

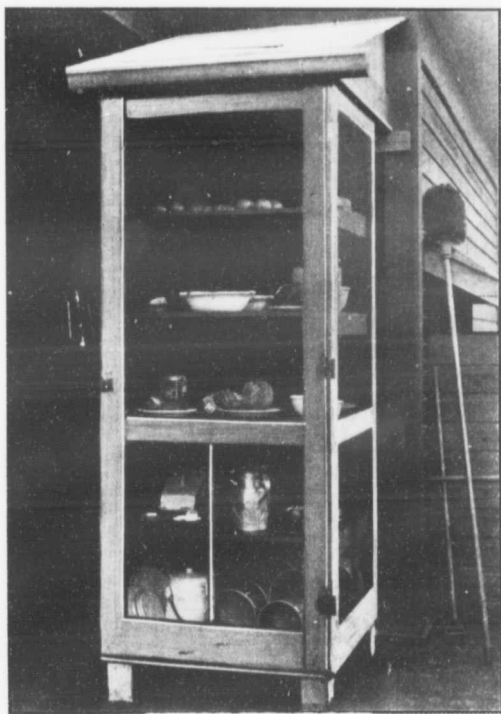
- (ii.) *By the Ear.* Tap the tin with a pencil or the finger-nails. A high ringing sound is what should result. A dull, dead sound is a warning that all is not well within.

If the process of sterilization were incomplete or if the tin were insecurely sealed, sooner or later the process of decay begins; and the effect is to give rise to these external signs and sounds. The contents of such tins are unfit for human food.

(2.) *The Preservation of Food by Suitable Storage.*—The requirements for this method of protection should be now known to the reader. Food must be kept—

- (a.) Dry;
- (b.) Cool;
- (c.) Clean;
- (d.) Protected from the access of decay.

(FIG. 7.)



A good form of domestic larder.