



HOUSEHOLD TALKS

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How to Select a Refrigerator

Only when one has had the annoying experience of making a poor refrigerator "do" can they realize the necessity of using utmost caution in selecting a new one.

This is one article of daily use where the old adage, "the best is the cheapest" is surely well applied. If not well constructed the wooden cases will warp and this will throw the lining out of place and insulation and circulation are interfered with.

As cold air is heavier than hot air it naturally falls, so that in most refrigerators the ice chamber is placed above the storage space. Now this chamber should be seamless and be made with rounded corners to permit it being easily cleaned, for on the cleanliness of the box rests the health of the family.

The ice chamber should be large; there is no economy in buying ice in smallest quantities; you lose in weight of ice and cannot keep food at proper temperature. Beside this it is an annoyance to have the ice chamber refilled every day. It is much better to have a box that will hold fifty, seventy-five or a hundred pounds of ice and then have it opened by the ice man but once or twice a week. The saving will be great.

Another thing to give particular attention to is the drip pipe. There must be no connection between this and the food compartment and it should be so fastened that it can be removed and cleaned when clogged.

Rightly selected and carefully managed the household refrigerator is an economical investment, for one can buy perishable foods in large quantities and not have them spoil before they are used. You also have the means at hand

to furnish many delightful frozen desserts at small cost.

By watchfulness and care you can protect the ice and make it last much longer than is usual. This is accomplished by not opening the doors of the box unless absolutely necessary, by using a parchment paper ice blanket to protect the ice from contact with the air and by having the refrigerator itself in a cool place. This last advice may seem superfluous, but nevertheless careless persons sometimes place the refrigerator very near the kitchen stove or have it on a sunny porch. If the porch is cool this is not a bad place for it, but changing weather will soon ruin almost any box.

There is a very low priced, roomy refrigerator sold for use of summer cottagers and other persons who must economize with their indoor room and this one is made of galvanized iron and coated with a weatherproof dressing. I have not the address of the manufacturer, but anyone can secure the address of firms making these seaside ice chests from hardware dealers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

"Please tell me how to clean a borrowed book soiled by much handling. Worried."

Reply.—Use a soft cloth dipped in benzine or in gasoline and rub the pages lightly. Do the work out of doors away from fire. The binding of the book may be cleaned with bread crumbs pressed into a soft ball.

"Please tell me where I can secure unpollished rice, and is it lower in price than the polished sort?"

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In a tone different from the light and mocking one that he had hitherto used to the Arab, Tremont began to ask a dozen questions severely, and in his answers to the young Frenchman, Hammet Abou began to make a favorable impression on every one save the Marquise d'Esclignac, who did not understand him. There was a huge bamboo chair on a dais under a Chinese pagoda, and the Marquise d'Esclignac took the chair and sat upright as on a throne. Miml, who had just been fed, came in tinkling her little bells and fawned at the sandals on Hammet Abou's bare feet. After talking with the native, Tremont said to his friends:

"This man says that if he joins a Jewish caravan, which leaves here tomorrow at sundown, he will be taken with these men and leave the city without suspicion, but he must share the expenses of the whole caravan. The expedition will not be without danger; it must be entered into with great subtlety. He is either," said Tremont, "an impostor or a remarkable man."

"He is an impostor, of course," murmured the Marquise d'Esclignac. "Come here, Miml."

Tremont went on:

"Further he will not disclose to us. He has evidently some carefully laid plan for rescuing Sabron."

There was a pause. Hammet Abou, his hands folded peacefully across his breast, waited. Julia Redmond waited. The Comtesse de la Maine, in her pretty voice, asked quickly:

"But, mes amis, there is a man's life at stake! Why do we stand here talking in the antechamber? Evidently the war office has done all it can for the Capitaine de Sabron. But they have not found him. Whether this fellow is crazy or not, he has a wonderful hypothesis."

one morning he took a bath in the pool, and the sun rose while he swam in the water.

If Sabron or Miss Redmond could have seen him he would have seen the epitome of heartless egotism. He was the epitome of wisdom. Instinct and wisdom sometimes go closely together. Sabron was only instinctive when he asked for wisdom. The epicurean Lucullus, when dying, asked for a certain Nile fish cooked in wine.

To Be Continued

A hole in a hot water bag can be repaired by the same means as a puncture in a bicycle tire. Drop a small brass plug into the bag, work the threaded end through the hole and screw on a thin nut. This will hold indefinitely.

CHAPTER XXI.

Master and Friend.

Pitchoune, who might have been considered as one of the infinitesimal atoms in the economy of the universe, ran over the sands away from his master. He was an infinitesimal dog on the desert's face. He was only a small Irish terrier in the heart of the Sahara. His little wiry body and his color seemed to blend with the dust. His eyes were dimmed by hunger and thirst and exhaustion, but there was the blood of a fighter in him and he



Hour After Hour Pitchoune Ran Across the Sahara.

was a thoroughbred. Nevertheless, he was running away. It looked very much like it. There was no one to comment on his treachery; had there been, Pitchoune would not have run far.

It was not an ordinary sight to see on the Sahara—a small Irish terrier going as fast as he could.

Pitchoune ran with his nose to the ground. There were several trails for a dog to follow on that apparently untrodden page of desert history. Which one would he choose? Without a scent a dog does nothing. His nostrils are his instinct. His devotion, his faithfulness, his intelligence, his heart—all come through his nose. A man's heart, they say, is in his stomach—or in his pocket. A dog's is in his nostrils. If Pitchoune had chosen the wrong direction, this story would never have been written. Michette did not give birth to the sixth puppy, in the stables of the garrison, for nothing. Nor had Sabron saved him on the night of the memorable dinner for nothing.

With his nose flat to the sands Pitchoune smelt to east and to west, to north and south, took a scent to the east, decided on it—for what reason will never be told—and followed it. Fatigue and hunger were forgotten as hour after hour Pitchoune ran across the Sahara. Mercifully, the sun had been clouded by the precursor of a windstorm. The air was almost cool. Mercifully, the wind did not arise until the little terrier had pursued his course to the end.

There are occasions when an animal's intelligence surpasses the human. When, toward evening of the twelve hours that it had taken him to reach a certain point, he came to a settlement of mud huts on the borders of an oasis, he was pretty nearly at the end of his strength. The oasis was the only sign of life in five hundred miles. There was very little left in his small body. He lay down, panting, but his bright spirit was unwilling just then to leave his form and hovered near him. In the religion of Tatman dogs alone have souls.

Pitchoune panted and dragged himself to a pool of water around which the green palms grew, and he drank and drank. Then the little desert wayfarer hid himself in the bushes and slept till morning. All night he was racked with convulsive twitches, but he slept and in his dreams he killed a young chicken and ate it. In

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