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Helps For Home-makers

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Care of House

The Kitchen

Each room in the house has its distinct and separate function in the domestic economy. Take for example the kitchen, the most important room in the house, the woman's workshop. It is the place where the food is prepared and cooked and where the dishes are washed.

What then are the requisites for this workshop? Since the housekeeper spends a large part of each day in her workshop, it, first of all, should be well lighted and ventilated. It should be comfortably warm in winter and cool in summer. The floor, walls and ceiling should be of such material as may be easily cleaned. The equipment for the work that is to be done should be ample, of good quality, intelligently selected, and above all so arranged that the various tasks of the kitchen may be quickly performed and with the least expenditure of energy.

Floors

No entirely satisfactory finish for the kitchen floor has yet been found. The time honored way of scrubbing with soap and water makes the whitest and cleanest looking floor it is true—but think of the work required!

Linoleum is undoubtedly the best floor surface. It is thick enough to be warm and is easier for the feet than any other floor surface. It wears well and is easily cleaned by mopping, but the first cost is too great for any but a small kitchen or a large pocketbook.

Congoleum is an excellent floor covering and cheaper than linoleum.

Oilcloth may be used but it wears out quickly.

Painted Floors

Two coats of good floor paint in tan or gray are attractive in appearance and wear well. When worn spots appear they should be touched up at once. If the floor is not hard wood it should be given two coats of shellac before the paint is applied, and all cracks should first be filled with crack filler.

Care of Painted Floors

Sweep the floor, and wipe off the dust with a damp cloth. If this will not remove all the dust, use a woolen cloth wrung out of hot water. If there are spots that will not come off use a little soap on the cloth, but painted floors are ruined by using a scrubbing brush and soap and water. Once a week after having swept the floor go over it with a cloth dampened with one part of boiled linseed oil and one part of turpentine, or kerosene may be used. This cloth may be put on an old broom and the floor quickly gone over.

The work of caring for a floor in this manner is much less than when a great deal of soap and water is used; and moreover, the

floor is in a sanitary condition because the boards are dry and clean.

Oiled Floors

The oiling of the floors is in the back part of the house, as a general rule must be done in the evening after the work of the day is finished. The success of oiled floors depends upon two things:

First, there should be no floating dust in the room, and the floor must be absolutely clean.

Second, the oil must be rubbed into the boards thoroughly, so as to have smooth surface.

Boiled linseed oil dries more quickly than the raw oil. It is well to add a little turpentine, as it will make the oil less sticky. The daily care of the floor consists of sweeping, and if there are any soiled spots clean by wiping them off with a flannel cloth wrung out of hot water. If this does not remove all the dirt, a little soap may be rubbed on the cloth.

Once a week at least, wipe the floor with a damp cloth using soap when it is necessary; wipe very dry, and then go all over the floor with a cloth made slightly damp with kerosene, or with boiled oil and turpentine. This should be rubbed in thoroughly, and the floor should not be walked on, if it is possible to avoid it, for an hour or more.

Walls

The kitchen walls whether of wood or plaster should be painted. A good, light colored paint reflects the light so that one can see well in any part of the kitchen. Paint may be wiped off easily with a broom covered with a damp cloth, and is made absolutely clean and fresh by scrubbing with a soft cloth and warm water with sal soda. In these days of enameled paint the shelves of all kitchen closets should be painted. This takes the place of covering them with paper. If the expense of the paint on the plastered wall is too great kalsomine or white wash of lime will freshen the wall, and can be easily renewed.

A specialist from the Department of Agriculture of Washington, in studying farm conditions in Pennsylvania learned that a woman had broken down from overwork. She had been carrying coal to the kitchen from the barn for years. When the husband was asked if there was any reason why a coal bunker could not have been provided near the cookstove and filled directly from his wagon, he answered "nobody had ever thought of it."

Perhaps this seems exaggerated somewhat to many but suppose you think over your own kitchen and answer these questions for yourself.

1. Have you a coal or a wood box near your range?

2. Can you re-arrange your kitchen so you will not have to walk so far from stove to work table and from work table to pantry?

3. Do you have a blue flame kerosene stove to do your canning on and to use when the heavier meals do not have to be cooked?

4. Do you have a sink? Is it possible to have a sink to drain waste water outside of house?

5. Have you a work table the

right height for you so that you do not have to stoop over?

6. Do you hang your sauce pans, graters, potato mashers near your work table, or do you have to walk across the room to get them?

7. Do you keep any cooking utensils in the cupboard that could hang more conveniently near the work table?

8. Do you have above this work table racks and hooks to hold all the kitchen cutlery, knives, forks and spoons of all sizes?

