

THE ELECTRIC HOME JOURNAL

THE WELLINGTON Winter Show, now in progress, is so comprehensive as to require two or more visits to inspect it properly. I was very interested in the comprehensive range of New Zealand-made commodities—particularly woollens—so appropriate to this cold season.

ONE of the largest and most interesting exhibits at the show I found to be a full-sized metal baker's oil-fuel-heated oven. At first glance it bears resemblance to a bank strong-room. It is certainly an up-to-date equipment for a bakery, judging by the explanation of its operation by the attendant. The arduous work of firing the oven is eliminated, and the control of its temperature is simplicity itself.

BUT life is all contrast so, although the subject is "cold," I can't resist a glance at the electric refrigerators. They are attractive and alluring. A particularly magnificent specimen is designed for hotels and restaurants. Each compartment has a plate-glass frame, and the contents make the mouth water with their variety of viands. Refrigerators for the home are there a-plenty, and I'm sure those who can will aim to possess one.

I COULD not but be struck by the wide range of New Zealand-made comestibles—from biscuits to the most delicious preserved meats and poultry dainties they were on exhibition. By the latest processes these canned foods retain all their natural flavours, and many a housewife desiring a change from the routine dishes will do worse than make a selection from the extensive range of canned foodstuffs now available and "always ready."

QUITE entrancing I found the display of motor-cars. What more in luxury can one expect? What with vanity receptacles, cigarette boxes, electric cigarette lighters, clocks, flower vases and mirrors, these cars are almost drawing-rooms on pneumatic tires. There is an ease of running, also, which makes all roads alike to them. This luxurious freedom from jars and vibrations we owe to balloon tires and the scientific design of the modern motor-car springs.

TURNING from the cars I found myself next intrigued by the latest two-seater model aeroplane, equipped with "dual control." The pilot sits in front and the passenger exactly behind him. This model costs only £1000—but I didn't "sign on the dotted

line!" In time no doubt, aeroplanes will be more and more used by our country cousins. Till then—

I FELL to the lure of the "side-show" provided by the weighing-machine. The proprietor cleverly augmented business by his methods. He promises patrons a box of chocolates if he cannot guess within four pounds of their weight. Although he frequently loses, he is recouped by his fee. I was amused by a number of middle-aged ladies, all of ample proportions, who, imbued with the sporting spirit, were testing the showman's weight-guessing capabilities the other evening. When the dial of the weighing machine spun round to 17 and 18 stone, with odd pounds, on each test, the showman nearly collapsed, and the crowd of on-lookers, of course, laughed up-

of "2YA, Wellington." Of course these sets are of the A.C. type, doing away with all the trouble and bother of batteries. This is truly a mechanised age,

We Regret

OWING to great pressure on space, due to the special Exhibition features, the Women's Section has had to be curtailed seriously. Many regular home features are suspended till next week.

and now all one has to do to operate a modern wireless set is to plug its cord into an electric hot-point, and turn the tuning dial round till the required broadcast station is heard. Another knob is turned to control the volume. Nothing could be simpler. And to be without a radio set is to be behind the times.

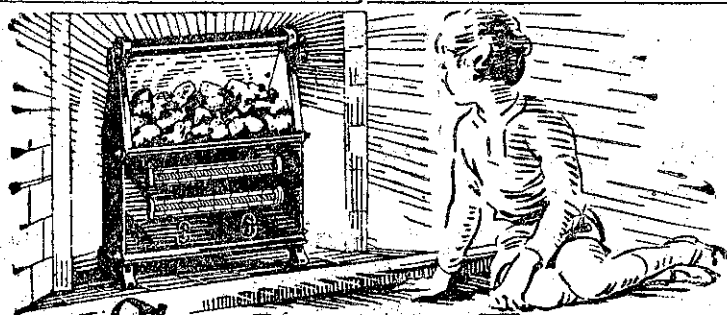
Switch Off

A NOT uncommon habit in many homes is the unnecessary burning of electric lights, due solely to thoughtlessness. Complaints are then often made when the monthly lighting bill is higher than it should be. The fact is that lights are left switched on in unoccupied rooms, and juveniles are one of the worst offenders in this respect. Some adults are less apt to get into the habit of switching off a light when leaving a room than are children. Particularly flagrant offenders are those who are not required to pay the lighting bill. Because electricity is cheap one is apt to disregard those yet desirable, economies and it is surprising how the cost of this wastage mounts up in a month.

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roariously. The "victims" joined in the laughter, though blushing profusely, and found some solace in an award of chocolates in each instance.

THE children's schoolwork exhibited in long glass-covered cabinets, is an exhibition in itself. To examine each exhibit with due care is to appreciate the striking talent of many of the youthful competitors.

A DISPLAY of working models was most attractive. They ranged from miniature steamers to a perfect but dwarfed working replica of a powerful railway locomotive. The ingenuity, skill and patience of the makers of these models is impressive. Altogether the show is quite thrilling in its many attractions.

RADIO sets of elaborate design are on view at the show, and it was like home to hear the familiar tones