

THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

The Housewife and Her Business; Easy to Make a Fireless Cooker.—Better Food with Less Expense and Effort.—Housekeeper Who Follows Directions Can Make Kitchen Convenience For Her Own Use.

Sponsored by Miss Katie Lucile McRobert, Home Demonstration Agent.

If you use a fireless cooker, you will save time, for the food can be cooking while you are doing some other work about the house.

If you use a fireless cooker, you will be able to serve better food. Many foods cooked at a low temperature for a long time have much better flavor, and breakfast cereals so cooked are often considered more wholesome.

If you use a fireless cooker you will save fuel and your kitchen will be a much more comfortable place in which to work, especially in hot weather.

Materials You Will Need.

These materials plus a few hours' work plus ordinary common sense will produce the fireless cooker you want and need in your kitchen:

- 1 tightly-built wooden box or lard firkin, large enough to allow at least four inches packing around the "well" or inside pail.....10c to 15c
- 1 metal pail without handles and with tight-fitting cover. Cover preferably fits inside pail. If tin is used, care must be taken to avoid rusting.....50c to \$1

Excelsior, crumpled newspapers, sawdust, ground cork. No cost

Asbestos paper, 1/4 inch thickness.....60c to 85c

Cardboard collar.....No cost

Plaster paris or asbestos collar.....10c

White paint.....10c

Round "pillow" of old cotton material and excelsior made to fit snugly in the top.....No cost

2 soapstones to fit into pail or well.....\$1 to \$1.20

Buttonhook to lift soapstones. No cost

Total cost of material.....\$2.20 to \$3.40

To make the use of the fireless cooker easier there are some additional conveniences which may be used if you so desire. The duplicate or triplicate kettles purchased to fit the well of your cooker are not absolutely necessary if you own other pans which fit, but they are much more convenient and aid in making the cooker more efficient.

If it is necessary that the cooker be moved, castors will make this easily done.

The following directions for making a cooker are given by the state relations service, United States department of agriculture. If you follow them closely, you will be able to show your efficient fireless cooker with pride to the next neighbor who comes in. It will give you an enviable feeling to be able to say, "I made that myself. It cost very little and does good work." Try it and see.

How to Make The Cooker.

Scour firkin, let it dry thoroughly, and put in castors.

Line with several thicknesses of newspaper tacked to sides.

Put in solid layer of excelsior about 2 inches thick. This should be at least 2 inches thick, but might well be more if the firkin is deep enough to permit.

Fit asbestos around pail and wire or tie it firmly.

Cut circle of asbestos a little larger than the size of the pail and place on top of the 2 inch layer of excelsior.

Set pail on top of this and weight before starting to pack around it in order to avoid having the pail move out of place.

Put in small amount of excelsior around pail, distributing it evenly.

Pound down with handle of hammer or something else heavy.

Continue packing excelsior and pounding down until it is about one-half inch from rim of bucket. The

more solidly the excelsior is packed, the more efficient will be the fireless cooker.

Cut cardboard collar to fit between inside well (or pail) and outside the wood container and set in place.

Cover this with mixture of plaster of paris—1 part plaster of paris to 2 parts of water. In putting on mixture avoid having layer come up above rim of pail. If not thin enough put on with knife blade.

Paint after plaster of paris has dried thoroughly.

Fill pillow full enough to make it fit snugly between well top and lid.

Fasten lid with hinges if box is used.

Definite directions for using the fireless cooker and some recipes for dishes which can be successfully cooked in it can be procured from your State agricultural college or your home demonstration agent. Have your cooker ready for the recipes they will send you on request.

Cooker as Ice Box.

The fireless cooker can be used to keep food cold as well as hot, because heat cannot pass in to warm the contents any more than it can pass out and cool them. In this respect it works very much like a refrigerator.

In fact, both the cooking box and the ice box are constructed on the same principle—supplying a constant-temperature chamber with non-conducting walls. Well constructed ice boxes are made with some insulating material or dead-air space between the inner and outer walls, and the covers and doors close in such a way as to prevent heat passing in or out. Of course, the more often the doors are opened, the more heat passes in and the more quickly the ice melts and the temperature rises. Fortunately this is less serious than the loss of heat when a fireless cooker is opened.

