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OUR HANDS How to Care for them in Cold Weather.

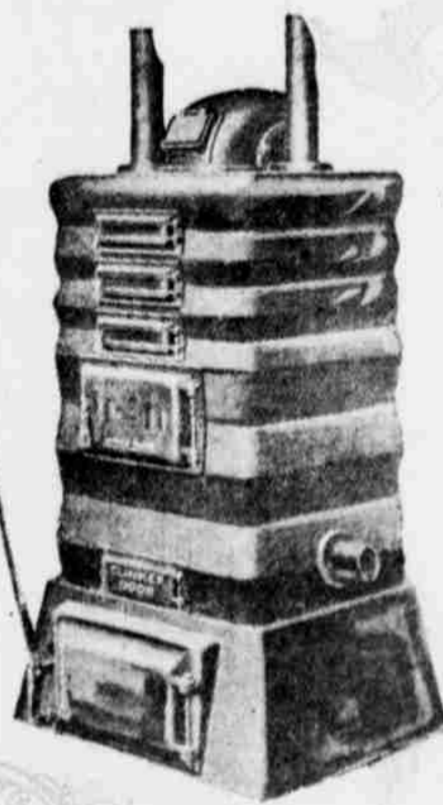
BY EDNA EGAN.

The woman who does her own housework finds it hard to keep her hands in good condition during cold weather. There are some skins that are unyielding to heat or cold, but the majority of women are not so constipated. There is more formal entertaining in winter than in summer. It is more likely that the hands should be protected, but too often they are the hands of their owners.

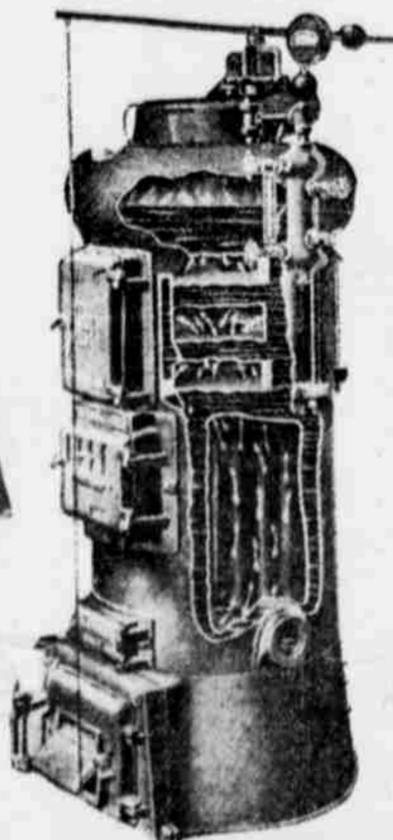
Prevention is better than cure and attention to preserving the hands as much as possible in the first place is the best way. All extremes of temperature and the splashing of hands with cold water should be avoided. When common soap is used in dish washing, employ a dish to keep the hands out of the water and do not have the water too hot.

The hands must be always clean. If they are to be soft and supple, it is a mistake to wash them too often. A few drops of olive oil rubbed well in, will be better, with talcum powder, and then wiping with a coarse towel. This protects the flesh from growing rough.

