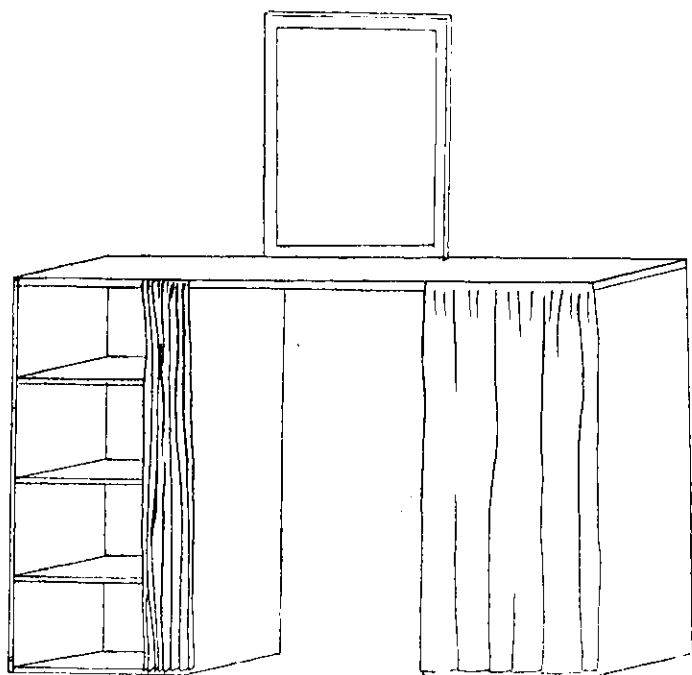


Inexpensive Furnishings

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DRESSING TABLE.

For Writing Desk Two Sets of Pidgeon-holes at Either End Would Be Substituted for the Mirror, and also a Shelf, as Described.

TABLES, whether for writing, or for small children's play benches, are very easily constructed. For the former, they should be about two feet nine inches high, the length and breadth depending on the builder's taste, though three feet by two feet will be found quite a suitable size. The latter tables should be about five feet long, two feet to three feet wide, and eighteen inches to two feet high, according to the age of the children. The legs are made of rafter beams quartered, the length, of course, depending on the height of table required. The writing table should either be stained or painted, but it is advisable not to treat the play-table, so that it may be scrubbed occasionally; it would also be found advisable to plane off any sharp corners.

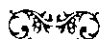
Forms can be made in the same way as tables, except that the top width is less, and also the height, than the tables: eighteen inches will be found suitable in most cases, but would be lower for small children.

PLAY cupboards are made similarly to the dressing table cupboards, and two cases can be placed side by side and nailed together. It will be found more advisable to put curtains instead of doors, as they are more convenient for children.

Box-forms are also very simply made, two butter boxes and a fruit case being required. The depth of the fruit case should be the same as the upright width of the butter boxes, but this is not essential. The fruit case is lain on its side between the butter boxes, and all firmly fastened together. The tops of the three boxes are fitted with cushions, and the whole covered with cretonne. The front of the fruit case may be curtained, and used as a shoe cup-

board, or just reversed (becoming the back). If possible, the butter boxes should be boarded, or the open side of each may be also curtained.

Remember, if the boxes are to be painted or stained, they must first be planed.



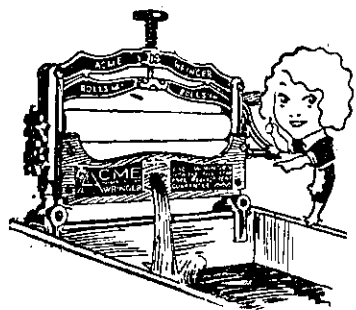
The Medicine Chest.

If the house is remote from shops, then a small medicine chest—it need only be a biscuit box—containing a supply of bandages and simple remedies in case of accidents or emergencies, is almost indispensable.

Rainy days have to be provided for, and it is a wise mother who takes a number of her children's favourite toys for a surprise and to keep them amused and interested, not always the easiest thing in the world.

It is often a temptation to the busy mother to pile up a lot of darning, mending, and odd jobs to be done while on a holiday, but this is a fatal mistake. She badly wants a brief respite from household cares, and if she has the catering, to say nothing of the cooking, to do, the same as at home, then she should reduce that to the simplest possible dimensions, and, taking a leaf out of her husband's book, learn to lounge and laze in the sunshine, and for once a year do as little as possible.

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