Height of Work Table

So much of the unnecessary fatigue that comes from leaning over to wash the dishes may be relieved by observing the proper height according to the plan worked out by Mrs. Christine Frederick:

Height of Woman	Proper Height of Working Surface
4 feet, 10 inches	27 inches
4 " 11 "	27 1/2 "
5 " 1 "	28 "
5 " 2 "	28 1/2 "
5 " 3 "	29 "
5 " 4 "	29 1/2 "
5 " 5 "	30 "
5 " 6 "	30 1/2 "
5 " 7 "	31 "
5 " 8 "	31 1/2 "
5 " 9 "	32 "
5 " 10 "	32 1/2 "
5 " 11 "	33 "

The Manual Arts Department carries on a Home Service Department and will gladly give information regarding House Architecture, Sanitation, House Furnishing and Decoration; and will recommend various kinds of paints etc., that have been tested by the Department.

Address: Extension Department

SONG BY A FISHERMAN

DEDICATED TO HIS FELLOW FISHERMEN AND SUNG TO THE TUNE OF "LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY."

It's a long way to prosperity
It's a long way to go,

It's a long way to prosperity

By the fishing route, you know,
Goodbye, "Mister" shad,

Farewell herring too,

It's a long, long way to prosperity
For fishermen, like me and you.

Sandy Cross News.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Perry of Hertford spent the week-end at the home of his brother Mr. Alex Perry.

Mrs. G. S. Walker of Edenton is spending a few days at the vineyard this week.

Mr. M. L. Riddick was the appreciated guest of Miss Ella Briggs Sunday night.

Mrs. James L. King and little son Howard spent the week-end with her people near Belvidere.

Quite a number from here attended the Oxford Orphanage concert in Hobbsville Monday.

Mrs. R. W. Simpson spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. T. G. McCotter.

A lazy liver leads to chronic dyspepsia and constipation, weakens the whole system. Doan's Regulents (25c per box) act mildly on the liver and bowels. At all drug stores. advt.

Manzan Pile Remedy RELIEVES WHEN OTHERS FAIL.

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR CHOWAN CO.

Two elections, having been called for Chowan County, to be held on the first Saturday in June, it being the fifth day of June, 1915. The following persons are hereby appointed and re-appointed registrars and judges, for the various voting precincts in Chowan Co., and especially to hold said special election.

East Edenton—Registrar, T. P. Leary; Judges, S. C. Mills and M. A. Hughes.

West Edenton—Registrar, D. B. Liles; Judges, C. D. Webb and Henry Foxwell.

Yeopim—Registrar, J. B. Webb; Judges, Isaac Layden and W. E. Jordan.

Center Hill—Registrar, R. Elton Forehand; Judges, J. L. Savage and O. E. Lane.

Wardville—Registrar, Emmett Elliott; Judges, W. D. Welch and R. H. Hollowell.

Rockyhock—Registrar, R. N. Privott; Judges, L. R. Bunch and Robt. Nixon, Sr.

These two elections are called: One by an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session 1915. See House Bill 1419, Senate Bill 1550, and is to determine the question of Stock Law, and to create a Stock Law territory in and for Chowan County.

The other election is called by the authority of the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session 1915. See House Bill 2067, Senate Bill 1596, and is for the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Chowan County to make an annual appropriation of (2500) twenty-five hundred dollars, towards the maintenance of the Chowan County Farm Life School. Said school established under the Public Local Laws of North Carolina, 1913, Chapter 479, and to levy a special tax therefor. No new registration is required except for those who have not heretofore registered. Registration books will be kept open twenty days, as provided by law. Voting places same places as last general election. Polls to be kept open from sunrise to sunset.

W. S. PRIVOTT,

Chm. Co. Bd. Elec.

E. J. GRIFFIN,

Secretary.

Roper News.

The roof of the boiler room at Albemarle Mill caught on fire about seven o'clock last Wednesday afternoon and again in almost the same place the following morning, the fire whistle causing considerable excitement in each instance.

The small boys of Plymouth and Roper Graded Schools gave a beautiful exhibition of the national game on the local diamond last Wednesday afternoon, resulting in a score of 6 to 8 in favor of Roper.

C. C. Waters of Germantown, Md., guest of Mr. L. G. Roper the past few days left for home Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Roper who will spend the summer visiting friends in Maryland and Pennsylvania. Mr. Roper will probably spend a part

of the time at Buffalo Lithia Springs while away.

Ex-Sheriff J. T. McAllister motored to Greenville last Sunday accompanied by his son, Jack, N. W. Spruill, J. E. C. and Asa Johnston.

Rev. S. A. Cotton of Littleton, is the guest of Rev. G. B. Perry at the parsonage this week and is preaching a series of sermons at the revival being held in the Methodist church.

W. M. Bond, Jr., a prominent attorney of Plymouth made a whirlwind business trip to Roper Tuesday and hardly gave his many friends here an opportunity to shake hands with him.

