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Some housekeepers are now trying the plan of employing domestic help for only part of a day, without going to the expense of having to provide an extra room for a permanent maid. One family engaged a helper for the four morning hours, from eight to 12, for four dollars a week. During that time she swept, dusted, washed all the dishes, those left from dinner of the day before as well as the breakfast china; prepared vegetables, made beds, accomplished a great deal of ironing. Of course, all this was not done in one morning. The work for each day was planned beforehand. For less than this one would imagine good service could be had, but when one considers that space and furniture are saved and no meals given, this kind of a servant is in reality cheaper than a regular "general." In a small family a flat does not always furnish enough work for the whole time of a maid, and nothing is more trying for maid and mistress than for the former to have idle hands in so small a space. Restlessness and discontent are sure to arise, while the housekeeper cannot conscientiously enjoy doing a little cooking or housework on her own account lest she take away the excuse that keeps her servant. It would be more satisfactory in such a case to dismiss the "general" for an hourly worker if it were not for the awkwardness of having to answer one's own doorbell at many an inopportune and trying moment. Many a housewife pays good wages to an indifferent maid.

Much of your china, bric-a-brac, and glassware that is discarded or thrown away because of nicks, breaks, etc., could be mended if a little care were given to it. It is not difficult to glue the pieces together if one is particular about fitting the edges closely. An expensive china or glass water pitcher can be made serviceable again if water is not left standing in it. On account of glass being transparent, it is the most difficult to repair, because it must be mended so carefully that the cracks will not show.

For clear glass the best kind of glue is made from a solution of isinglass and gin, of which two ounces of the former and one-half pint of the latter are dissolved in a bottle. As it will take some time to accomplish this, the bottle should be placed in the sun and shaken daily. The liquid should then be strained through a fine cloth. The glass to be mended must be well washed in hot suds, well dried, and the glue applied with a small hair brush. When the pieces have been fitted together they should be held in place by strips of muslin until the glue dries.

For mending bric-a-brac a good paste can be made of sifted plaster of paris mixed with the beaten whites of an egg. The mixture should be hardened rapidly.

Chicken and Rice Pie.

Disjoint a large fowl and put in a stewpan with three pints of boiling water. Add a slice from a large onion, two slices of pepper. Simmer until tender; the time will depend upon the age of the fowl. Wash one and one-half cups of rice and cook in three quarts of boiling water ten minutes. Add a level teaspoon of salt and cook until tender. Drain, add one-half cup of butter, one cup of milk, and two well beaten eggs. Put a layer of chicken in a baking dish, then a thin layer of rice, another layer of chicken and last the remainder of the rice. Pour two cups of the chicken broth over and set in a moderate oven for half an hour. Serve in the same dish.

Stains on Furniture.

Stains on willow or wicker furniture may be readily washed off with hot water and soap and when thoroughly dried in the sun the cleansed parts if shellacked with white will look just like the rest of the chair or pieces that have a natural finish.

The noises squeaky hinges make may be stopped by putting on kerosene oil and brass beds may be kept in condition by rubbing them once or twice a month with olive oil. The oil should be put on with a soft flannel cloth and rubbed off almost immediately with a soft piece of cheese cloth.

Keep Furniture in Repair.

Loose rungs on chairs are annoying besides giving the pieces of furniture the appearance of cheapness and general disability. They may be easily made tight by filling the grooves into which they are fitted with a good glue. As soon as this dries and the rungs are made secure the glue that has run down on the outside may be chipped off with a knife. A loose arm to a rocker or the runners on a rocker may be tightened in the same way.

Burnt Almonds.

Put into a saucepan a cup and a half of brown sugar and three table-spoonfuls of water. Stir until the sugar is dissolved. When the sirup comes to a good boil put in one cup shelled and blanched almonds and stir until the nuts are well covered, and a little brown. Turn out on to a buttered dish and separate each nut. If not thoroughly coated with the candy repeat the process.

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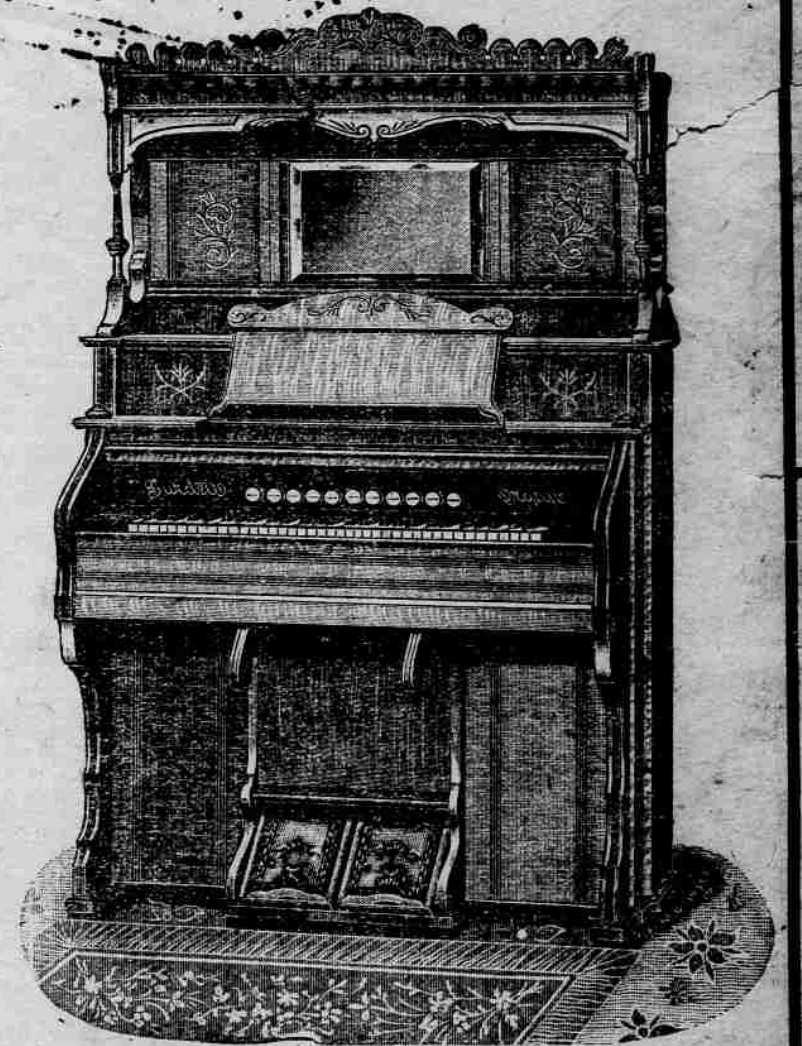
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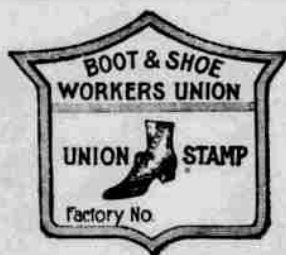
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