

Fig. (2) shows a portion of the other end of the same kitchen. The china cupboard, with its glazed, sliding doors, is the principal object which attracts the eye, protecting, as it does, its contents from dust. However

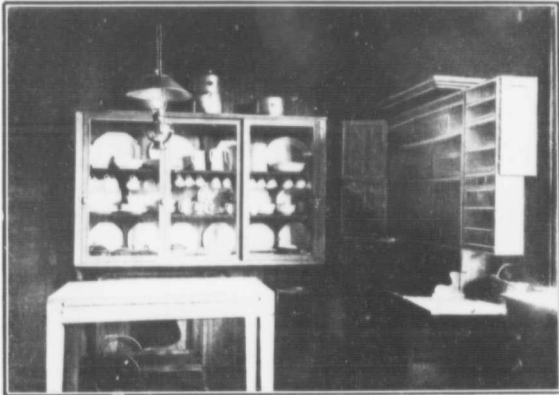


FIG. (2).

carefully a kitchen may be kept, the mere walking to and fro of the cook must inevitably grind off dust from the floor, besides the fine dirt dispersed when attending to the fire. This cupboard is next to the door which opens into the living-room, and a glimpse can be caught (between the legs of the table) of the wheel-tray, on which all that is needed for a meal can be taken in one journey to the dining-table. To the right of the illustration is the kitchen cabinet, which will be described in detail later on.

A CONVENIENT AND ECONOMICAL LARDER

is shown in Fig. (3). Experience has confirmed the value of such a larder, where trouble and expense call for consideration. Placed as it is on a north verandah, just outside the kitchen-door, it is economical of steps and economical of money, too; for the food is kept under as good conditions as are available in the absence of ice. It is constructed of four fly-proof doors, carefully joined, so that all insects are excluded. Its spacious shelves allow fruit and desserts, meat, milk, and butter, etc., each to be stored at a separate level, and in a thorough draught; indeed, the larder is raised 6 inches from the balcony, in order that a free current of air shall pass beneath it as well as all round and through it.

The pails and lids from the fireless cooker will be noticed on the bottom shelf; these are employed not only for cooking purposes, but each night they are filled with boiling water and stored away in the cooker, to furnish a supply of scalding water for use in the early morning before the fire has burned up.