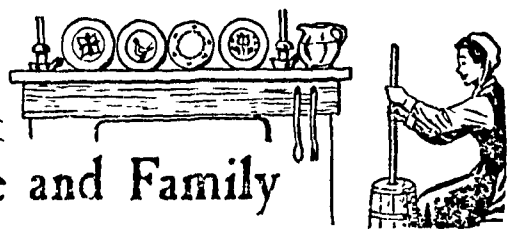


## For the Farm Wife and Family



### Christmas Appliances

By Mrs. Richard C. Spence

If you have been the lucky recipient of a new electric frypan here are a few suggestions on the use of it.

One way to make the cleaning of an electric frypan easy is to learn to use it correctly.

Follow the temperature guides given with the frypan. Set the control where you want it to cook—there's no advantage to putting it high then adjusting it later. Besides, you're apt to forget and cook at too high a temperature.

Try not to overheat or to let foods stand in the frypan beyond serving time. Don't leave anything alkaline, even hard water, or anything acid like vinegar in the frypan overnight.

The best rule is to empty the pan when you're through cooking. Heating water and detergent in the frypan is a good way to clean it. Steel wool is good to use for getting off cooked-on foods. Don't use it on an outside chrome finish.

If you have a frypan with an attached cord, of course you won't immerse the pan in water. Wipe the controls off with a cloth to clean them. Most newer models do go into water but don't let them soak in water any length of time, especially the aluminum pans. Water

tends to darken the surface.

#### ELECTRIC CAN OPENER

Electric can openers seem to be one of the newer appliances finding their way to gift lists. A can opener may be just a can opener but there are a few things to consider in buying one, the placement of the appliance needs some consideration too.

You want to choose a model that does a quick opening job in a safe way. Then you want to be able to take the cutting wheel off easily for cleaning. Wherever food touches you will want to wipe off frequently.

Most openers have a mag-

net to keep the cover from falling down in the open can. Many models automatically shut off when the can has been opened even if you aren't there to shut it off.

Perhaps most important is to decide where the opener will go. If you're buying for a gift it's probably safest to give the counter model because not everyone has convenient wall space for hanging.

If you plan to put the opener on the wall be sure it's properly located, goes on a wall that will support the weight and in a place that is low enough for operation. Be sure not to use space that you need for other things.

Try to put the opener near where the food will be used, not near food storage space. It's easier to carry a can unopened to the mixing center or range where it's to be used and then open the can, rather than carrying opened cans of food.

Rather than buying a can opener you might check to see if an attachment is available for your electric mixer or meat grinder.

is a new appliance for you, you may be wondering what type of soap or detergent to use.

What soap or detergent you use depends on the kind of washer you have and whether you have hard or soft water.

With soft water you can use either soap or synthetic detergent in an automatic washer. But don't use soap in a cylinder (tumbler) machine as clothes may not get clean and the washer can be damaged.

Usually a general purpose detergent is recommended for all automatics. Low-sudsing detergents have been made especially for use in automatic washers since in some washers high suds may interfere with mechanical action.

#### DINING ROOM LIGHT FIXTURES

If some Christmas gift money is going to be used to purchase a new light for your dining table here are some suggestions.

Since the dining table usually comes in for a lot more use than just eating choose your lighting fixtures to serve these varied needs.

A ceiling fixture that provides a central down-light and having ceramic enameled or opal glass on the surrounding area will provide sparkle on your table and yet give soft light to the rest of the room.

This kind of fixture can be a fixed ceiling piece or one that is suspended. A three-way-effect is possible since some are designed to have one central light with

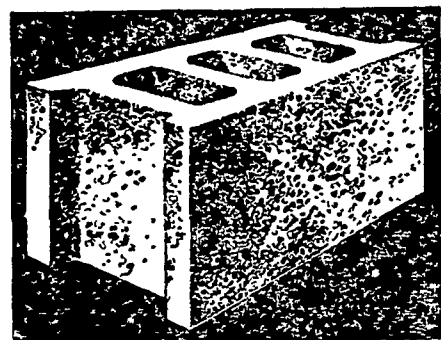
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