

Beneficent Electricity

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penses such as washhouses, kitchen chimneys, etc., can be eliminated if electrical equipment is adopted. In equipping a new house electricity can offer unequalled service at almost the same cost as the more primitive methods. Some supply authorities search building permits regularly to find out when building is proposed, and where new houses are in the process of being built an active canvass is made to induce owners to adopt electrical service. This, while being of some value, is a late point to start, because quite frequently plans have been prepared and contracts let prior to the building permit being asked for, and some difficulty is met in making changes.

Mr. Toogood urged that the point to start was with the architects and builders, and some supply authorities have done this with marked success. Notwithstanding their efforts to educate the public it appeared that there were still a number of architects who did not give their clients any lead on the matter of the service offered by an electrical board. Mr. Toogood mentioned the economies affected by the use of electricity in the size of the kitchen and scullery in many cases,

and the saving would almost, if not completely, cover the cost of an electric range, washing-machine, and hot water system. In country districts where wood or coal fuel was used, he considered the saving would be in favour of the electrically equipped house.

Supply authority engineers were advised by Mr. Toogood to approach all architects at regular intervals, and induce them to accept electric domestic service as a high ideal worthy of their

In an article on "Simple Physical Exercises," a doctor says that it is a wise plan to walk upstairs occasionally on tip-toe. Husbands who return home several hours later than usual would also do well to remove their boots.

advocacy. He condemned the principle of some supply authorities who, he believed, offered contractors a bonus or percentage on cost of electrical equipment installed in houses built by them in order to induce them to amend a contract in favour of electrical equipment. If they could prove that an electrically equipped house could be built for less money, and that the extra cost of the electrical equipment would not be burdensome to the owner, Mr. Toogood was sure all reputable architects whose code of ethics was beyond reproach, would think in terms of electricity for household service.

The Modern Help

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with any period of decoration, and satisfy the most exacting luxury-lovers. With their illusion to real fuel, their flickering glow and steady warmth, they leave nothing to be desired.

Electric lighting is ever so much more efficient and clean than either the old-time kerosene lamp or gas. Again, no dirt, no harmful fumes, no work entailed—not even the striking of a match.

Of minor appliances, to add to the efficiency and comfort of the home, of course, there are many. The tumbler water-heater, so handy for bedroom or diningroom; the electric kettle, the toaster, the griller, the waffle iron, the warming pad, and the coffee-percolator. In no other way can such perfect service be attained. What household task is there that electricity will not do cheaply and well? The electrically-run house is the acme of efficiency and comfort.

Spelling Bee

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tion of the cause of the mistake shows that our friend the printer was responsible for two, and our office for the other two. The errors were:—

impresario for impresario
liquor for liqueur
mackerel for mackerel
loblolly for loblolly

These words will be corrected in the official list of words which will be issued early in August. The booklet, which will include the very interesting articles on the "Growth of Words" and the "Lighter Side of Words," by the Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., recently given from IYA, Auckland, will be on sale from ourselves and dealers at a nominal figure. The literary standard

The traffic policeman at a busy corner saw an old lady beckon to him from the curb. He held up a dozen cars, one truck and two taxicabs, and went over to see what the woman wanted. "I just wanted to tell you, Mr. Policeman," she said with a happy smile, "that your number is the same as that of my favourite hymn."

of Mr. Chappell's addresses and the mass of information contained in them will add to the value of this booklet. Listeners by its aid will be able to check up on competitors in the course of the contest.

WE trust that the foregoing variation will succeed in interesting competitors. There is no doubt as to the interest of the public in the matter, and with the measures now taken to preserve anonymity it is to be hoped that a fair representation of scholarship will come forward.

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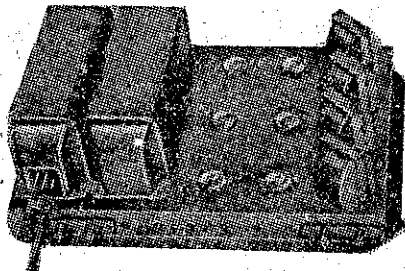
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