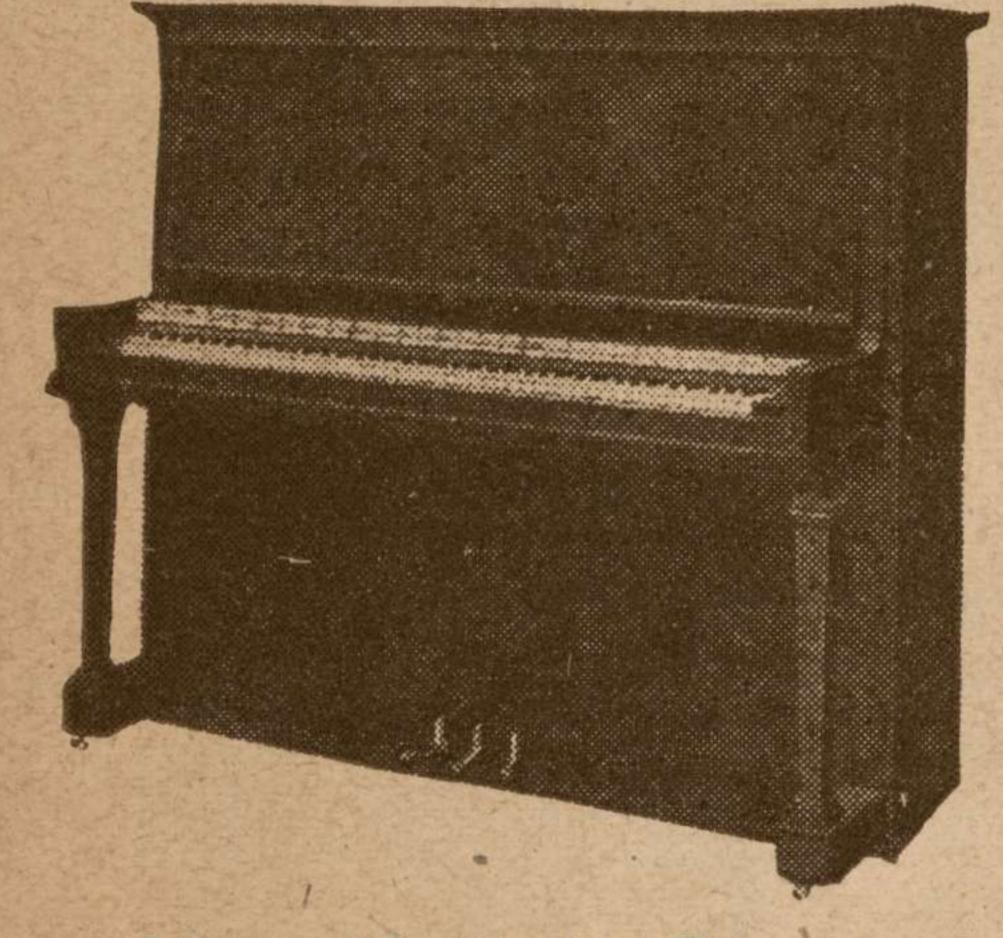


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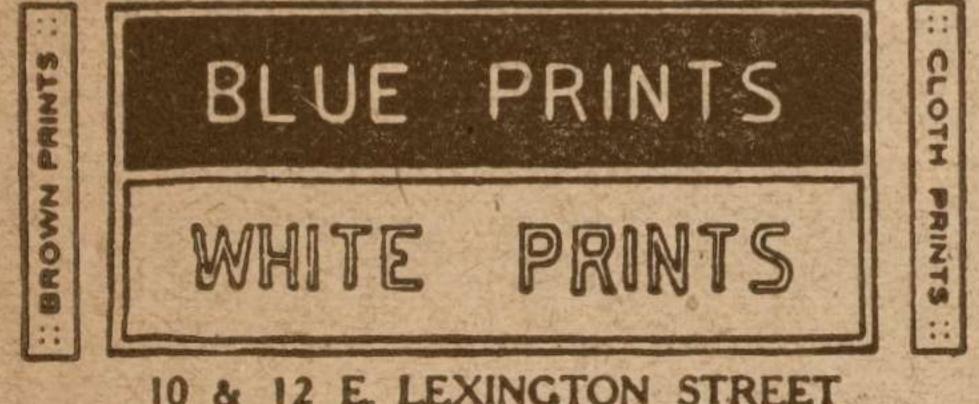
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Before we discuss equipment let us say a few words about some of the general factors that enter into the dishwashing problem.

