

# Homemaking—

Dirty Basement Is Not Only a Fire Hazard but Embarrassment As Well

EXCEPT IN HOMES where the cellar has been made into a playroom, the basement is likely to be "out-of-sight, out-of-mind." Mrs. Jones, returning from it with a jar of pickles and a glass of jelly, has to wash her hands the minute she comes upstairs because the dust lies so heavy on the preserve shelves that it makes the very spider webs sag.

With the coal in one corner and the ashes in another it isn't surprising that the average cellar is not a place to take company, unless the homemaker takes pride in every nook of her house.

Even a dingy ordinary cellar can be neat and clean with a little regular care. Line the preserve shelves with washable oilcloth, and wipe them with a sudsy cloth once a month. If it is not possible to build cabinets, at least enclose the shelves with curtains. These can be slipped over thin rods so that you can slide them along at will.

Cellars with cement floors and a drain hole should be scrubbed with hot suds frequently. This sounds hard, but isn't when the scrubbing is done with a large stiff brush attached to a long handle. The scrubbing should be saved for a sunny day, when doors and windows leading to the cellar can be opened and the floor will dry quickly.

Tidy arrangement of the things that are kept in the cellar will help, too. Wood should be stacked, not just thrown down. Tools can be hung up where they will be visible and handy. A dirty, cluttered cellar is not only an embarrassment but a fire hazard as well.

## Good Meals for Good Morale

**BREAKFAST:** Apple sauce, oatmeal, raisin toast, coffee, milk.

**LUNCHEON:** Creamed eggs on toast, chopped lettuce sandwiches, steamed fruit, tea, milk.

**DINNER:** Tomato juice, hot beef sandwiches, leaf lettuce, country style, prune and cream cheese pie, coffee, milk.

## Today's Recipe

**LEAF LETTUCE, COUNTRY STYLE**

(Serves 4 to 6)

One large head garden lettuce, four or five slices bacon,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup vinegar, 2 teaspoons sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, pepper.

Wash and dry the lettuce and tear it into pieces. Dice the bacon and cook it in a frying pan until it is crisp and brown. Add the vinegar and seasonings and bring to a boiling point. Add the lettuce and toss in the hot vinegar until it has wilted. Serve immediately.

## The Question Box

—My three small children rather strenuously object to having their hair washed. How often is it really necessary to wash a child's hair, particularly in winter?

—To keep in proper condition and assure healthy, attractive hair in later life, a child's hair should be washed once a week, winter and summer. Use liquid soap (which you can prepare at home by heating soap shavings—from pure mild soap—and water until the soap is dissolved), or some other good mild shampoo.

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## Hints of Spring

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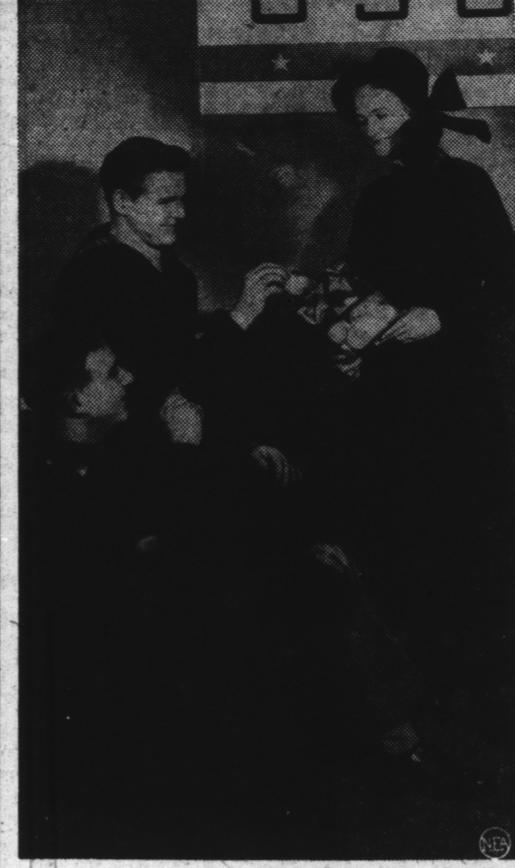
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## Cookie Replaces World War I's Doughnut



France, 1917: Helen Purviance, then a Salvation Army Ensign, greets, at the entrance to a dugout, one of the A. E. F. members for whom she made the first doughnuts.



New York, 1942: Helen Purviance, now a Brigadier, passes around one of the Salvation Army's new cookie jars to a soldier and a Coast Guardsman at a U. S. O. Club.

## Soldiers Like Cookies Better, Says Salvation Army Worker

By MARGUERITE YOUNG  
Times Special Writer

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—It's doughnuts to doughboys no longer—it's the good old-fashioned American cookie now. And nobody's more pleased at that than the woman who made an international name with the doughnuts in 1917.

Indeed, Brigadier Helen Purviance of the Salvation Army is pushing the cookies herself, this time. As assistant in command of the Salvation Army's field and candidates' department for 11 eastern states headquartered here, she feeds volunteers into the U. S. O. One thing she gives them from the start is assurance that they fully appreciate the cookie.

"Over there 24 years ago," explains the firm-featured blond Brigadier, "the doughnut was an emergency article. We put it together with whatever ingredients and kitchen equipment were at hand—it was a quickie, as they say about a movie."

"But here, with our fine kitchens and good ingredients, of course we have cookies."

"A cookie takes a boy's thoughts back to home and family like nothing else. And that's one thing we're striving for. So I say, give them cookies. And see that they're homemade by mothers, sisters and sweethearts whenever possible."

As Ensign Helen Purviance, formerly of Huntington, Ind., she whipped up the first batch of doughnuts for A. E. F. members at Montier-Sur-Saulx, France, in August, 1917.

### It's Cookies Everywhere

In touch with Salvationists who operate 42 U. S. O. clubs in 26 states as part of the national inter-faith wartime welfare plan, Brigadier Purviance has first-hand information about what service recruits ask for. It's cookies, she says, North, South, East, West.

So she instituted the cookie jar in service men's centers. Volunteer women's committees in the camp areas keep them filled. Members operate on a schedule, supplying so-many dozens cookies on specified days.

The cookies vary from place to place. In New England it's the Boston cookie or the Cape Cod oatmeal cookie. Maryland and Virginia hold out for peanut cookies. Farther south and in the West there are molasses cookies.

"Maybe," the Brigadier surmises, still looking ahead, "this war will give us a new symbol of American food—a new cookie of such satisfying taste and quality that word of it will pass around among the boys and it will attain lasting culinary fame. One thing I know. It will be more tempting than the doughnut."

### Bazaar Will Benefit The Red Cross

Arrangements have been completed for a public bazaar, to be sponsored by the St. George Progressive Club for the benefit of the Red Cross Sunday from 1 to 9 p. m. at the clubhouse, 28th St. and Sherman Drive. The club recently purchased a \$1000 defense bond.

Committees include Mesdames Betty Risk, Elizabeth Freije, Helen Ferris and Miss Evelyn Ferris, general arrangements; John G. Kafour and James Ferris, publicity, and Miss Alice Mesalam, decorations.

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