

# Co-Operative Housekeeping

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There is a marked difference between co-operative housekeeping and imposing upon the good nature of the neighbors. I have in mind a woman who borrows her neighbor's electric iron each week. She never has the decency to send the iron to the repair shop when it needs a thorough overhauling. Instead, she sends it back with a "Really, I do not know what is the matter with your iron—it doesn't seem to work right at all today."

I believe one reason two families find it difficult to live in the same home, is because they disregard the rights of ownership. It seems to be part and parcel of human nature to take advantage of kindness if one allows it.

In one suburb I know four families who live in an apartment house. They have lived in this same house for several years. Long ago they decided that they ought to have certain labor-saving devices. And since they are not rich, they decided to purchase these articles on the co-operative basis. And so they drew up a regular contract, a copy of which each received. They had to purchase on the installment plan. One family paid the installment the first week, another the next, and so on, while all used the labor-savers in turn and only had to meet the payment once each month instead of once each week.

But, of course, repairs when they were needed were made and the expense shared by the others. It happened recently that one of the families found it necessary to move to another city. And so the depreciation was agreed upon and the others bought out the fourth's share for a small sum each.

By this system the housewives were able to have the use of a vacuum cleaner, a bread mixer, an electric iron, a washing machine and mangle, a sewing machine and a phonograph. Not one of the families could have possessed these things individually. Yet, by co-operation, each enjoyed the last word in modern housekeeping devices.

Many women have said to me: It is all very well to recommend these labor-savers, but the average family that must pay rent and buy food and clothing absolutely cannot purchase any one labor-saver, not to mention half a dozen. Yet, it is these not-well-to-do women who are the very ones who need these helps. For they must do all the housework without the luxury of the once-a-week cleaner of the more prosperous. And co-operation seems to be the only solution.

But, perhaps, you do not like the woman upstairs or next door. There are very few people in the business world who are not like their neighbors or associates. Yet, they do business and get along.

So also should housewives who desire co-operative housekeeping put aside personal likes and dislikes and view the thing unemotionally from a business standpoint. Co-operative housekeeping is coming. And the woman of today should realize its benefits and start the ball rolling in the right direction.

## How to Care for Hard Wood Floors

Wood forms a large percentage of the surfaces that must be cared for in a home.

Unfinished wood surfaces absorb grease and dirt more readily, are more likely to stain and are harder to keep clean than those in which the pores of the wood are filled with varnish, oil, paint or other finish. In general a house should contain as few unfinished surfaces as possible.

Unfinished wood surfaces may be scrubbed with the grain of the wood, using small quantities of water and mild soap, rinsed with a cloth wrung out of clear water and wiped dry. Strong soaps, alkalis and too much water darken wood and may soften the wood. If the dirt cannot be removed with soap and water a scourer, such as fine steel wool or powdered pumice, may be used.

Unfinished wood can be bleached with oxalic acid solution, which is poisonous. The wood should be covered thinly with the solution, allowed to dry and then thoroughly washed until all traces of the acid are removed.

If grease is spilled on unfinished wood, cold water should be applied at once, if possible, in order to harden the grease and prevent its spreading, then as much grease as possible should be scraped off with a knife and the spot scrubbed with a washing soda or lye solution.

If the spot appears dark a paste made of fuller's earth and water should be spread over it and allowed to remain overnight.

Varnished and shellacked surfaces ordinarily should be dusted clean with a soft brush or cloth and polished with an oiled mop or soft cloth moistened with a few drops of light lubricating oil, lemon oil or furniture polish. Rub the oil or polish in well and remove any surplus with a soft cloth.

Waxed surfaces may be cleaned with a soft, dry duster or, in the case of floors, a soft brush, a mop free from oil. The film of dirt and wax which darkens the surface may be removed with a cloth wrung out of warm soapy water or, better, with one moistened with turpentine or gasoline; the latter method brightens as well as cleans the surface, whereas water dulls and whitens wax.

Both turpentine and gasoline are highly inflammable and should never be used in a room where there is a fire or a lighted lamp or candle. Where a waxed surface has been dulled by water the luster and color may be restored by rubbing with a warm woolen cloth or a weighted brush. Many spots on waxed surfaces may be removed by rubbing with a little turpentine and refinishing with a little wax; iron rust and ink stains may be bleached out with oxalic acid solution as on unfinished wood.

## The Art of Broiling

Broiling is the ideal way to cook bacon and ham. To do this, place the sliced bacon or ham on a broiler, from which the rind has been removed, close together in a fine wire broiler, place broiler over a dripping pan and bake in a hot oven until crisp and a delicate brown, turning once or as needed. Drain on brown paper. Strain fat which has dripped from bacon or ham into pan and use for sauteing liver, eggs, etc. Bacon and ham may be broiled successfully in the broiling oven of the gas range, if watched carefully. The wire broiler containing bacon or ham should be placed over the broiler some distance from the flame and the cooking continued the same as in the bake oven. This method requires more careful attention, as the heat is greater and the process shorter.

Broiled bacon is the most easily digested, because the bacon is constantly drained, and the most savory of all forms of cooked fat. That is why it is good for invalids and growing boys and girls as well as adults.

However, most of us fry or pan-broil our bacon and there is a "knack" so to speak, in doing that. Most women have the frying-pan hot and that is where they make their mistake. Fry or pan-broil the bacon as follows:

Put bacon in cold frying-pan, then put cover not too hot a fire. Before turning the slices pour off the grease that has accumulated, then turn and turn again if necessary, pouring off the fat. When nicely browned—be careful not to burn—serve immediately, but if you want to have it exceptionally nice, take it up on brown, unglazed paper and put in a hot oven to dry. Most meats are put into a hot pan, but remember that bacon is an exception and goes into a cold pan.

