

CITE ELECTRIC KITCHEN AIDS

Ample Light Outlets Should Be Provided and Conveniently Placed, Advice

LIGHTING ESSENTIAL

Enable Work Done With Least Effort

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The kitchen, being the workroom of the house, requires every aid and facility afforded by electric service. For which reason, particular attention should be given to kitchen wiring and careful thought expended in planning the facilities for the most effective use of the service. This one room, the kitchen, is essentially a place where practical and utilitarian considerations are, or should be, of prime importance. It should be made, above all else, a room in which the work can be carried on with the least possible effort.

Since kitchen work is more or less systematized and localized, it is important, therefore, to have the kitchen lights located at exactly the right points. Every corner of the room should be illuminated, usually from one or two properly placed ceiling lights. In addition, there should be a light over the sink, one over the range and another light so located as to illuminate the kitchen cabinet or principal working table or bench. These lights, in fixed positions, should be fitted with suitable diffusing glassware and controlled by conveniently located wall switches. Cupboard lights should not be overlooked and should be fitted with suitable diffusing glassware and controlled by contact switches in the frame of the door—on the hinge side.

While the well-lighted kitchen is conducive to dispatch and efficiency in kitchen work, the many electrical devices now available for lightening the work must be considered and provisions made for their use. These vary from the electric range, refrigerator and dishwasher, to the kitchen aid and small electrical appliances.

Electric Range Comes First

The electric range is a permanent installation, requiring a special wiring, so it is not apt to be overlooked. The electric refrigerator is likewise an apparatus of a permanent character and while a special circuit is

not necessarily entailed, a "convenience outlet" should be arranged for in proximity to the refrigerator. Outlet provisions for these major appliances should be provided, even though their immediate use may not seem feasible.

In the case of the many smaller appliances, which have become daily necessities in the modern home, the benefits to be derived from their use are in no small part dependent upon the provisions made for them, that is, upon the presence of properly placed "convenience outlets." These kitchen aids can frequently be employed concurrently and there should be a sufficient number of locations where the appliances can be used to avoid unnecessary delays and to expedite kitchen work by providing the utmost flexibility in operation.

As the portable appliances can be connected to any "convenience outlet," it is necessary to have a clear idea of what appliances will prove most useful in the kitchen. To many, the electric dishwasher ranks as one

of the most desirable of kitchen appliances, as it is a fairly large appliance, it is well to assign it to some definite location, convenient to hot water supply, where unnecessary steps may be avoided from pantry or dining room. A duplex "convenience outlet," about waist high will serve admirably for the dishwasher, the second receptacle of the outlet being available for a plate warmer or an electric fireless cooker.

For the Electric Iron

A second duplex "convenience outlet," also waist high, will prove useful for other electrical appliances including the electric iron. This latter electrical aid may properly belong in the laundry, but it has become so generally indispensable that an additional one is found in every well-equipped kitchen. The balance of kitchen appliances are electric motor driven and the outlets for their accommodation should be plentiful, as the arrangement of the kitchen—particularly the kitchen furniture—will prove the dominating consideration.

These appliances will include a meat chopper, egg beater, coffee mill, grinding, polishing and buffing machines and for comfort, an electric fan.

Wiring with suitable outlets should also be provided for a ventilating fan set in the wall. This fan not only serves to keep the kitchen free from cooking odors but can be used for ventilating the whole house, by the simple process of switching it on after opening upstairs windows and closing doors and windows downstairs.

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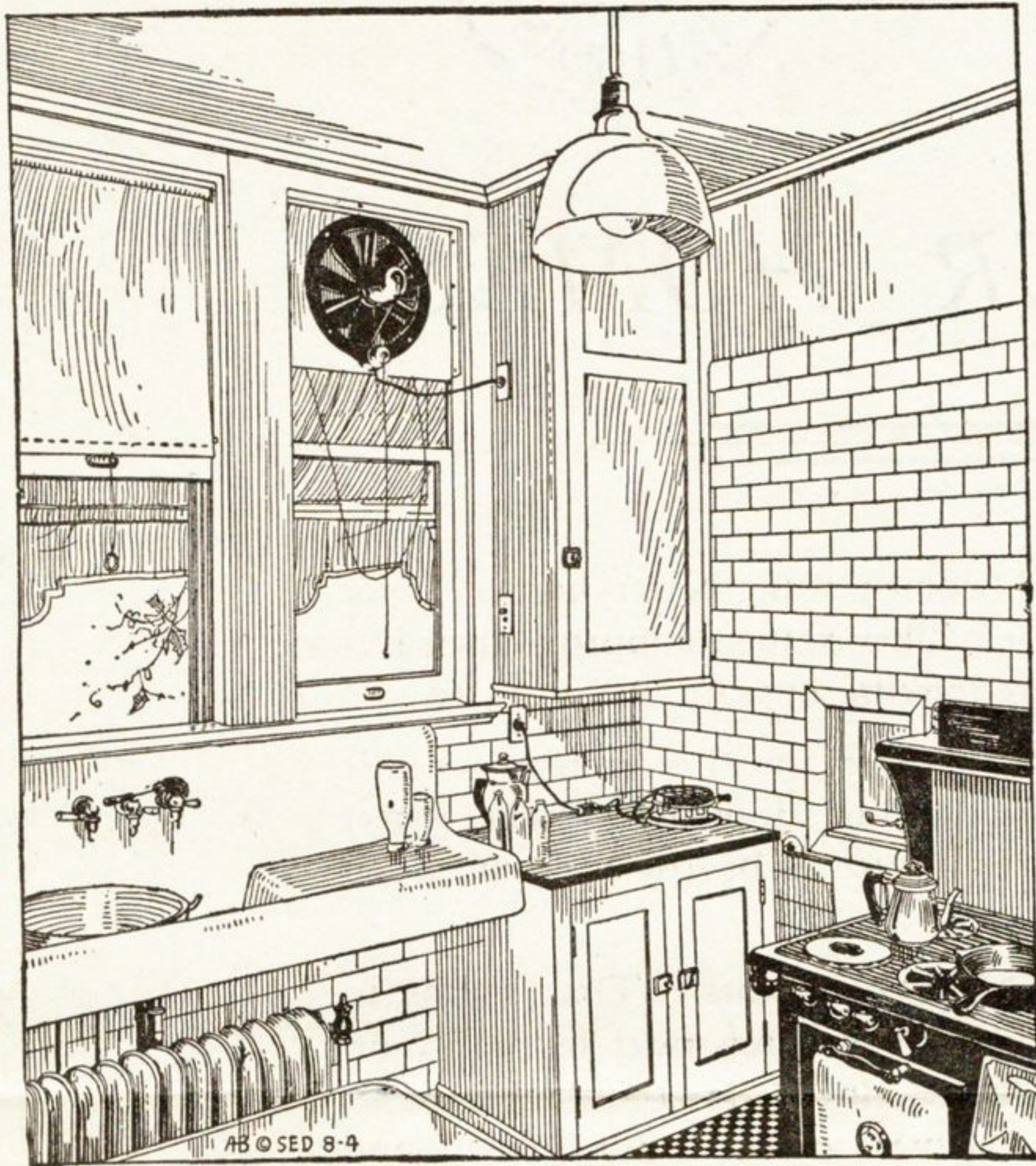
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