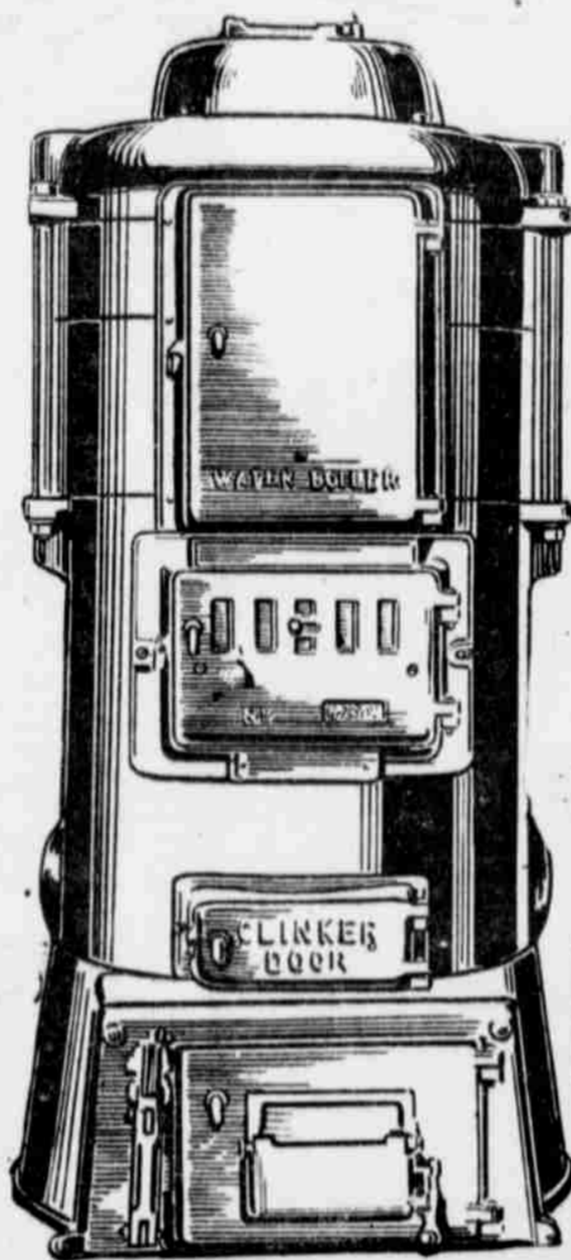
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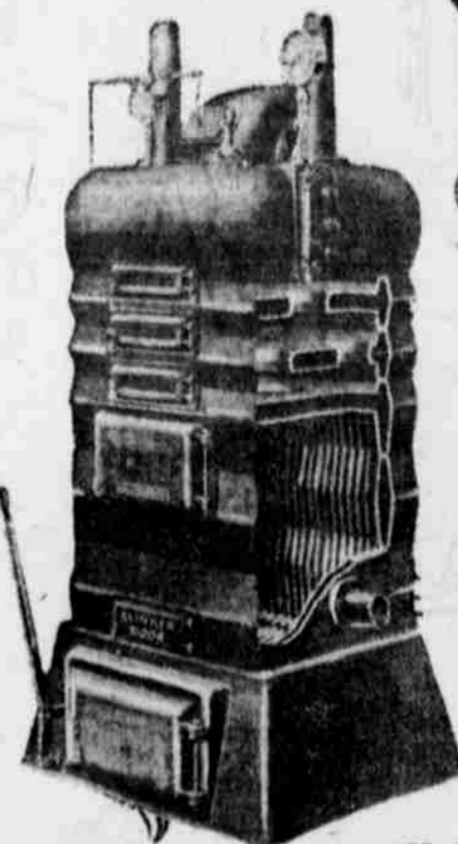
THESE BOILERS HAVE CAPACITY AND A GREATLY IMPROVED DIRECT FIRE.



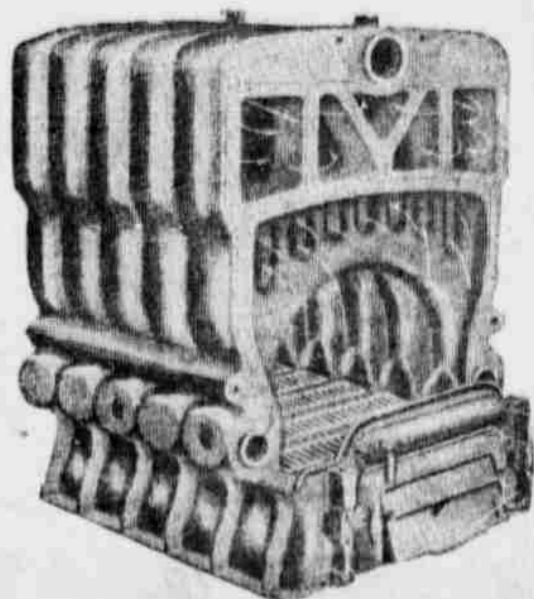
THE FRONT DRAFT DOORS ON THE ASH PITS ARE HINGED IN THE CENTRE AND BALANCE ON THE BUTTERFLY PATTERNS.