The first shipment of May peas went forward Monday of this week and first strawberries were offered for sale Tuesday. The crop is about ten days later than usual and will be below normal account late spring followed by hot dry weather. Transportation facilities, however, are much improved this year as all shipments leave here by express at 12:23 P. M. and are forwarded from Norfolk by freight the same afternoon, saving at least 24 hours in transit.

An election for town officers was held Tuesday May 5th and the following vote was polled:

For Mayor:	For Commissioners:
W. C. Thompson 32	W. N. Duvall 21
J. W. Buchanan 19	B. F. Halsey 20
J. J. Hassell 32	J. W. Chesson 19
S. J. Barco 32	
J. O. Highsmith 30	

After the results were announced and the news was scattered here and there, the plaintive notes of "Tipperary" by the village choir, wafted over the dusty streets by the evening zephyrs, touched many a heart and the election passed to ancient history.

Acorn.

Mrs. Ruth Blanchard of Joppa is paying an extended visit to her sons Messrs. J. C. and Gayly Blanchard.

Mrs. W. B. S. Riddick visited relatives near Holly Grove Sunday evening.

Miss Ruth Lamb, late teacher at the Acorn public school, left this vicinity last week for her home at Belvidere.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alphin visited her father's home near Sunbury Sunday.

Messrs. Chester Speight, Henry Barnes, Joe Byrum and Raymond Eason were callers at the home of Mr. J. J. McCarthy Sunday.

Mr. Oscar Eason was the guest of Miss Pierce Sunday evening.

Messrs. John B. Harrell and Bobbie McCarthy visited the Misses Byrum Sunday night.

Of the number of callers at the home of Mr. J. W. Harrell Sunday afternoon we note the following: Messrs. Gayly Blanchard, Raymond Eason, Kin Stallings, Bobbie McCarthy and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blanchard gave a lawn party at their home Tuesday evening. Delicious cream, sherbet and other delicables were served to the invited guests. Those who were present and enjoyed the feast of good things were Messrs. Oscar Eason, Chester Speight, Ira and J. B. Harrell, Shepard Riddick, Lin, Kin and Jack Stallings, Misses Blanche Pierce, Ellen Speight,

Dolna Harrell, Ora Parker and Ruth Lamb.

Miss Eva Barnes of Sunbury was the guest of Miss Rosa McCarthy last week.

Miss Mary Vaughn Riddick is sojourning with relatives in Suffolk at this writing.

Mrs. W. T. Hayes is on the sick list at this time.

Hobbsville News.

Mrs. Mollie Morgan of Suffolk is spending a few days with relatives here.

Miss Inez Perry spent a few days last week with friends here.

Those who called at Mr. D. J. Rountree's Monday afternoon were Mesdames Laura Hathaway, Mollie Morgan and Anna Hobbs.

Mr. Henry Parker was in our midst Sunday.

Mr. Llewellyn Ward accompanied Miss Myrtle Hofer to Temperance Meeting at Sandy Cross Sunday afternoon.

Miss Iona Rountree called on Misses Minnie Perry and Nellie Blanchard Sunday morning.

Messrs. Junius Hobbs and Paul Blanchard, Misses Sallie Blanchard and Pauline Hobbs spent Saturday afternoon in Selwin.

Miss Susie Hobbs left Saturday morning for a visit to her parental home at Myrtle, Va.

Miss Virgie Hobbs of Myrtle, Va., is visiting her brother Mr. Noah Hobbs.

Hobbsville Graded School closed last Friday and in the Declamation and Recitation contests Mr. Frank Nixon and Miss Ira Hollowell won the medals.

Misses Minnie Perry and Nellie Blanchard were the guests of Mrs. C. B. Hathaway last week.

Miss Myrtle Hofer made a short call at Mr. D. J. Rountree's Saturday.

Mr. Julian Rountree and sister Miss Ellie spent Sunday afternoon at Muddy Cross.

Somerton Items.

The quarterly meeting was held at Somerton M. E. Church Saturday and Rev. Green, P. E., preached a very entertaining sermon both Saturday and Sunday.

Those from Somerton who attended the county fair in Suffolk were: Misses Lucile Blood, Lucie Cobb, Huldah Parker, Myra Vann and Mr. T. V. Arthur.

Mr. T. W. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith, and Mrs. E. J. Langston attended the funeral of their aunt Mrs. Howell of Franklin, Va.

Miss Minnie Vann of Norfolk, who has concluded a visit with relatives in Whaleyville is now visiting her brother Mr. W. L. Vann.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and son of Gates visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. W. L. Vann and Miss Minnie Vann spent Monday evening in Gates, N. C.

Children Day service will be held at Somerton in the afternoon of the second Sunday in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Parker entertained several of their friends Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Ned Freeman Sunday, p. m.

For and itchy of the skin, for skin rashes, chaps, pimples, etc., try Doan's Ointment. 50c at all drug stores. advt.