

Home from the Holiday

Autumn Cleaning by Electricity

"THERE'S no place like home," and a poor one it must surely be that does not strike some note of welcome on our return, no matter how far we have travelled since we left it, how hectic the time we have enjoyed. It looks just the same, doesn't it, but after the first feeling of relief at finding ourselves here again, are we sure that we are just the same? Haven't we perhaps progressed a little further, assimilated a few new ideas; don't we feel that we should like some things just a little different, and to do them in a newer, more progressive, less laborious way? Well, now is the time to set about it. Let's have a thorough good autumn-cleaning and get everything just as we would like it, before we settle in for the winter.

It is a bit irksome, taking up all the old duties again, and we don't want to undo all the good our holiday has accomplished or forfeit all our leisure; then we need not, for we can do it the only proper, the electrical, way.

AN electric vacuum cleaner will save our time, our strength and energy and our money. Further, probably for the first time in our lives, we shall be able to rejoice in absolute cleanliness, to feel that actually all dirt has been removed from our home.

No need now to take up the heavy carpets, to move and lug about the cumbersome furniture. We can clean even more thoroughly than heretofore while carpets remain on the floor, in a fraction of the time, and without raising any dust. Curtains, too, can be cleaned where they hang, absolutely all dust being removed, without risk of spoiling delicate colours and texture by laundering.

The best models have attachments for cleaning stair-carpets also without removing them, for air-cleaning mattresses, reaching under furniture without even lifting the cleaner, by means of a swivel base, behind radiators, cleaning clothes, books, fluffing up pillows and eiderdown quilts; and some types have miniature models that can be whisked about from place to place as easily as a duster. These are supplied with or without the larger cleaner, are ideal for upholstery and dusting purposes, and unequalled for cleaning the upholstery of cars. They are light to handle, operate with a turn of the wrist, and a child can, and will delight to, use them.

The polishing attachments will actually apply the polish, get our floors into perfect condition and keep them glisteningly smooth and bright. No longer need we stoop, kneel, rub or even soil our hands to achieve perfectly polished floors.

ANOTHER invaluable device, a boon at any time, but especially in times of sickness, is that which enables us to spray our rooms with a refreshing or disinfecting fluid or powder for the purpose of exterminating flies, etc. The electric vacuum cleaner does away with the necessity for a step-ladder—the cause of so many distressing

accidents—for dusters, brooms, carpet-beaters, dustpans and brushes; prolongs the life of carpets, rugs, curtains and upholstery, and of the family itself, by ensuring absolute and positive cleanliness not only of open spaces and things that show, but of all nooks and crannies. All the dust and dirt in the average home can be collected at the cost of two units of electricity per week, and the cleaners themselves are supplied on time payments that amount to less than that of hired help for cleaning purposes, besides being always available.

They act as guardians of the family health by entirely removing the germs of disease contained in all dust and dirt. They are money-savers, inasmuch as they eliminate carpet-cleaning bills, bills for cleaning and laundering draperies, upholstery soiled by dust distributed by brooms and dusters, decorator's bills due to the same cause.

On the other hand, they enable us to have a clean, sanitary home, increased leisure, strength and health: spring-cleanliness all the year round.

A MEMORY

(By D. Crozier.)

Where the tideways swing
And the live shells cling
With a steel-blue flash in their
glittering,
Mid the wet weed locks,
On the tumbled rocks
That shine to the cool, soft
ripple shocks—
Oh, you and I
And a summer sky
Watched an exquisite afternoon
go by,
Too content for speech,
For there thrilled through each
The song that the smell of the
salt must teach!

Deep sea-water, green and sway-
ing,
Pale as moonbeams, dark as
night,
Sets stray thoughts and memor-
ies playing,
Wakes forgotten dead delight,
Veils with surmise dim and
serious
Rainbow hopes and fancies
gay;
Deep sea water, hushed, mys-
terious,
Ravishes the soul away!

Not So Sleepy

OF a herd of 500 Holstein and Jersey thoroughbreds pastured on a tract of 2200 acres to the north of San Francisco, California, some 260 cows are milked each day by electrically-driven motors, in a spotless barn, where electric fans drive away the flies.

The fresh milk is filtered into a receiving vat, from which it is electrically pumped to a cooler, which quickly brings its temperature down to 36 degrees Fahrenheit. From this point it passes to the bottle filler. An electrically-driven conveyor brings bottles, previously clean and sterilised, to the filling machine at the rate of 800 quarts or 1400 half-pints per hour. As soon as filled each bottle is automatically capped and sealed, and rides along on another conveyor to the packing room. Here the bottles are inspected, packed and iced for shipment to San Francisco and other centres.

The ice is electrically produced, the washing and sterilising of bottles is expedited by electrical devices, and electrical machines chop and mix the food in balanced rations on which the cows depend, except for short periods of grazing. This, in brief, is the method by which certified milk is secured and put upon the market by the Sleepy Hollow Certified Milk Company.



*Is She
the woman of
a year ago?*

IS she as fresh and young and unwearyed as she was a year ago? Has she the same tireless eagerness, the same enthusiasm? Or is she growing listless and weary, narrowing her life into the routine of housework, becoming old far too soon? Is anyone to blame but you if she wears herself out in the hardest and most unnecessary task of home-making—cleaning without a HOOVER?

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