THE SECTIONS ARE NEARLY SELF-CLEANING.



SOFT COAL THESE BOILERS ARE ESPECIALLY ADAPTED TO BUILDINGS HAVING OF LOW CONSTRUCTION.



STEAM AND WATER BOILER.

SALADS

It is not too much to say that no great mental, moral or physical progress can be made without an ample supply of this vegetable food. Salad is the one ingredient of our regular diet which we cannot afford to do without. Some people say salad is cold and indigestible, but cabbage, if eaten raw, needs only two and a half hours for digestion, as against five hours when boiled. The boiling of green foods destroys the original organic combination of the mineral salts.

Many thousands of men and women of all ages suffer from anemia, from having lived almost entirely on cooked food. To those long accustomed to highly-flavored food, salads will at first seem tasteless, but liking for them comes with use.

Salad should be very carefully washed in several changes of clean water. This is essential. During washing the leaves should be well picked over and inspected.

Leaves should be torn, not cut. When done, they can be allowed to soak for an hour, or overnight, but not longer in cold water, to which a little lemon juice has been added to increase the crispness of the leaves.

The Japanese use the petals of many flowers for salads. Chrysanthemums, stocks, violets, roses, nasturtiums and dandelions are excellent. Nasturtiums and dandelions are especially good, as they possess strong antitoxin powers.



PASTIMES FOR LEAP YEAR ENTERTAINMENTS

Many New and Novel Ideas for the Amusement of Guests in Both Humorous and Practical Ways.

GINGERBREAD MEN.
BY LUCILLE DAUDET.
Ideal for socials and entertainments are welcome to the hostess at this season. It is also a good time for church suppers and socials. Here is something called "A Pie-d Affair" which was got up by the young people of a church society. It was certainly different from the ordinary church supper. This menu was printed on round brownish bits of paper to look like pies:

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| Daked Anelbs | Lode Atem |
| (Baked Beans) | (Cold Meat) |
| Obwnr Rabbe | Dercream Otatop |
| (Brown Bread) | (Creamed Potatoes) |
| Kumpin Iep | Foefee Lyle |
| (Pumpkin Pie) | (Coffee Jelly) |

The tables were tastefully arranged with bread, relishes and the menus. There was a hostess for each table, who poured the coffee or tea. The guests had great fun working out the bits of fare.

POUNDERED POTATOES.
An old-fashioned mother of six charming children whose ages ranged from 2 to 11 gave this unique party. The invitations were issued on rounds of brown paper scalloped to look just like a ginger cookie. The rounds were pasted on white paper backgrounds and this rhyme written beneath it:
One spoon for two,
Oh! what fun!
But then you see,
You two are one.

SHRIMP IN APRIC.
One pint white stock, boiling, add one dessert spoon powdered gelatin, juice half lemon, drain and rinse two cans shrimps. Place shrimps in individual molds and pour partially cooled jelly over them. To unmold nicely, set molds on cloth wrung out in hot water for five seconds. Serve on heart lettuce leaves with mayonnaise.
SALTED MACKEREL COOKED IN MILK.
Let the fish lie fresh side down overnight in cold water. In the morning drain, put in a greasy pan, where it will lie flat. Cover to the depth of one-fourth inch with fresh, sweet milk, and let simmer very gently on the back of range or in the oven for about 20 minutes.

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SCALLOPED BEEF AND TOMATOES.
Cold roast or boiled beef, one can tomatoes, half cup gravy, one tablespoon butter, one cup bread crumbs. Drain the juice from the tomatoes and set on the fire with one tablespoon of sugar. Cut the beef into slices and place a layer in a greased baking dish. Over this put some tomato, another layer of beefs and so on until all is used, the last layer being tomato. Moisten thoroughly with the juice and gravy, season slightly. Sprinkle with the bread crumbs. Dot with bits of butter. Bake half hour covered. Uncover, brown

gingerbread buttons all neatly in place. Rains the eyes that are watching for you. Come to my party on Tuesday at two. The name, date and hour were given and "Please wear play suits." Gingerbread men, women, children and animals were served with cups and tumblers of milk. Peppermint candy and nut sandwiches, completed the simple refreshments. Each child had a gingerbread favor to take home, carefully wrapped in a pretty paper napkin. To the child who found the most peanuts, which were hidden over the lower floor, a copy of the "Little Gingerbread Man" was given. The guests were all at home by 5 o'clock.