Putting pots and pans to soak as soon as they are emptied makes it easier to wash them later on. Also, the scraping and correct stacking of dishes means a much neater job all the way through, as well as a real saving of time and labor. Too often does a woman pick up a random cup from a helterskelter conglomeration of dishes, wash that, then reach for a saucer, then perhaps a plate, and so on through the list, until eventually all are Meanwhile she has washed. had to reach for and pick up so many dishes that she has changed her motion a number of times, with consequent loss of energy and time. Had she stacked her dishes neatly and conveniently near to her dishpan, she would have greatly expedited her work.

The right, handed worker will find it easier, as a rule, to have her piles of scraped dishes at the right of the dish-pan and her drainer at the left.

While water may not truly be called a part of the equipment, its importance in this connection is easily recognized. No one can expect to have clean dishes if she attempts dishwashing in the proverbial teaspoon of water. Hot water, and plenty of it, is needed.

If the water is hard, some kind of water-softener is necessary. Borax is one of the milder softeners and is less injurious to the worker's hands than are some others. In the case of very hard water, resort is usually made to some such softener as washing-soda. No more should be used than is needed to "break" the water so that the soap lathers freely.

CARING FOR CHILDREN'S EYES.

The visual defect that requires most attention is nearsightedness. This begins between the seventh and the thirteenth year and is likely to progress up to the age of twenty. By this age distant vision may have become very poor and the eyes may be so damaged that they are susceptible to various dangerous diseases. As soon as near-sightedness is discovered, glasses should be worn constantly and needless near use of the eyes should be given The near-sighted child sees poorly in the distance but well near by, and if left to himself he will give up outdoor sports and turn to books for recreation. This, in turn, increases his near-sightedness. When correct glasses are worn, he can see like other children and take part in their games, and if other amusements are substituted for reading and his glasses are checked up every six months, the progress of his near-sightedness can be greatly lessened.

Much trouble would be prevented if the eyes of all children were carefully examined before they start to school, for parents rarely discover visual defects or notice signs of eyestrain, and they are usually resentful when the teacher or school nurse calls attention to them. In many public schools a teacher or nurse tests the vision of each pupil once a year, nd if with each eye alone the pupil can not read bold-faced

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THE FOOD OF THE GODS.

Women, it appears, played an important part in popularizing chocolate when it was first brought from Mexico by the Spaniards. Over in Europe they have been celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of the introduction of "the food of the gods" into the continental dietary, and its observance has been the occasion for unearthing some quaint stories about the early history of the beverage. One Joseph Acosta, writing in 1604, said: "The chief use of this cocoa is in a crink which they call chocolate, whereof they make great account, foolishly and without reason, for it is loathsome to such as are not acquainted with

To understand Ancosta's hon-

est distaste, the modern chocolate drinker must first remember that at first Europeans did not know how to make the cocoa-bean palatable. They used the paste or powder as a rather disagreeable medicine until the nuns of Guanaca substitued sugar for the chilli peppers that the Mexicans favored. Thereafter the taste for it was rapidly acquired. Another early writer found it so popular with the Spanish women at Chiapa that when their bishop forbade them to sup it in church they changed their place of worship and, in revenge, poisoned the bishop. When Louis XIII of France took a Spanish bride, she brought her favorite drink across the mountains with her and laid the foundation for its immense popularity when an even more famous chocolate, Maria Theresa, wife of Louis XIV, made it the favorite beverage of the French court. England's chocolate shops preceded her coffeehouses, the first one being credited to an enterprising Frenchman. That was about 1656. A few years later the forerunners of our present-day prohibitionists were demanding the suppression of chocolate along with foreign brandy, rum and tea because these beverages cut down the consumption of brews made from home-grown barley.

MAHOGANY IN HONDURAS.

One of the principal woods is mahogany, and the great future wealth of Honduras will be found in the forests where the mahogany grows. The mahogany tree is timber king of



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grove is non-existent, makes for the high market value of the wood. A mahogany lumber company that is sure of two trees to the acre on the land it controls will pay dividends if properly managed; but as an indication of the risk in unexplored countries, there is the experience of one corporation which had a mahogany-cutting concession covering 40 square miles, and the yield was exactly sixty trees, being three in each two square mile sof territory.

Formerly the mahogany used to go to England and was then reshipped to the U.S. Now some Americans have interests in through those sections, but they dont talk about it; it seems a case of "say nothin", but saw wood." The logs are floated down the rivers when in flood, and they must be immediatbely put on board or the worms will get into the timber and destroy it (teredo or shipworm).

