

long as I had become tired of opening doors with a pan or pail of water in my hand, so one day I said to my husband, 'Are you busy?' And he answered, 'Not so very. Why?' 'Well, then, will you empty this pan of slop?' My husband took the pan but when he reached the first door he began to experience some difficulty. He managed to open the door after much worry, but his trouble wasn't over. Another door was just beyond and of course by this time things were not taken very calmly. Words expressing his feelings ought not to be repeated but several days later when my husband returned from town he had all the things necessary for installing a sink."

NEGRO WORK

Four Negro Agents reported work in Home Management. The Wayne Agent reported the most outstanding work, as follows: "In January 1926 we put on a kitchen improvement drive to close in January 1927. Thirty-two kitchens were improved. Two installed running water and three put water on the porch at the kitchen door. Two were painted with light colored paint, grey for one and the others buff and cream. All walls were cleaned, most floors were covered, new doors and windows were put in for light and convenience, and porches were screened.

"Stoves were rearranged so that light might fall directly on the cooking surface. Three kitchen cabinets were built in, others were painted the color of the walls, tables were raised to the proper height and shelves were put over them. Old cooking utensils were scrubbed and rubbed, new ones were added, and all grouped for convenience. Useless articles were discarded and garbage pails were put outside in the yard and covered. Each kitchen has its high stool. The top of a cheese box with legs makes a convenient stool. In one kitchen all furniture which may have to be moved for cleaning or other purposes has casters, wood boxes have been raised to the height of the

stove, towel racks supplied for clean towels, and bags for soiled ones.

"Some of the landlords were very generous during the drive. Mr. Cox built two kitchens and dining rooms for two women, and two kitchens were ceiled. I think all of the tenants on his place are thankful for their kitchens. Miss Peacock did a great deal to make a kitchen comfortable for one of the contestants who lives on her place. I know some other landlords whom I feel would have helped their tenants to improve their kitchens had these tenants only asked.

"When the drive was put on, five prizes were offered for the kitchens most improved. The agent knew she had no way to get these prizes but to ask the public and dreaded this part beyond words, yet her desire for better kitchens in the county outweighed her horror of acting as a beggar with the anticipation of being refused. The beautiful way in which Goldsboro responded made me feel that I was not begging but giving the people an opportunity to do something which they wanted very much to do. Instead of giving just five prizes, every woman who tried to improve her home was given something, because the year was a hard one and the judges felt that every effort should count. We certainly appreciate the help which our white friends gave as nearly everyone who was asked responded with that beautiful spirit which helps one more than the material things received. Yet it is gratifying to know that the bulk of the prizes were given by Negroes. We are glad of this because the help which does one most good is self help."