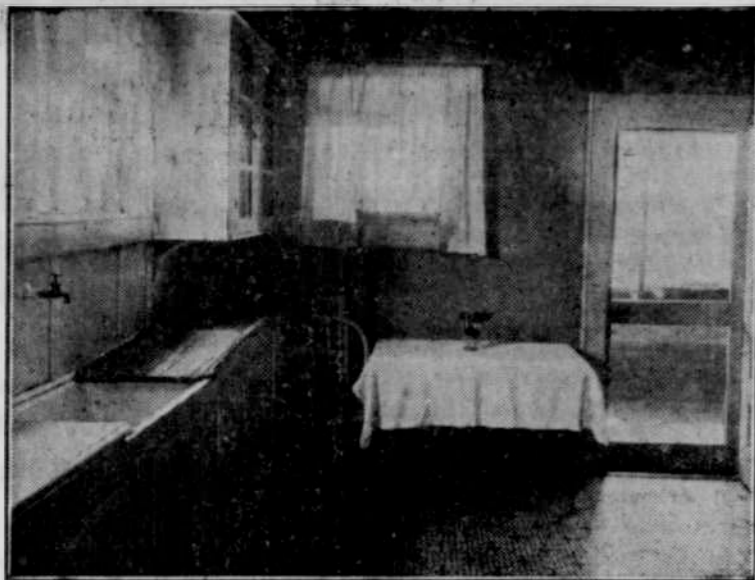


Handy Kitchen Arrangement



Drain Boards on Each Side of the Sink and Good Light Make This a Satisfactory Dishwashing Center.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Drainboards on each side of the sink and good light above it make dishwashing easy and convenient. This is especially true if the dish closet is so placed that the china may be put away without extra steps after it has been washed and wiped. In this corner of a Louisiana farm home, photographed by the United States Department of Agriculture, all these points are exemplified. The sink arrangement is so neat and compact, with its tidy cupboards below the drainboards, and the extra end window makes it so light and pleasant, that the housewife evidently enjoys her individual lunch here, for she has put a cloth over the table and a vase of flowers on it. The little table might be set for two or four persons for any light meal which did not seem formal enough to make it worth while to carry food and dishes all the way to the larger dining room. The kitchen opens onto a screened entrance porch, which is pleasant enough to use for preparing vegetables, ironing, or other work in warm weather. Linoleum on the floor is easy to keep clean and comfortable under foot.

In planning any kitchen, if the various activities that are to be carried on in it are kept constantly in mind, it is possible to arrange definite work centers which save steps and contribute to efficiency. The preparation of foods, cooking, serving, and clearing away and dishwashing, are four activities that follow each other every day and several times a day in most kitchens. Compact centers for these jobs are therefore desirable. While the sink may be part of the raw food preparation center in conjunction with a work table, it is principally as in the

USE OF PRESSURE COOKERS

Research and practical experience have demonstrated, says Dr. A. F. Woods, director of scientific work, United States Department of Agriculture, that nonacid food products, like asparagus, beans, corn, peas, beets, spinach, meats and fish, cannot be canned safely by processing in boiling water, but must be sterilized under pressure with approved time and temperature.

Pressure cookers are now standard equipment and are readily available at small cost. The department does not recommend any particular make, although attention is called to the importance of having the pressure kettle equipped with thermometer and pressure gauge for proper control.

"There is now no excuse," says Doctor Woods, "for continuing to take risks involved in canning nonacid foods without adequate pressure cooking. All recommendations by the Department of Agriculture will hereafter make this clear and emphatic."

Pickles Are Easily Made

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If you prefer a crisp, sweet cucumber pickle to a dill pickle you can convert the latter into the former very easily. Either homemade or commercial dill pickles may be used. The advantage of beginning with the dill pickles is that very little time is necessary for completing the sweet pickles if the right acid is used.

These sweet cucumber pickles are made in rings, and come out clear, crisp and transparent. They are very attractive to serve with salad or cold meat or as an appetizer. The following recipe is furnished by the bureau of home economics of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Sweet Cucumber Pickles.

- 60 firm dill pickles 1/2 cup whole
- 12 peeled garlic black pepper or
- 12 buttons 6 hot red pep-
- 3 pints cider vine- per pods
- gar 10 lbs. granulated
- 1 pint tarragon sugar
- vinegar 1 lb. brown sugar
- 1/2 cup whole all- 1 cup olive oil
- spice

The dill pickles may be made previously according to the directions in Farmers' Bulletin 1433-F. Cut them in cross slices one-half inch thick, and drain in a colander overnight. In a

Illustration, the place where soiled dishes are stacked and washed. While not seen in the picture, the garbage can should be close at hand, and on shelves or hooks—in this case in the lower cupboards—can be kept the articles needed for dishwashing, such as the dishpan, mop, sink brush, soap shaker, washing powder, or other cleaning agents, and dish drainer. Cloths and towels that have been used are generally hung in the air, and kept in a drawer when clean. Double boilers, the coffee pot, pitchers and other utensils that must be filled with water before being used are kept near the sink, also strainers and colanders which will be used there.