SAVE TIME ON BUTTON-HOLES.

Buttonholes on a baby's dress may be cut off in a strip when the dress is worn out and sewed under a tuck in little girls' blouses. The buttonholes in little boys' trousers are made in bands of durable material and can be ripped out and sewed into other garments when the trousers are discarded. Also the buttonholes in men's shirts may be ripped off and sewed under a tuck in children's aprons.

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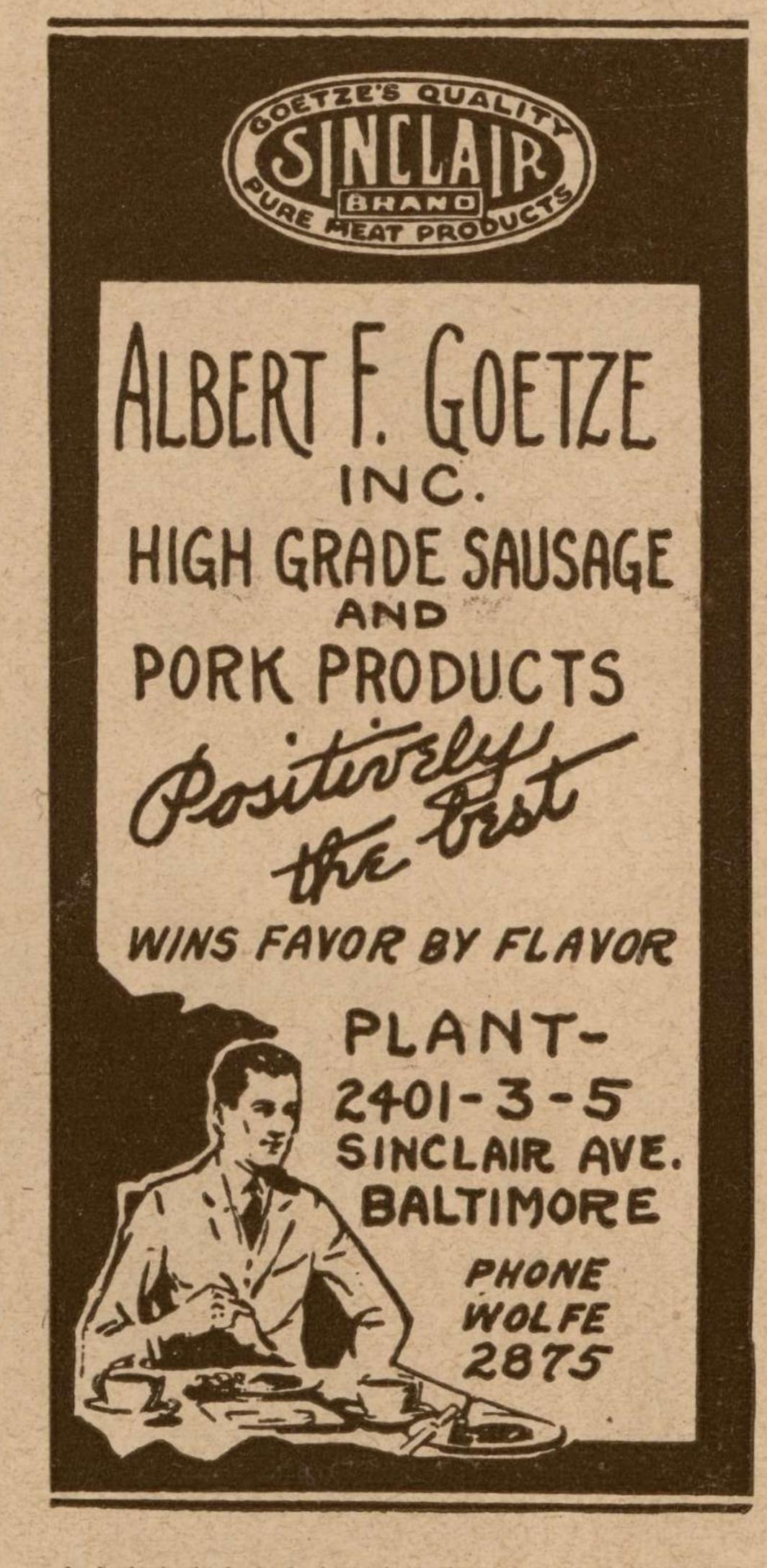
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