

The Farm Home

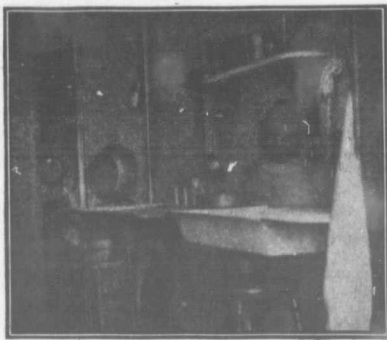


Fig. 1—A Corner of Kitchen Showing Various Means of Saving Steps.

Hints on Kitchen Facilities

The interior arrangement of houses and the placing of utensils make a great difference in the number of steps to be taken. Articles not often used should be placed in the further corners and give place to those which are constantly in demand.

A high stool saves long standing. Note the high stool under the sink in figure 1, which may be used when vegetables are to be prepared or dishes washed. The wire dish cloth over the sink saves both time and annoyance in washing pots and kettles.

Use a tray for carrying dishes. The tray on the floor suggests that the soiled dishes are brought on it from the dining-room to the kitchen to be washed and returned in the same way. The pail at the end of the table is for garbage, and is kept clean and easily emptied, by means of a newspaper placed in the pail each time before it is used again. There are three dredges on the table, one for salt, one for sugar and one for flour. On the inside of the open door of the cupboard notice the bag for waste papers, strings and paper sacks. In this cupboard cooking utensils are kept free from dust. The shelf at the right affords a large space for

unwashed dishes, and the table at the left of the sink a place for clean ones until they may be put away. It is desirable that this space for dishes should be large.

A drop shelf is convenient and saves room. If the kitchen is small a drop shelf is often used to advantage and is easily constructed. It is simply a shelf attached to the wall by hinges and a prop fastened to the shelf by another hinge. This prop then falls into place easily and the shelf is against the wall when not in use.

Cover the tables with zinc. It is desirable to have the tables covered with zinc, as they are much more easily cleaned, and afford a smoother surface for work. A trap door in the floor with a hopper underneath connected with the drain affords a convenient place to empty wash water and admits of putting more water on the floor for scrubbing.

A dummy seen in figure 2, constructed with shelves which can be raised from and lowered into the cellar through the floor saves much travelling up and down stairs.

The dummy is raised as in figure 3 by a handle which, in the illustration, is under the table. The weights are run in an extra frame in the cellar by pulleys between frame and weights, between which there is a space for the pulleys to move easily. If one has a cool cellar it takes the place of a refrigerator, and is in many ways a step saver.

Much depends on a woman's saving strength. The home is the centre of the universe. Woman is the centre of the home. Civilization therefore is dependent upon her health and her stimulating influence. All household improvements which can be provided to conserve her strength will add to her power and efficiency.—Hand Book, Women's Institutes.



Fig. 2—Kitchen after Dummy is lowered to cellar.

A Novel Suggestion for a Sofa Pillow

There are few, doubtless, who know how pleasantly the sofa pillow and products of the camera may be combined. The very latest fad in fancy work is this: Make a sofa pillow of blue denim; upon this, in regular fashion or in "hit or miss" style, place pictures of some favorite scenes, which are produced as follows: The sensitized cloth upon which the pictures are printed from the negative—as upon paper—may be purchased in 8½ by 24 inch pieces for 35 cents. When the features of the picture are clear on the cloth wash in three scalding hot waters, then let stand in cold water a moment or two. Place the cloth between two layers of paper and press dry with a hot iron. The tint will be like a blue print, but a sepia or carmine hue may be obtained by using the proper chemicals.

The photographs may be arranged across the corners and in the middle of the denim and held in place by a cable made of red silk carried along to finish between the pictures in an anchor; or they may be simply feather-stitched in place. A pretty way is to form one entire side of the sofa pillow of photographs, narrow ribbon of like or contrasting shade being used between them to hold together. The pillow may be finished with a ruffle like the ribbon in shade.—Lizzie Young Butler.

Value of Borax

Borax is valuable as a cleanser in the dairy. A tablespoonful dissolved in 1 gallon tepid water is excellent for cleansing milk vessels. They should first be washed in clean warm water.

Borax is a first-class disinfectant. It is cheap, convenient and pleasant to use and softens water greatly. It should have a place in every dairy.

Lawyer—The jury has brought in a sealed verdict in your case.

Prisoner—Well, tell the court that they needn't open it on my account.



Fig. 3—Dummy between Cellar and Kitchen.