

## The People's Weekly Electrical Page

### CLUB PLAN ADVANTAGES

Many Benefits to Wives Who Co-Operate With Neighbors.

### SEWING MACHINE AN EXAMPLE

Success of Scheme Whereby Electrical Conveniences Are Brought to Homes of Greatest Number of Families.

"My! How tired I get of this continual pedaling," exclaimed the other day, a woman who has a large amount of sewing to do for her daughters in high school. "I don't know what I would do without my sewing machine. It is a thousand times better than having to sew everything by hand, but sometimes I think I know what it would be to have in a treadmill!"

Two of her neighbors, who were visiting her at the time, heard the remark; it suggested to both of them the same idea, namely, that practically all of the labor of sewing would be eliminated for this hard-working mother if she had an electric sewing machine motor. When this was suggested to her, she replied: "I know that electricity can do the pedaling, for I have seen a sewing machine running smoothly and noiselessly in one of the shop windows downtown, with no attendant whatever, but I know also that I can't afford to have one, for I priced them the other day and they cost in the neighborhood of \$25. Perhaps I will have one some day, but by that time the chickens will all be old hens."

Here the conversation ended, but the idea still rankled in the minds of the two visitors, and a few days later the three ladies formed themselves into a Neighborhood Sewing Machine club, each subscribed \$3.33, as her proportion of the cost, and a sewing machine motor was bought. The machine, of course, was kept in the busy woman's home, but now when either of her good neighbors has a bit of sewing that she wants to do quickly, and with the least amount of effort, she takes it over to the "club headquarters," and electricity does the work.

**Blind Hello Girls Have Come to Stay**

The blind telephone girl has come to stay. An exceptional girl two years ago passed the severe test of the work. Now the Maryland school for the blind has just turned out five other well trained girls, and the managers believe that they will be able to open this field of work to many other girls.

The most difficult board now run by blind girls is that at the Central Young Men's Christian association. The Young Men's Christian association is a club, a hotel and a clearing house for many lines of religious, social and athletic activities. Just as a hotel it has about 200 rooms. The building has eight pay stations besides many house phones.

**New Kitchen Pleases Mrs. Wilson.**

Mrs. Wilson likes to preside over her own kitchen. She is delighted with the kitchen at the White house and hopes to find time to slip in occasionally to concoct something to please the family. She finds in this new kitchen of hers every modern convenience and electrical contrivance for culinary purposes.

### New York Woman Found Easy Way to Call Dinner

A New York woman finding out that her electric coffee percolator, toaster, and chafing dish when all in use on the table required a good deal of cord extending from baseboard receptacles or dangling from lamp sockets, ingeniously devised a remedy.

She had a connection made in the floor underneath the table and the cords brought up through the table leg to the center of the table. From here they could connect with any number of electrical appliances in the table without adding any look of disorder to the room. A visitor asked her if she did not deprecate, sometimes, the round aperture in her table and table cloths.

"Oh, no," she replied, "it has one great advantage. I can always tell in an instant when the cloth is on straight."

### Vacuum Cleaner is Used to Get Snow Off Spokane Walks

W. H. Art, manager, and J. A. Martin, superintendent of the old National bank building of Spokane, have found a new use for the vacuum cleaner—that of removing the loose snow from the window sills, ledges and edges of the roof of the building. No, the snow was not drawn through the hose and taken to the basement. The fan of the engine was reversed so that, instead of a suction, a blower was devised and the loose snow was blown so fine that people walking in the streets below thought a new brand of snow was being manufactured that fell from a clear sky.

### Turk Finds Means of Getting on Safe Side All the Time

The Turk has awakened to the fact that he is behind the times in street lighting and has acquired the habit of carrying with him an electric flashlight to aid him in case "Turk meets Turk" in bad humor.

They want to be able to see their way either to fight or to run, it seems.

### NEW SAFEGUARD FOR VESSELS GREAT NEWS

The Titanic disaster is one of the many which it is said, would not have happened were it possible for vessels to see ahead of them.

There is an electric flashlight now in use on a passenger ship which throws a ray of light seven miles on water and when thrown on the sky can be seen thirty miles.

It is claimed that this powerful electric light ray has pierced fog and distinguished distant objects at every point of the horizon in actual tests at sea and will make collision accidents with icebergs impossible in the future, doing away with all chance of another terrible "Titanic" disaster.

### PARIS LIKES TOM EDISON

French French Paper Has Amusing Satire on Great Inventor.

### HOW MAN WOULD GO FORTH

By Pressing Button, Burlesque Pictures, England or Any Other Country Could Be Destroyed.

A Parisian paper has caricatured the growth of electrical science under the guidance of Thomas A. Edison in a very amusing manner.

Edison's assistant's frenzied announcement that war has been declared between the United States and Great Britain is met by the calm request for the assistant to join two certain wires and press the button.

The assistant is dumfounded when told that this simple act has destroyed the British army which was just then embarking at Liverpool.

"There doesn't seem to be any reason why America should be afraid of its enemies after this, sir," he exclaims.

"I am inclined to share your views," says Edison, smiling slightly, "but in order to avert any future trouble, I think it would be best to destroy England altogether."

"To—destroy England, sir?"

"Kindly touch button No. 4 there."

The assistant touches it. The inventor counts ten.

"—eight, nine, ten—it is all over. There is no more England!"

"Oh! Oh!" exclaims the young man.

"Now we may proceed quietly with our work," says the great man. "And if we should ever be at war with any other nation, you have only to notify me. I have an electric button connecting with every foreign country which will destroy it when pressed. In ten minutes I could destroy every country in the world, the United States included. Be careful, now, that you don't touch any of those buttons accidentally—you might do a lot of damage!"

### Chased Cats from Fence.

We do not exactly credit this report from Brooklyn, but give it here in case some one wishes to experiment on the sparks from a cat's back.

There is no need of going to New London to prove that a cat can give off electricity from its back; right here in Brooklyn it has been demonstrated.

A block on Macon street was infested with cats. The back fences were topped with a board about four inches wide and this board was used by the cats as a promenade and concert stage.

An electrician put a glass tube large enough to push a cat into, and with a puff of compressed air pussy was shot out of the other end. The resultant electricity was wired to a storage battery. Each family wishing electric light had to furnish its own cats.

This furnished light for the block and destroyed the "yows"—New York Sun.

An overnight bag of automobile leather is unusually long and narrow. It takes up but little foot room in the car and holds as much as the shorter and wider bags.



"Hush, children, it's daddy talking."

### A Distant Message

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