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# WISCONSIN BANKERS' FARM BULLETIN

## Some Home Conveniences

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### HAVE THE KITCHEN CONVENIENT.

Every minute and step saved in the kitchen means more time to devote to the comfort and enjoyment of the family.

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## Some Home Conveniences

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Machinery has revolutionized the work on the farm and changed the farmer from a day laborer to a manager with time to devote to the study of live stock, soils, co-operation, etc. Today the up-to-date Wisconsin farms rank among the first in the country.

**Why not improve the farm home?** Can we say that the farm home has kept pace with progress on the farms? Do we not all know farms with the most improved farm machinery where the housewife is using the same kind of household appliances that her mother and grandmother used?

We can never expect to have the highest efficiency among farm boys and girls until the mother, relieved by machinery from household drudgery, has the same time to devote to the study and care of her children that the farmer gives to his live stock.

**A few time and labor savers.** Here are listed a few of the labor saving devices which may be added to the equipment of a farm home:

**Running water and sink.** The first and most important equipment is running water in the kitchen and a sink high enough, with a drain board at the left, so that the draining place will be convenient and the woman's back need not ache when she does her work. (See Missouri Eng. Exp. Bull. 2, Columbia, Missouri.)

**Bath Room.** The twentieth century has been called the century of baths". With water in the farm house is without a Every resi-  
state who is

*"The health and the morals of the people depend mainly upon the food they eat and the homes they live in."*

“ shower running house, no complete bath room. dent of the planning a farm sewage disposal plant will do well to read Circular 34, “Sewage Disposal for the Country Home,” Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Wisconsin. A copy will be sent free to all residents of the state on application.

**Light in the Farm Home...** Bulletin 103 of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural College (State College, Pa.) and 93 of the Iowa State College (Ames, Ia.) show how the farm home may be as well lighted as the city home at very little more cost than it now takes to light them with the kerosene hand lamp. (See Missouri Eng. Exp. Sta. Bull. 1.)

**Heat all the House.** The hot water or hot air furnace in the farm home saves fuel and labor, and gives an even heat in every room, thus doing much toward preserving the health of the family.

**Make Wash Day Easier.** Power and hand washing machines can be installed in the farm home at comparatively low cost and much of the hard work of wash day will be avoided. See bulletin "Wash Day Made Easier", by Abby L. Marlatt and Luella M. Scovill of the Department of Home Economics of the University of Wisconsin. Copies sent free to all residents of the state on application.

**Cleanliness Means Better Health.** On many farms which are supplied with electric power, vacuum cleaners can be added to the equipment. Many housewives too, are well pleased with the hand use of either the hand pump and bath room and run the washer?

ment. Many chines. The helps to pre- might be dis- dust being scattered about the home. Cheese cloth and cotton cord prepared in cedar oil are the indispensable companions of the vacuum cleaner. No more old fashioned feather dusters that chase the dust about the room and never catch it.

**Ice Box Means Better Food.** For three months in the year, the Wisconsin streams and lakes are ice locked. Why should not some of nature's abundant supply of ice be carried over to keep our food fresh and appetizing in the summer heat?

**Other Aids to Housekeeping.** Many a woman has found that by using a dishwasher run by power or hand, the day's dishes of a family of eight can be washed and dried in less than fifteen minutes. A mop pail with a wringer attached to be worked with the foot, does away with the necessity of scrubbing on hands and knees, and saves the hands from the effects of strong soaps and washing powders. The use of a fireless cooker makes it possible

to go to church, or on a long drive, confident that on returning home the dinner will be ready to be served. There is no food more poorly prepared than the "staff of life". The bread mixer does away with aching arms, poorly kneaded bread, and means the saving of time and strength. Why use unsanitary wooden bowls and dull chopping knives when, by means of a meat grinder, bread, meat or crackers are as finely chopped in five minutes as

they would

hour by the

With a vege-

cold slaw,

chips, apple

fritters may

treat. Egg

beaters beat

and cream in

fourth the time it takes to beat it in with a fork and makes it possible to have whipped cream many times a week. Accuracy in measuring goes farther than almost anything else in insuring success in cookery. Then why not have scales and a measuring cup? A spatula, a two-edged knife used to remove the last of the food material from the bowl in which it was mixed and to remove cakes from pans after baking has many uses in a kitchen. In this day of canned goods a can opener is indispensable.

Every farmer who values the peace and happiness of his home will procure these conveniences thereby saving the strength and nerves of the housewife, and every mother who wishes to devote more time and energy to the proper rearing of her family will feel in duty bound to learn to use the mechanical devices her husband secures for her.

*The price of the health of  
the housewife may be equal  
to the cost of a motor car.  
Which do you prefer? Why  
not have both? But "women  
first please."*

be in half an  
old method.  
table slicer  
Saratoga  
pie, or apple  
be a daily  
and cream  
air into eggs  
about one-