

In many farm houses a mistake is made in thinking that the kitchen bench or sink must serve as the common toilet room for the family, tired members included, one wash basin, etc., first come, first served. If each member cannot have a room (and this is an impossibility in many homes) each bucket, stoneware is getting so cheap as to be within the reach of all. All toilet articles are getting cheaper and privacy of one's own room is the place to make the toilet. The window curtains and bed furnishing demands a careful attention but the lack of space forbids my dwelling on these. Suffice to say, health should be the first consideration.

HEATING THE BEDROOM.

The heating of the upper room is a problem for most farmers. A furnace is not found in every farm home, so we must use stoves. One way to secure a pleasant temperature up stairs is to have a register in the floors above the downstairs stoves. Heat always rises and odors and impurities arise too, but extra precaution must be used in ventilating. One stove, if needed warmth for all the rooms on that floor. One can sleep better in a cool room than in a room with a high temperature.

Three things, however, we must have in a healthy sleeping room, light, air and sunshine, also no dust. The room should be so comfortable that the family gather around the cozy breakfast table, they can greet each other with a bright good morning and ask without fear of embarrassment, "Did you sleep well?"

Conveniences I Have Seen in Farm Homes

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One of the conveniences which a housekeeper appreciates above all others, is a bountiful supply of good water. To have to go outside, to a pump some distance away, and carry all the water to the house is a very irksome and a very costly thing. The men are kind and mean to bring it, but they are not always around. In many cases a little time and not a very great outlay of money would install some kind of a water system in the house.

I have seen the water brought in pipes from some mountain or hillside spring. I remember one place in the east, where there was an hydraulic ram down in the meadow, which forced a small stream of pure water into the scullery of the kitchen. Here there was a large tank to supply water to the sink and the stationary wash tub. A pipe extended to the reservoir on the stove so that when needed it could be easily and quickly filled with water. A small room off the kitchen was to be fitted as a bathroom and the water to be connected with it. The water was not very hard and was used for all purposes. With a good sewer drain, these people had no water to carry in or out—a great saving of labor.

HOT WATER.

Another convenience I remember seeing was a barrel set up on a stand in the wash room off the kitchen. This barrel was in some way filled with soft water from the cistern. A pipe running from the barrel into the fire pot of the stove. This warmed the water, which could be drawn through a tap. To have lots of hot water on the farm is a great thing and is as convenient for the men as for the women.

A windmill and a sufficiently high tank to supply water to any part of the house or barn. In connection with water it seems the proper place to mention a bathtub. Many think this is a luxury to be only enjoyed by town folks. Peo-

ple on farms are even more in need of this convenience after the heat and cold in the fields. Where its need is badly enough felt, a way is made to get it.

This summer when staying at a farm home, Sunday morning, there was a tap at my door and my hos-



Enjoying the Farm Water Supply

less said, "If you care to take a bath you will find a bath tub and plenty of hot and cold soft water at the end of the hall. It's only a rough place over the kitchen, but we enjoy having it all the same. My boy did the plumbing himself and fixed things up, so it didn't cost us very much." I found my warm bath as delightfully refreshing as it was unexpected for I had not looked for such a thing in a small farm house in Manitoulin Island.

THE BATH ROOM.

It was a tin bath tub connected with the hot water tank in the kitchen below. The cold water came from the cistern by a force pump. I could see, as the mother had said, that the cost had been very little, and it certainly was a comfort to those people. I have seen some home made wooden bath tubs nicely painted white, to which the water had to be carried, but could be self emptied, through an outlet pipe. No one in planning to build should omit the bath room.

THE CLOSET.

In our cold country the inside closet should be deemed a necessity, not a convenience. It is a matter which has much to do with the health of the household. The aged and delicate run a great risk in going into a cold, snowed-up outside closet, while little children neglect themselves rather than venture out into the cold—a neglect which is responsible for much ill-health.

Where there is no water system a crematory closet could be put in. I have seen a number of them in homes and when connected with a good flue they are most satisfactory. I think they cost about \$25. A dry earth closet can often be built in the far corner of the wood shed. A thousand times better to have these daily comforts than a well furnished drawing room.

DISH AND CHINA CLOSETS.

In building it should always be arranged to have the china closet or built-in cupboard between the dining room and the kitchen. I was greatly taken with one I saw in a home. Part of the wall between these two rooms was made into a cupboard extending from the wall to the ceiling. There were drawers for table linen, kitchen towels and cutlery below, and shelves above for dishes, etc. There were each end of the drawers which extended straight through. The doors could be opened and the drawers pulled out when anything was wanted from them, when either in the kitchen or

the dining room. This contrivance saved many steps.

THE FRONT HALL.

It was in the farm home I saw the idea of having a large drawer just near the floor under the hall steps—a splendid place to hold hats and gloves.

THE DUMB WAITER.

Then there is the dumb waiter or elevator from the kitchen to the cellar. Very occasionally you find one in a farm home and yet what a lot of running up and down stairs they do save. See illustration of dumb waiter in this issue, on another page. One evening I was in a kitchen on a farm said to Mrs. L., "What's that for?" pointing to a large basket similar to what is used for carrying berry baskets in the field, only this one had handles to trace it and keep it from the tilting. "Wait a minute and I'll show you," and forthwith she placed in the tray of the basket the meat and butter plates, the cake, the cream pitcher and the left over fruit, and carried it down stairs at once. I had my husband make it, Mrs. L. explained, "It saves me lots of trips downstairs. The narrow rim around the edge keeps the things from slipping off."

MEN'S DRESSING CLOSET.

"I wouldn't be without this place for a good deal," said another clean,

energetic housewife to me, as she opened a door and pointed to what might be called a "cubby hole" or little landing at the foot of the lack and a bench. "I have the men slip off their coats and dirty boots and leave them there, and you can't imagine what a lot of dirt it saves being perhaps you haven't noticed yet is the cement walk from the barn to the house. That's a great saving to the kitchen floor in muddy weather."

I have been asked to write of a few of the conveniences I have seen on Canadian farms. Those I have thought of are not new. But many of our country homes are still lacking in the most essential of these and we will hope that reading of them may be a spur toward getting them installed.

Too often it is a lack of effort rather than a lack of means which makes us put up with old ways and old things.

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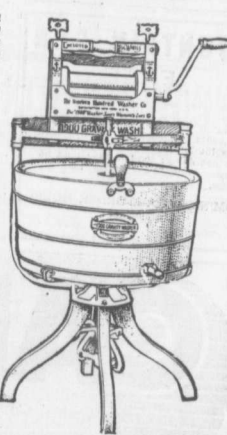
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