

EMPLOYING ICE BOX INSTEAD OF A MAID

Woman Writer Tells How It Is Done; Saves Much Conversational Backfire

A blow for the hired girl, that queen of the kitchen and the dread of many a housewife, is offered by suggestion that from now until cold weather begins she can be replaced by a refrigerator properly used.

More attractive meals, lower grocery bills and an utter absence of conversational back fire can be gained by employing the ice box instead of a maid during warm weather, says Nell E. Nichols in *The Farm and Fireside Magazine*. Much food popular during this season is more tempting if served chilled, she points out, and of course the problem of the last course has been solved long since, due to the invention of ice box desserts.

"Then there are melt in the mouth hot breads," she says, "called refrigerator rolls. Usually I start these in the cool of the morning. The dough is placed without kneading in muffin tins. The filled tins are set in the refrigerator. They may be left there for hours or a couple of days. About twenty minutes in a hot oven is required for baking."

Among other dishes which Miss Nichols finds easy to make by use of the refrigerator are ice box cookies, pies and potato chips.

"Fruits are most tasty when chilled," she adds, "and the same is true of fruit beverages. I have a covered pitcher in which I make lemonade and other fruit drinks. This is set in the refrigerator so its contents will be chilled. There is a certain mellowness of flavor in such beverages that frequently is lost by adding much ice directly to the drink."

COTTONY MAPLE SCALE IS INJURING TREES

The cottony maple scale is especially bad at the present time, according to complaints received from various parts of the city. Hundreds of fine maple trees have been attacked by this cottony scale, which, if not curbed, threatens to destroy many of the city's beautiful shade trees.

Many of the maple trees have been affected to such an extent that the sticky, serum-like liquid literally drips from the branches. Many of the trees are almost barren of leaves. Spraying is the only thing which has been found to give adequate relief.

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URGES FINISHING ROADS IN COUNTY

REPEATED WIDENING PLANS

Highway Engineer Thinks Local System Should Have Primary Attention; Gives His Reasons

For the county to spend money widening state highways before the plan of a hard road system is completed would be poor business, R. M. Lobdell, county superintendent of highways, stated today.

On two roads, 42 and 21, for a few hours each Sunday there is some congestion through the touring season. If the days of extreme congestion were pro-rated over the full year the percentage of congestion would be extremely low," he declared.

"This traffic originates for the most part in Chicago and Wisconsin and for the few hours each week that it flows over the highways it doesn't increase the hazard very much. The Chicago Motor club presents an idea that would bring a tremendous investment that would not enhance county values.

County System First
"It seems more sensible to complete the county system that would place every homestead within a mile and a half of a concrete road because it would make all land accessible to traffic at all times of the year and would bring benefits," he continued.

"It is the duty of an engineer to keep two things in view in proposing routes," he stated.

"The first would be to construct a traffic lane that would serve the most people adequately and safely.

"Secondly the road should be placed so that the fullest benefits would result in land enhancement," Mr. Lobdell stated.

"When the county completes its system it will mean more roads with a diversion of traffic that will relieve continued.

"Cook county might well talk of widening highways. Its system is completed. When Lake county has reached the stage of Cook widening should be considered here," he said.

Survey Quoted
Support of the contention of R. M. Lobdell, county superintendent of highways, that Lake county roads are congested but a few hours over the week-end during the summer months on Sunday Aug. 19, on Sheridan road between Chicago and Waukegan. The survey disclosed 52 automobiles with foreign state tags in just two hours of driving.

This helps to prove, as the county highway chief argues, that outside cars bring the congestion just at certain intervals and that highway widening would be poor business before completing the county system.

SPRAY PERFUME INTO AIR OF HOMES, THEATRES

Addition of the squirt gun to the list of household implements, to have equal rank, although of somewhat different nature from the family dust pan, seems assured. And the use of the squirt gun, now most frequently associated with bringing death to mosquitos and other insects, will be to sprinkle a delicate perfume over the house.

