

HUMIDIFIER IN HOME GREAT AID TO HEALTH

Various Types Described; Central Installation Good; Helps to Save Fuel

The public has become intensely interested in the subject of humidifying the winter months, as a health and comfort necessity. Adequate systems for the humidifying of air in houses heated by radiator heat have been adequate systems for the humidifying of air in houses heated by radiator heat have been absolutely unobtainable hitherto. The pans that hang on the back of radiators actually evaporate less moisture than one human body per day. Radiator pans concealed under radiator covers are a little more effective, and the electric urns evaporating about a half gallon a day also help to refresh the air of the one room they are in—but none of these methods accomplish enough to make winter house air that is really healthful.

Now there is equipment on the market that will automatically and adequately humidify the air in a radiator heated home—something that hitherto has been accomplished only in homes heated by warm air.

New Equipment Available

The equipment consists of an especially designed radiator that acts as a heating element as well as a humidifier; this is connected to the city water supply, and the sewage system and the whole thing is covered by an artistic grilled radiator cover. Usually this equipment replaces one ordinary radiator in the house—a centrally located radiator, often the hall or living room radiator. It will evaporate as much as 30 gallons of water a day—enough to make the air throughout the house as soft and fresh and balmy as that on a perfect early June day.

For larger homes, there is a base-

ment installation that is even more interesting. The only signs of its existence in the main rooms of the house, are two registers—an intake and an outlet—located usually in the main hall, or some other central place. The air enters the intake grill, is drawn down into the basement equipment through a metal duct to a washing and humidifying chamber. Here fine sprays of water dash against a heating plate (heated by the boiler) and are instantly evaporated. The

moisture laden air is then drawn through a filter, and then forced upstairs through metal ducts by a motor-driven fan, out through the rooms.

Good Investment

Thirty per cent of the annual fuel consumption should be saved by the use of the humidifier, simply because air that at the temperature of 68 degrees that is adequately humidified is so much more comfortable than air at the temperature of 72 or 75 degrees, that is as dry as it is in most homes.

The amount of fuel saved by keeping the house constantly at 68 degrees instead of 72 or 75 degrees, is considerable. The consideration of this item should have a great deal to do with convincing the home owner that a first-class automatic humidifier is a wise purchase.

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