SPON SHOWER.
A young girl who was to marry a man not bleased with a great store of this world's goods was the recipient of this novel shower. The girls, 12 in number, contributed the price of a dozen spoons. Each spoon was done separately in tissue paper and put in a lovely pie made in shape of a wedding bell. A white satin ribbon ran to each place. When the first pie had been opened a spoon bearing this rhyme was forthcoming:
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THE REST OF THE GIRLS EACH DREW A SPOON, AND EXCLAIMED, AS THEY JUST

IMPROVING THE NECK

FOR THE CHRONICALLY BROWN LECK use regularly the following lotion: Borax acid, one dram; distilled witchhazel, two ounces; rose water, two ounces. Exercise the throat right and morning until it becomes moist with perspiration, wipe off the perspiration with a soft cloth dipped in warm water and apply the lotion with antiseptic gauze. After a week of this treatment there will be a marked improvement in the color of the neck.
Sweet cream is an excellent cold cream and sour milk is as good a whitener for the face and arms as any one could wish. Lave the skin in it, allowing it to dry on, then wash with clear, warm water. A piece of cucumber rubbed over the skin will remove tan, and a face wash in buttermilk or sour milk, into which has been grated a teaspoon of horseradish to a cup of milk, will remove both tan and freckles. A scalded milk bath will often cure obstinate skin affections.

Beet juice will be found a perfect rouge and an equally perfect face powder is made of six raw carrots scraped fine with half a beet root, and after three ounces of powdered starch have been added, expose to the sun until "bone" dry. After adding 40 grains of powdered bergamot it is

matched the one drawn by the bride-elect, that they must all go to her. The refreshments were shrimp salad served in heart-shaped cases, with coffee and nut sandwiches, mixed with mayonnaise dressing, then a delicious tutti-frutti in bell-shaped molds.

SHOWER FOR A BRIDEGROOM.
This affair certainly was something entirely new to me and I think will be so to most of my readers. It all came about in this way: There was to be a wedding and the bride was much entertained. One night the men who were to be in the bridal party said they thought a bridegroom was a much neglected individual. The result was his receiving the following invitation, a copy of which was sent to about 20 of his most intimate friends.
"A shower" will be given at the home of J. F. Black in honor of C. G. White on Tuesday night. Please bring an article suitable for him in the new life he is about to undertake.

The men entered into the spirit of the thing and the result was amusing in the extreme. There was not a girl in evidence, though the best man's sister arranged for the refreshments, flowers and place cards. Here were some of the articles contributed, all done up in tissue paper tied with ribbons:
A box of collar buttons, razor strop, silk hose, suspenders, garters, shaving brush, a tack hammer, bath slippers, cup and saucer. Many of the gifts were accompanied with rhymes, which were read aloud as each parcel was opened. The ushers and best man planned the shower.

PATIENCE HAS ITS REWARD

BY MRS. McCUNE.
Patience is perhaps the virtue most necessary to human happiness. It is necessary in the relations between mother and child, between brother and sister, especially between husband and wife, between teacher and pupil, between friends and between employer and employee.
The mother must have patience with the little mischievous pranks of her youngsters and the faults of her grown up children, or she will cause them and herself much sorrow from her bursts of temper. There must be mutual forbearance and forgiveness between brother and sister if happiness is to reign in the household.