When the cooker is used to keep food cool, it must be chilled to the desired temperature before it is put in. The more nearly heat proof the walls, the longer the material keeps its original temperature. Ice cream put in a well-made fireless cooker ought to remain firm as long as if it were packed in salt and ice in an ordinary freezer.

Many cooks prefer to pack such half-frozen desserts as mousse or parfait in a fireless cooker rather than in a freezer because there is less danger of them becoming too cold and hard. It is often convenient to make cold drinks, like lemonade or fruit punch, some hours before they are used. By chilling them and placing in the cooker they can be kept cool without ice.

Sometimes a little ice is put into the box with the food to make it cooler, just as hot soapstones or bricks are put in to make it hotter. Because there is less space to keep cool, much less ice is needed than in the chamber of an ice box. The ice in the cooker melts slowly and so keeps the temperature down much longer than if it were used in an open pitcher.

What receptacles it is best to use for food to be kept cool in the cooker depends on their kind. The material can often be put directly into the pail, just as if it were to be cooked. For liquids it is sometimes more convenient to use a low bottle or a fruit jar which will go in the nest. If ice is to be used, it is usually cracked and packed around the bottle or dish.

Simple directions for making a fireless cooker may be had by writing the United States Department of Agriculture for Bulletin 771, "Home-Made Fireless Cookers and Their Use."

Miss Zetta Holt of Jewell was a shopper in Webster City Saturday afternoon.

Have \$10,000 for excess farm first mortgage if taken soon. Security Title & Loan company. 5d2f1

Cloverdale Reveille: A blind girl in Chicago got married and recovered her sight a few days later. Marriage is certainly a great eye opener.

Miss Thersa Brauer, who has been working at the J. L. Hoag home north of town, returned home to Blairburg Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lentz and children and Mrs. Ben Pelz and children, of Blairburg, were visitors in Webster City Saturday.

Will Kidder, who has been working in a drug store at Lake City, has resigned his position there and returned home.

A recent issue of The Star, published at Dos Palos, California, contains the obituary of Mrs. P. O. Baldwin, a former resident of Hamilton county. The Baldwin family lived on a farm east of this city for many years, removing to California twenty or more years ago.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

Stoffer Gray has accepted a position with the Foster Furniture company.

Clifton Furman visited over Sunday in Waterloo.

Miss Susie Welty of Williams was a visitor in this city Saturday.

Mrs. Frank H. Shafer of Blairburg is a Webster City visitor today.

Miss Blanche Whalen of Williams visited here Saturday at the Mrs. Arthur Hawkes home.

Miss Judith Hankom of Williams visited in this city Saturday with Miss Marcia Greenwood.

Rev. J. W. Stiverson will preach at the Mulberry Center church Wednesday evening. All are invited.

The Cass Center ladies aid society will meet with Mrs. Ed Doolittle tomorrow.

Miss Dolle Copper of Lake City has accepted a position as saleslady at the Seymour Eichman store in this city.

Mrs. Baldwin is survived by her husband and three children.

Miss Elizabeth Freimuth, a trained nurse, returned home to Fort Dodge today, after having taken care of Mrs. George Jutte, who has been quite ill.

The Choral society will meet tomorrow evening with Miss Rosalind Cook—the tenors at 7:30 and the entire chorus at 8.

Miss Margaret Boon of Aiden, who is staying in this city with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Olmstead, went home Saturday afternoon for a few days' visit with her parents.

The pressure cooker demonstration in Scott township last week, held at the home of Mrs. John H. Sparboe, was of unusual interest. The demonstration in Webster City drew but a small attendance, owing to a driving rainstorm.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pettibone left Saturday afternoon for their new home at Cooley, Arizona, where Mr. Pettibone will engage in the lumber business. Mrs. Pettibone will be a guest of Mrs. C. D. Hellen in Des Moines a few days en route.

P. G. Davidson of Minnesota, Minn., spent Sunday in Webster City at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. F. Johnson and family, on Elm street. He returned home this morning and was accompanied by his niece, Mrs. Edith Deerdurff, who will make an extended visit with relatives in Minnesota.