"Jenkins, the gardenia tonight," says the *Woman's Home Companion*, in quoting an imaginary conversation between a particular hostess of tomorrow, and her butler. Already, says the magazine, rooms are scented for large parties, weddings, or big opening nights at the theatres, the perfumes being chosen to give atmosphere figuratively as well as literally.

In some theatres incense is used to carry the patrons of some particular play into the spirit of the production. In many exclusive women's shops such scents are popular and have been for many years.

"All that the women want to know," the magazine says in quoting a prominent toilet goods buyer, is "how does it smell?" in discussing toilet soaps or powders."

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Question and Answers

Q—Can you tell me where Illinois stands in the business of manufacturing products from clay?
—J.J.M., Macomb.

A—Illinois has produced thirty-four per cent of the nation's stoneware clay in a single year. Illinois makes about four per cent of the nation's pottery and stands in sixth place in that industry. Illinois is one of five states producing ball clay. More fire clay is produced in Illinois than in any one of forty-two other states.

Q—Where does Illinois stand in the manufacture of wall paper? I have heard that it is one of the foremost states in this industry.
—J.T.M., Pekin.

A—Illinois manufactures more wall paper than any other state. Joliet is the largest manufacturer of wall paper in the state. Twelve plants in Illinois employ 1,575 persons and the output is valued at more than \$10,000,000 a year.

Q—How does Illinois rank among the states in the manufacture of farm machinery?
—S.J.C., Moline.

A—Illinois has manufactured forty per cent of the nation's new farm machinery in a single year. Forty-two plants turning out farm implements manufacture more than \$70,000,000 worth of equipment annually.

Q—Is a record kept of what Illinois exports abroad? If so how much does it export in value per year and what are its chief exports?
—J.Y.C., Belvidere.

A—The Department of Commerce puts the value of Illinois exports for 1927 at \$208,045,111. The greatest value of any single item was lard, put at \$26,499,110 and wheat which was valued at \$25,764,288. Bauxite, valued at \$7,337,476, led the mineral products.

Q—Which is the larger, Illinois or Czecho-Slovakia?
—G.M.C., Paxton.

A—Illinois has an area of 56,665 square miles, Czecho-Slovakia, 54,206 square miles. Some other comparisons are, Cuba, 44,161 square miles; Bulgaria, 39,835; Greece, 49,912; Denmark, 16,573; Switzerland, 15,944; Belgium, 11,754.

Q—How does Illinois rank in the hotel business as compared with other states?
—P. O. P., Urbana.

A—Only one state in the union, New York, has a larger investment in the hotel business. However, two states, New York and California, have a larger total number of rooms. The leading states in hotel investments are: New York, \$828,154,000; Illinois, \$439,716,000; California, \$408,365,000; New Jersey, \$236,303,000. In number of rooms they rank as follows: New York, 194,540; California, 114,680; Illinois, 107,750; Pennsylvania, 105,310 and New Jersey, 93,250. Delaware has the smallest hotel investment of any state with only 47 hotels containing 1,880 rooms. Its investment is only \$4,574,000. One hotel in Chicago represent an investment of about \$27,000,000.

Q—What statistics can you give me, briefly, on Illinois' transportation facilities?
—B. A. B., Peoria.

A—The records show that Illinois has 12,505 miles of standard gage railroad, 2,700 miles of electric railroad, something more than 6,500 miles of concrete highway. The Mississippi river is navigable for 599 miles along Illinois' western border, the Ohio and Wabash rivers are navigable along its southern and southeastern border and the Illinois river is navigable for 223 miles. Illinois has also 137 miles of artificial waterways and has about 65 miles of frontage on Lake Michigan with deepwater harbors at Chicago and Waukegan.

TOWN OF SHIELDS IS DEFENDANT IN SUIT

Suit for \$10,000 damages was filed this week in the circuit court by the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank an administrator in the estate of Joseph Fall, Highland Park, against the township of Shields, Eddie C. Siefert, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Chakolan. The suit results from a fatal automobile accident.

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