Evening Story for the Children

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

"I am going to give a dinner," shouted Peter Gnome, "in honor of the club, the Every-Day-Is-Nice Club."

"All our members have lived up to the rules so beautifully in acting and behaving and feeling that every day, no matter what the weather, was fun and that something could be done every single day."

"So I am going to give a dinner. Pray all come and hear the news."

The brownies, elves, gnomes, members of the Bogy family, old Mr. Giant and Witty Witch and the goblins all came hurrying to the spot where Peter Gnome stood.

When he saw them all he waved his high hat in the air and shouted.

"There is a little cave near here. It would not be large enough for old Mr. Giant, but it is going to be my new home."

"There is moss inside, and there are little ferns growing about."

"There are tiny cracks in the rocks and sometimes I will be able to talk to the insects and hear why they do this and why they do that."

"So I am going to give a cave warming."

"What?" they all asked in surprise.

"When people give a party in a new house they call it a house warming—or when they have moved to a new home."

"Well, as my house is to be a cave, and as I am going to give a party in it, I think I should call it a cave warming."

"Perfectly sensible," said Witty Witch.

"A very sensible young fellow is Peter Gnome."

"Still," said old Mr. Giant, and stopped for a moment, then com-

menced to speak again, and then to wipe a tear away.

"Why old Mr. Giant, what is the matter?" asked Peter Gnome, as he hopped on Mr. Giant's right shoulder, pulled his right ear and kissed the tip of his ear gaily.

"I was being a little selfish," said Mr. Giant.

"You—selfish!" shouted Peter Gnome. "What in the world do you mean?"

"I will tell you," said Mr. Giant.

"Do," said Peter Gnome.

"Do," said Witty Witch. "I always approve of creatures telling what they

my dear friend Peter Gnome loved me."

"Oh, Mr. Giant," said Peter Gnome. "how glad I am you told me what was the matter."

"Yes, Witty Witch, you are quite right in saying things should be talked out."

"My cave where I'll sleep is very small—too small for you but all right for a bedroom for me, but my real place where I'll give the cave warming is the outside part which is like an open cave, and there are two great tables of rocks where I shall have dinner parties and where we're to have our party now."

"Oh, Mr. Giant, I wouldn't live anywhere where you couldn't come and visit me."

"There will be lots of room for you in the big cave. You can even take a nap on one of my tables any time you wish."

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have heard that makes them feel hurt.

"I don't believe in their keeping it to themselves as it may all be a misunderstanding that can be cleared up with a little talk."

"Peter Gnome is going to give a cave warming," said Mr. Giant, "and he said his cave was too small for me."

"It hurts my feelings for I thought

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Bishop All Right, but

Oh, You Cannibal King!

The late Avery Hopwood, the brilliant playwright, believed in the younger generation. He said one day at a luncheon in his New York apartment:

"The younger generation is innocent. It talks rough, but it is innocent at heart. It reminds me of the two little girls."

The first little girl was on her way to school when she met the old bishop.

"Haven't you got a kiss for me, my child?" he said.

"So she pursed up her little mouth and stood on tiptoe and the old bishop kissed her."

"When she got to school she bragged to her schoolmates:

"I just kissed a bishop."

"Oh, pshaw, that ain't nothin'," said a second little girl. "Why, at the masquerade ball at the Ocean hotel I kissed a black cannibal king."

Seamen's Phrase That

Might Puzzle Landsmen

"Yes, I like the Bowdoin. She sleeps eleven," said Commander Mac-Millan to a reporter who greeted him when the ship docked.

"She sleeps eleven?" the reporter questioned.

"Yes," the commander answered. "She sleeps is a term used by sailors and obviously means the limit of the ship's accommodations. I was walking through a cemetery in Provincetown, Mass., not very long ago when I saw two old sea captains admiring the tombstone of a prominent ex-resident."

"That's quite a tombstone," I remarked to one of them.

"It is," he answered, "a wonderful tombstone. She sleeps six."

The price of liberty is eternal vigilance, but the cost of repairs is extra.

Protect iron or steel utensils which are stored for the summer by coating the surface with paraffin or other fat containing no salt and wrapping them with newspaper. This applies to flatirons and stoves as well as to small kitchen utensils.

To make a cover to protect food which is cooling, stretch a piece of cheesecloth over an embroidery frame a little larger than the dish containing the food. Several hoops of graduated sizes may be kept for this purpose on a long hook in the kitchen pantry.

CARE OF THE BROOM

A new broom sweeps clean, but so will an old broom if properly cared for. Careless treatment will wear out a broom more quickly than frequent and prolonged sessions of sweeping.

Occasional washing will help to keep your broom in good condition. Prepare a pail of hot soap suds and dip the broom end in and out quickly so as not to soak the bristles. Shake off as much of the moisture as you can, then hang it in the open air until it is dry.

Be Prepared

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