Among those from here who went to Des Moines to hear the Metropolitan Grand Opera quartette at the coliseum yesterday afternoon were H. L. Hampton and son Wallace, Harold Dick, Mrs. C. J. Jennings, Mrs. Mae Arnold-Packett and Misses Oritha Osmundson and Mildred Hood.

District Convention.

Plans are being made for the holding of a district convention for county home demonstration agents in Boone Saturday, May 10. Should the meeting be held, Miss Katie Lucile McRobert, Hamilton county's home demonstration agent, will attend.

New Location.

Guy F. Bissell, whose blacksmith shop on Des Moines street was torn down to make room for the new Kamrar garage, has rented the building on Second street just east of the armory, which he will repair and re-open as a shop, probably the latter part of this week.

Home From Overseas.

George Mertz of this city and Martin Djonne from the southern part of the county, arrived back in Webster City yesterday from overseas. It has been almost two years since these men left here, going originally with Company C to the border. Later they went to France with the Sapstorm division and after arrival abroad were transferred to the 35th division.

Iowa Land Sales.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune: F. J. Stivers this week bought from A. H. Stivers 165 1/2 acres of land four and a half miles southwest of Alta for \$275 an acre, and he will probably move back from Galva next spring to farm the place. Mr. Stivers owned the farm on contract for about one month and had a raise from \$260 an acre, which he paid. The place has changed hands four times this spring and the first price was \$225 for one eighty and \$200 for the other.

A. H. Stivers and George H. Larson this week bought a farm of 180 acres near Highview school, in Barnes township, for \$240 an acre from J. C. Lockin of Aurelia.

Last spring Bert Adams bought 320 acres of land near Hartley from Samuel Parker, and this week he sold the same at an advance of \$56.25 an acre, another indication of the rapid advance of real estate in northwest Iowa.

Sac Sun: Wessling & Wolf have sold their 160-acre farm south of Lytton, known as the Henry Bahl farm, to Leo and Ed. Longman at \$280 per acre. Wessling & Wolf bought this farm sixty days ago at \$250 an acre.

The farm formerly owned by William Webb, one-half mile northeast of Lytton, sold yesterday at Rockwell City at auction to Brill & Luke for \$277.50 per acre.

Britt Tribune: One quarter section of land, which has never been broken, the only original prairie land left in this part of the county and seven miles from town, owned by H. B. Cobb, was sold this week to Ludvig Schmidt for \$175 per acre. The William Becker farm of 360 acres was sold to L. Nasser for \$210 per acre. Mrs. Sarah Hunsley sold 320 acres to H. C. Armstrong for \$175 per acre. Art Pierce sold 160 acres to Ray Hunsley for \$185 per acre. J. Pinkerton sold 92 acres to E. H. Arnet for \$280 per acre.

Eagle Grove Times: Andrew Eglund has sold his 100 acre farm, located near town, to Jacob Westre for \$312.50 per acre.

Jottings About the County.

Jewell Class Play.

Jewell Record: The annual high school class play will be given at the Lyric theatre, Friday, May 16. The play to be given by the class of 1919 is entitled, "When the Homeland Calls."

Rev. Spiker to Leave.

Williams Enterprise: Rev. W. D. Spiker of the Congregational church of Blairburg has accepted the pastorate at New Hampton at a salary of \$1900 per year, and will leave for that place in the near future.

Business Changes.

Ellsworth News: A deal went through here Tuesday whereby Kallem & Eittrheim become possessors of the Anfinson Brothers Auto company, and the Anfinson Brothers become possessors of the dray line formerly owned by Kallem & Eittrheim.

Gets Flowing Well.

Williams Enterprise: Joe Roskopf recently had a well drilled on his farm two and a half miles east of town and at a depth of 170 feet struck a flowing well. After drilling 90 feet Mr. Snyder struck sand stone, and this held for the remaining 80 feet where the vein was found. Mr. Roskopf says it flows a three-quarter inch stream of the finest water he ever drank, free from mineral, and the only flowing well in this vicinity so far as we have learned.

Ellsworth Chautauqua.

Ellsworth News: The dates have been received for the chautauqua that is going to be held in Ellsworth this year, and the News is sure that every person interested will agree that the dates set are the best of the season. The dates are June 9 to June 13, really the best time of the year.

