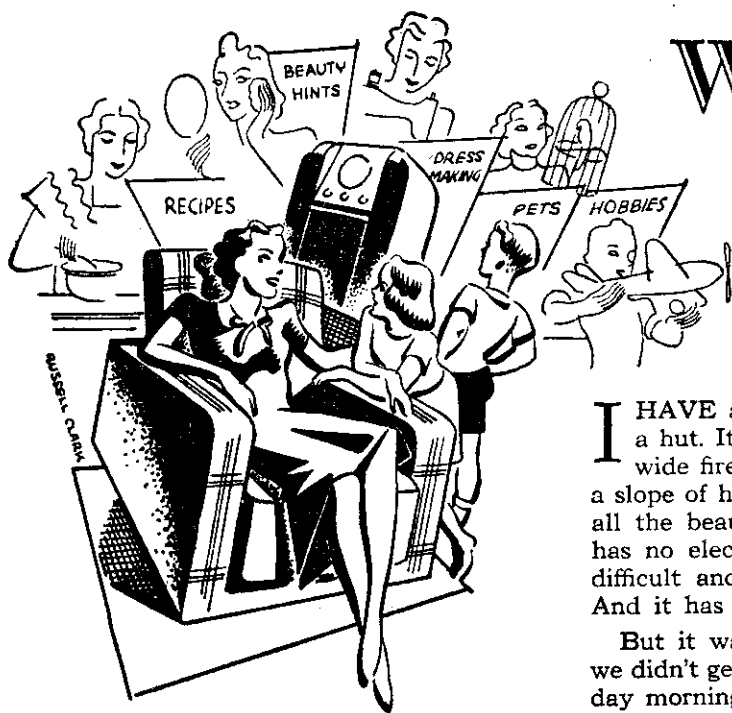


Women and the Home

Radio is the slender wire that brings the world and its affairs into the tiny kitchens and living rooms which hitherto had isolated so many housekeepers in the performance of their duties
—Margaret Bondfield



A HUT IN THE COUNTRY

I HAVE a hut in the country. It really is a hut. It is one long narrow room with a wide fireplace and four windows. It is on a slope of hillside, backed by pines and with all the beauty of a New Zealand Tyrol. It has no electric light, and no way in but a difficult and stony foot-track. It has peace. And it has sunshine.

But it was because it had no radio that we didn't get the news of War until the Monday morning, when Paddy, putting the cows out after milking, shouted it across a sea of mud. The morning before he had shouted, too. He had put his two hands to his mouth and bawled, "They've put a Gression on Poland. We'll have to fight now they've put a Gression on Poland!"

This morning it was simply, "It's War!" Of course I'd expected it. We all had,

hadn't we? All the same, things spun round for a second and I felt slightly sick.

I'd been a child in the last war—a child waving a flag, shouting Good-bye, writing the prattle that constituted my compulsory "War letters," collecting pennies. But now I was grown up.

"O God, not twice in my life. I'll feed children, I'll cook, I'll drive things, I'll nurse . . . but not the pennies, not the flags and cheering men on to death. Not twice in my life . . ."

The sun came slanting down the pines, making halos round simple things like byres and sheep dogs and carts for hay. It picked out the glossy new calves and yesterday's lambs, sucking, staggering with the joy of being alive. The hills rose green to a perfect heaven. Why had the world gone insane?

Ann Staden

These Should Interest You:

Talks prepared by the A.C.E. Home Science Tutorial Section, the University of Otago:

"Training for Home-Making": Monday, September 18, 1YA 3.30 p.m.; 2YA, 3 p.m.; 3YA 2.30 p.m.

"Emergency Meals": Wednesday, September 20, 4YA 3.15 p.m.

"Please Criticise These Diets": Thursday, September 21, 1YA 3.30 p.m.; 3YA 2.30 p.m.; Friday, September 22, 2YC 3 p.m.

"This Spring's Fashions": Friday, September 22, 4YA 3.15 p.m.

"The Film As An Art": Mrs. F. R. Thompson. Tuesday, September 19, 4YA 7.30 p.m.

"Some Activities of the Women's Institute": Mrs. M. A. Mulvey. Friday, September 22, 4YZ 8 p.m.

The Home Decorating Session, conducted by Anne Stewart. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.52 a.m.; Saturdays, 7.30 p.m. ZB Stations.

Women's Place in the World: A series of talks by Mrs. J. A. Lee, on Sundays, ZB Stations

Housewives' Request Session: 4ZB 12.15 a.m., Wednesdays and Fridays.

Beauty Note

Not many of us take our looks seriously enough to give the "Beauty Masque" a fair trial, but I've seen results that make me envious.

You can get them done or do them yourself. They will open or close pores, dislodge impurities, stimulate circulation and give fallow skins colour and life. If you mean to try the experiment be sure to observe the direction labels carefully. Now is the moment for the After-Winter one. Put on a new face to meet the new Spring days!

—M.L.

Let's Talk of the Weather

When we talk of the weather we sometimes talk nonsense, don't we? It's not always easy to distinguish between superstition and scientific fact. For instance, nine out of ten of your friends will assert that the coldest winter weather will come when the days are shortest. It's not true. For at least a month after that date the earth will continue to give out more heat than it takes from the sun, thus warming the atmosphere. The coldest weather will come later when the earth is no longer able to do this and awaits the renewal of the warming process.

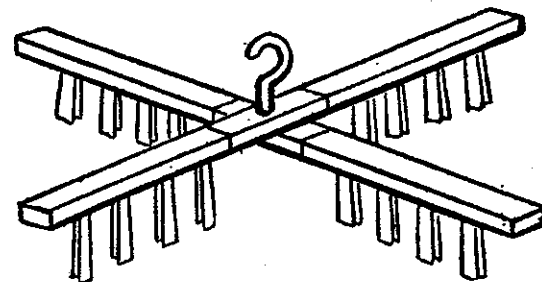
Would you say that frost is frozen dew? Well, you'd be right in a way. It is when dew falls upon objects cold enough to freeze it that you see the frost.

—E.L.D.

Shop Prowl

THE gadget I have unearthed for you in this week's hunt is not only for the woman who's "packing her traps" for the luxurious holiday but for the one who's wardrobe demands every sensible accessory. This one's for stockings—drying, or merely hanging.

It is simply two crossed pieces of wood hinged near the central hook so that they bend upward when folded away. Four clip pegs swing from each arm. All is enamelled



in a delicate shade, and there you have it—a gadget that will keep your stockings out of mischief, wet or dry.

There are also to be found cellophane "wrappers" for the packing of dresses. A yard of so, about a foot wide, unwinds to a flat and thin board, covered with chintz. You simply fold your frock to the width, place one end on the board and wind. There's perfect protection from both dust and creases.



WEEKLY RECIPE

BANANA CAKE

Ingredients: ¼ lb. butter, 1 breakfast cup sugar, 1½ cups flour, 1 egg, 2 bananas, 1½ teaspoons baking powder, 2 tablespoons milk, ½ teaspoon baking soda dissolved in the milk.

Method: Beat butter and sugar to a cream, add well-beaten egg, then add crushed bananas and 1 teaspoon vanilla essence, followed by flour and baking powder. Lastly, add baking soda, dissolved in milk, and cook for 40 minutes in a moderate oven.