Where is success for the teacher who has no patience? As one of the characters in a popular play tersely remarks, "It can't be done." Teaching to be successful must go hand in hand with patience. In fact, the average instructor needs more than his share of this invaluable virtue, for in a class of twenty pupils perhaps only one will have lively intelligence, ten will be densely stupid and the other nine will be in between, not exactly stupid and certainly not noticeably intelligent. How trying, then, for a man or woman of ordinary brains to attempt to impart knowledge of which he or she is

IF you have covered a pan in which meat is to be roasted, never open it to baste the meat. Keep it covered from start to finish. The idea is that the pans are filled with steam, which penetrates the fibres of the meat. It desired to brown the outside leave the cover off for the first half hour in a quick oven.

MAGAZINE covers are made from heavy linens and craftsman's canvas. For the postcard albums the latter fabric is preferred. Both materials can be had in a variety of colors and an applique of cretonne is a popular form of decoration. Book covers in a cool gray lined adorned with a spray of purple orchids cut from cretonne are pretty, and so are those in terra cotta craftsman's canvas, displaying a Swastika cross cut from cretonne in dull Oriental colorings.

ROOMS dipped for a few minutes in boiling suds once a week will last much longer than they otherwise would. They should immediately afterward be plunged into cold water to stiffen the straw. This weekly bath is an excellent thing for it so thoroughly cleans this dust-gathering implement. If a housekeeper will take the trouble occasionally to clip the edges of the straws, the cleaning powers will be improved. This is because constant use sharpens the ends and they do not gather the dust as well as when square, their first condition.

RUGS on the rag-carpet order are much used now and thrifty women are saving not only discarded garments, but scraps and cuttings from white and colored garments, to be woven into small rugs. These rugs are used in almost every room in the house, especially in the sitting room. One may be under the feet when a person is sewing in the sitting room, another will be a comfort on the floor at the sink, a third will save the carpet in front of a bureau and a fourth will be useful in the bathroom.

TO improve the appearance of a very narrow hall place large mirrors on both sides. This gives a very good effect. A large mirror, one the length of the wall if placed opposite the landing of a half-curved staircase, will add wonderfully to the appearance of the narrow hall and make it seem much larger.

CAPE COD CAKE.
One cup brown sugar, half a cup of molasses, half cup rice fat or butter, one cup sour milk, three cups flour, one egg, one teaspoon soda, all kinds

narrow hall. Use a plain paper and also plain carpets without figures, or geometrical design in very small broken lines. Terra cotta is a good hall color, also a good grade of olive green can be used. A cream paper, toned to oak, is handsome in a new house, though a color scheme is usually needed. A light paper is preferable in a narrow, unlighted hall. Green paper fades very easily and red soon loses its original color.

ALTHOUGH there may be something aboriginal in the idea of the blanket as a covering, it is a fact that one of the dearest personal gifts which may be given the bride-to-be, or even the plain, ordinary person, is the blanket bathrobe. To be sure, the bathrobe spoken of is made out of a silk blanket—once so soft in texture that it would not annoy even the hypersensitive princess of the fairy story. These blankets, which come in the shops at reasonable prices, are striped variously in pink and blue, violet and buff, blue and white. In making into a bathrobe the most practical model is on kimono lines. Large armholes are cut, into which square sleeves are inserted. The stripes must go across in order to give a good hang to the blanket. The edges are bound with china silk or pongee in the shade of the stripes.

UTOIS, or fitch, in the natural tint is very fashionable. This fur is used to trim nut-brown cloth and velveteen; it is also introduced on coats made of chamola leather, and on a variety of warm materials which show the warm yellowish tints which belong of right to fitch. At the present moment fitch and skunk seem to be the leading favorites in the world of furs, though white fox runs them very close. One of the new furs recently introduced in Paris is "Jaguarete," a soft, expensive, pseudo-leopard skin. This fur is introduced on some of the more elaborate tailor-mades, and it possesses one excellent quality; it ought to give endless wear. Jaguarete was applied to a walking costume seen a few days ago made of soft navy blue serge, lavishly trimmed with black braid in different widths. There was a deep yoke of this curious fur and the yoke was bordered with silk braid. Then there was a stimulated underkirt of the fur which showed about three inches below the full skirt of serge. It was rather a sensational model, but not really eccentric. Jaguarete will be largely used, in con-