Jewell Chautauqua.

Jewell Record: The Mutual chautauqua, the bureau that furnishes the talent for this year's chautauqua, has informed the local committee that the "approximate" dates for Jewell are June 27 to July 1 inclusive. A far better, and of course more expensive, program has been contracted for this year, and it will require the undivided effort of the club members to make the chautauqua a complete success. Hence a Fourth of July celebration would be impracticable, coming immediately after its close.

Ready for Base Ball.

Ellsworth News: At the base ball meeting held Friday evening it was agreed by all present that Ellsworth will have a base ball team this year and that preparations be made as soon as possible to start the ball rolling.

A. B. Miller was elected manager for the coming season, and Don Brinton, Theo. Kallem and A. B. Miller were chosen as a committee to have ball grounds prepared.

Take Down Old Phone Wires.

Stratford Courier: The Electric Light & Power company have purchased about fifty of the poles belonging to the defunct Independent Telephone company and recently took the old telephone wires off these poles. The electric company intends re-setting a good many of these poles, removing the old cross arms and placing their wires nearer the tops of the poles. It would be a mighty good idea for the town to go ahead and remove the balance of the wires and poles, for there are many of them that

Pearls and Peace

Go well together—

Pearls in fact symbolize Peace and therefore make an especially befitting gift at this

Easter Time

Indestructible pearls of beautiful lustre are much in demand because their glow lasts long. It's like the healthy glow of the natural pearl born in the Orient.

Prices—
\$4.00 to \$35.00

Ind. B. Jewell

will soon fall of their own accord or some one may be injured by them.

Money to Loan on Improved Farms. \$100 per acre on good Iowa farms at six per cent. See or write W. W. Pearce, Webster City, Iowa. 4-28d-f-11f

Directors Meet.

Miss Katie Lucile McRobert, home demonstration agent, met the officers and directors of the Hamilton County Home Demonstration Bureau at the city hall Saturday afternoon. Routine business occupied the hour of meeting.

Prize Winner.

Miss Mary Like, a member of the girls' glee club, received the \$1 prize offered by Miss Rosalind Cook, public school music supervisor, for selling the largest number of tickets for the glee club opera, H. M. S. Pinafore. Miss Like sold seventy-eight tickets.

Northeast Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Coble attended the Odd Fellows banquet at Webster City last week.

The pupils of school No. 6 and their teacher, Miss Alice Thompson, enjoyed a picnic April 25th, the closing day of school.

R. L. Doolittle of Webster City recently made a short visit with his daughter and family here.

Miss Lenore DeMoss had dental work done in Williams Saturday.

Paul Ackley was a county seat visitor recently.

E. L. Eppard went to Ames last week to attend the cattle feeder's convention.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Coble were in Webster City Wednesday.

Miss Grace Hall, who teaches in Dist. No. 1, entertained her pupils at her home Thursday evening. The school closed today.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Greiner were westbound passengers Wednesday, May 2.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Miller spent Sunday in Blairburg with their daughter, Mrs. J. H. McNea and family.

A Hole-Less House Means Busy Hens

A hole in your chicken house is a serious proposition—unless you make it yourself. It opens the way for rats, snakes, disease and a lot of other things. But the important part about the hole is that it lets your profits get out.

Light, clean chicken houses with runs snugly fenced keep the dangers out and the profits in.

A little lumber, a few bags of cement, a roll or two of roofing, wire and nails, combined with some of our progressive ideas, will produce a house any hen will be proud to lay in.

C. H. CLIFTON & SON
WEBSTER CITY, IOWA



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This season MODART models are the most attractive we have ever shown. Our customers who are now wearing the MODART have been benefited by the figure molding qualities of this excellent corset.

To those of our patrons who have not as yet worn the MODART we recommend a trial fitting that they may see the figure improvement and feel the comfort a MODART will give.

Shipleigh-Black Co.

Groceteria Tuesday Specials

- "Martini" Spaghetti—small can.....12c
- Ft. Dearborn Spaghetti (with tomato sauce and cheese)—small can.....14c
- Ft. Dearborn Spaghetti (with tomato sauce and cheese)—large can.....21c
- Baker's Fresh Grated Cocomnut (with the milk)—small can.....7c