies off pies, etc. (for an odd fly will creep even into a well-ordered pantry, you know), light enamelled bathtubs, that may be easily carried from place to place, and unbreakable toilet sets of enamel, pretty as china, and very useful for children's rooms, etc. The pots, pans and vessels of all kinds made of aluminum were especially alluring, being bright, durable and light, almost, as paper, an inestimable quality for the delicate woman, to whom the handling of heavy iron pots and pans is a constant thorn in the flesh. Last, and least, too, in size if not in usefulness, were the little double-headed tacks, easy on carpets, and a treasure indeed to those who know what it is to have struggled with the ordinary carpet-tacks when taking up carpets at house-cleaning time.

We were not shown "the little brush" at the hardware stores, but yet I must mention it, just the little corn brush that may be bought for five cents. Have you ever used it for cleaning a multitude of things? If not, just try it for rubbing the "skins" off new potatoes this summer, and for taking the clay off celery in the coming fall, and see if you will not call down blessings on its head.

Nowadays men think nothing of paying \$75 or \$100 for a new machine to help them in their farm work. Fifty dollars would equip a woman with a great many of the things I have mentioned, and surely the farm woman, upon whom so much heavy work falls, has well earned this amount to spend in a few of these household fairies which can do so much toward raising the burden a little from her shoulders. DAME DURDEN.

A Newcomer.

Dear Dame Durden,—Having had the "Farmer's Advocate" sent me, and liking it very much, I thought I would send a recipe or two of cakes I have made for years.

Ginger Cake.—One pound flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ pound butter or lard, $\frac{1}{2}$ pound sugar, the rind of 1 lemon, 1 ounce ground ginger, 1 nutmeg (grated), $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful of carbonate of soda. I use lard very often. Rub the butter into the flour; add the sugar and the grated lemon rind (it is nicer with juice in as well), ginger and nutmeg. Mix these well together; warm $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of milk; stir in the soda; work the whole into a nice smooth paste. Roll it out; cut into cakes, or bake it all in one in the roasting tins. Bake in a moderate oven 20 minutes.

Scones.—One pound of flour, 2 ounces sugar, 2 ounces lard, 4 ounces large raisins (stoned), $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful each carbonate of soda and cream of tartar. Mix the dry ingredients, then make into a paste with buttermilk. Bake 20 minutes. SASK.

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Question for "C. D."

In reading over the Ingle Nook Chats, which I so much enjoy, and from which I obtain many useful hints, I notice in one letter, headed "System," and signed "C. D.," reference is made to packing June and July butter for winter use. As I have always been under the impression butter made so early in the season would not keep, I would very much appreciate a little advice as to what is the means used to keep butter this length of time. C. G. C.

Russell, Ont.