## Receipts

### Pork in Diet.

As the weather grows cooler pork may be added to the list of meats. Until frost comes, however, pork roasts should be avoided. Pork is somewhat like oysters, in that it should not be eaten during the months spelled without an "r."

### Quince Honey.

Four large quinces, 3 pounds sugar, 4 cups water.

Wash and grate fruit. Put fruit, water and sugar in preserving kettle and boil 30 minutes. Put into sterilized cans and seal while hot.

### Fried Corn.

Six ears sweet corn, 2 slices bacon, 2 tablespoons milk, pepper.

Cut corn from cob. Cut bacon in small pieces and cook in frying pan over a slow fire to try out the fat. Add corn and milk. Cover and cook slowly for 10 or 15 minutes till corn is tender. Season with pepper and brown quickly. Fold and serve at once.

### Malted Milk Tea.

One pint tea, 6 tablespoons preserved cherries, 1 pint ginger ale, ½ cup malted milk. Put a tablespoon of cherries into a glass. Mix the tea and ginger ale with the malted milk and fill the glass. This makes six glasses.

### Cherry Malted Milk.

Two tablespoons malted milk, heaping spoon whipped cream flavored and sweetened, 1-3 glass water, 2 tablespoons cherry preserves, 1-3 glass milk. Whip the cream, adding a little sugar and vanilla. It should be very stiff. Mix the malted milk and water. Mix the cherries in a tall glass, add the milk mixture and put the cream on top.

### Fruit Juice Malted Milk-I.

One-quarter glass grapejuice, ¼ glass tea, ¼ juice from stewed raisins, 2 teaspoons lemon juice, 2 tablespoons malted milk. Mix all ingredients and serve.

### Fruit Juice, Malted Milk-II.

Half glass apple juice, ¼ glass grape juice, 1 tablespoon malted milk, 1 large spoon raspberry ice, cracked ice.

Mix the grape juice, apple juice and malted milk. Pour into a glass, add some bits and cracked ice and the raspberry ice.

### Rice Patties.

Mix thoroughly with a cup of cold boiled rice two level table-spoons of flour. Add a cup of boiling milk and cook until it thickens, stirring constantly. Then add a teaspoonful of butter, a pinch of salt, a little nutmeg and two eggs, first the yolks and then the well beaten whites. Cook all together a few minutes, then drop into greased gem pans and bake in a moderate oven until brown.

### Stuffed Beef Heart.

Wash heart, remove the veins and arteries. Stuff with dressing made with rice, sew or tie. Roll in flour, sprinkle with salt and brown in hot fat. Place in casserole, add water to half cover and cook slowly two hours. Turn once or twice during cooking. When done thicken liquid and season for gravy.

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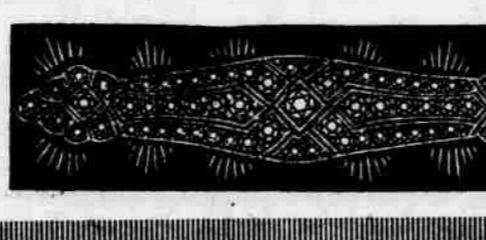
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Cut glass 8-inch salad bowl, well Pond Lily pattern; regular price \$5.00, sale price .....**\$2.50**

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Cut glass syrup pitcher, Bethlehem Star design, removable top; regular price \$5.50, sale price .....**\$2.75**

Cut glass 3-compartment relish dish, beautiful Margarite pattern; regular price \$5.00, sale price .....**\$2.50**

Cut glass creamer and sugar, beautiful Pond Lily pattern, oval shape; regular price \$4.00, sale price .....**\$2.00**

Cut glass relish dish, 2 compartments with handle, swell Cosmos design; regular price \$3.50, sale price .....**\$1.75**

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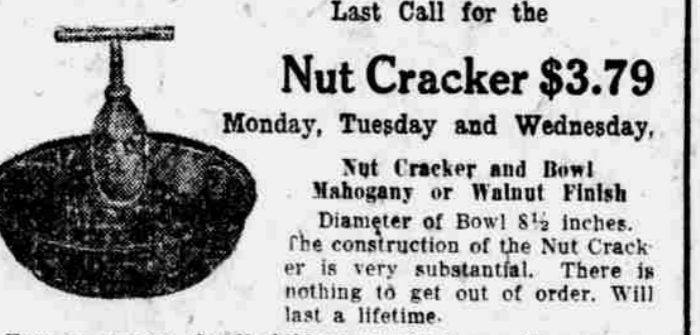
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Cut glass creamer and sugar, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass flower basket, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass marmalade jar, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass combination creamer and sugar, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass pepper and salt, silver top, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass vinegar cruet, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass 6-inch beautiful nappy, with handle, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass spoon tray, boat shaped, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass butter dish, with cover, at.....	\$1.00
Sheffield tea strainer, at.....	\$1.00
Sheffield napkin ring, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass candy jar, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass butter dish, Sheffield cover, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass mustard jar, Sheffield cover and spoon, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass 8-inch berry bowl, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass grape fruit holder, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass 8-inch berry bowl, at.....	\$1.00
Cut glass square pin tray with handle, at.....	\$1.00
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## Helpful Hints

It takes about 40 minutes to bake a pumpkin pie.

Beans baked with sausage are savory and excellent.

Refrigerators should be kept clean by preventive care.

With roast pork serve apple sauce, creamed onions and browned sweet or white potatoes.

Waterproof varnish is used to preserve linoleum; it will keep water from getting into the pores.

Rugs that curl up at the corners can be flattened by sewing a piece of stiff buckram at each end.

Fanned chicken is unusually good with corn fritters, for which canned corn may be used.