

A School of Citizenship for Naturalization

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THE LEADING question in a recent questionnaire sent out by the National Education Association to secure information regarding the present status of education for petitioners for naturalization in the United States is: "What definite requirements have been set up in your community?" Our answer is an approved course of study completed in the public schools. In answer to further questions the fact is brought out that this requirement was set up by the coöperation of the Bureau of Naturalization, the Courts and the public schools, and further that those petitioners who satisfactorily complete the course are admitted without a court examination as to mental qualification and that practically all petitioners for naturalization in Los Angeles present the school diploma.

Manifestly it would greatly benefit all concerned to have such requirements established throughout the country and the N. E. A. is doing a great thing in undertaking to bring it about.

What has been accomplished here has not been done in a day nor a year. For fifteen years we have been working on the problem. First there were citizenship classes for the benefit of petitioners who did not know English well enough to pass the court examination. Then a class for educated and English speaking petitioners who needed to know something about our government and institutions was established. In order

that a premium might be put upon the education of the petitioner for intelligent citizenship, the school diploma plan of naturalization was suggested and with the approval of the court and the Bureau of Naturalization was put into operation. The great advantage of this plan is that it offers an opportunity for a comprehensive, practical education in government and the duties and privileges of citizenship instead of an examination only. Through the coöperation of the naturalization examiner and the judges it has become more and more difficult for a petitioner to be admitted without the school diploma and at the same time the requirements for the diploma have been increased so that the standard for admission is high.

Two courses are required, one in United States History and one in government. As a rule the preparation must be made between the time of filling the petition and the final hearing about ninety days later. Consequently these courses must be comprehensive, concise, practical. National, state, county, and city government are definitely covered. The important facts about the departments and institutions of the four governments are emphasized. The intelligent and effective citizen must be familiar with the machinery of government. At the same time effective use of the machinery is possible only through a realizing sense of the great American ideals of democracy. Civics

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A Tribute to American Genius

Gas Range of American Genius Adopted by Britishers

Few people realize the immensity of the business which public service corporations perform. For instance, that it is estimated that in the Portland territory the Portland Gas & Coke Company furnished its fuel for over 55,000 (fifty-five thousand) gas ranges.

In the last few years manufacturers have improved both the quality and appearance of their gas ranges so that there is very little to remind one of the old-time appliance. In those days it was a question of how cheap they could be made, to induce people to try the new fuel but now that gas is recognized as the most economical and quickest of all fuels, it is not necessary to coax people by the cheapness of the appliance. The automobile investments have done a great deal towards making families realize that a gas range, which ought to last for at least ten years, is the cheapest in the end if it is well made and a piece of furniture instead of a makeshift.

Not so long ago an Eastern manufacturer invented a gas range with a smooth top, which has well nigh revolutionized the gas range business and, as was advertised the other day in the daily papers, one insurance company, in an apartment house project, took 2076 (two thousand seventy six) ranges in one order, something which has never been heard of before anywhere in the world.

Here in Portland, too, the new style gas ranges have taken the people by storm as more than 500 (five hundred) of them have already been ordered by apartment houses.

One of the principal advantages of this new style cooking stove is that one can keep warm those things which have been cooked while other things are being prepared. Formerly this was impossible and the problem of how to serve an entire meal without any of it being chilled has been solved by this clever invention.

Most people do not realize that gas cannot burn unless it is mixed with air and that for this reason it is absolutely necessary that the right proportion of air is fed to the gas in order to give the proper flame.

In these new ranges the cooking holes are only in front and the back which is covered, can supply air to the burners. This is one of the principal points covered by the patent.

Even Great Britain, which generally leads in manufacturing gas appliances made a deal with the American manufacturer to handle these same ranges in the British Isles, which is not only an honor to American Genius, but proves that the Britisher is willing to accept a good thing when he sees it even though it comes from a competitor.

Among the more important apartment houses which have recently been equipped with these new smooth top gas ranges may be mentioned the following:

Melcliffe Court Annex
Arcadia Apartments
Belle Court Apartments

Cordova Apartments
Housman Apartments
Wellesley Court Apartments
Morton Apartments

Williams Bungalow Court
Easson Bungalow Court
King Davis Apartments

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