

CHEAPER LIVING:

An admirable scheme for increasing the use of the fireless cooker has been put into operation in Dunkerque, where the pupils of the Manual Training Schools have been making cookers as part of their school work and putting them on sale at the Municipal stores at forty cents apiece. This is an excellent idea. Manual training classes might do such work anywhere.

To educate the public further to their value, Henri Terquem, Mayor of Dunkerque, has posted on the city walls the following notice:

"Not to be cold next winter, save your coal this summer.

How? By using for your cooking the fireless cooker."

British papers contain many items about the "hay box" as the fireless cooker is called in England. The name originated in Norway where women first discovered the method of insulating a hot vessel by packing hay around it.

An organization called "Cheaper Living" has been founded in Paris. This society, a sort of "national school of economy and thrift" has instituted a series of lectures. At the close of each series examinations are held. Delegates chosen from those who pass, properly accredited by the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Public Instruction are then sent out into Paris and the suburbs to hold fifteen lectures a month followed by questions. By their personal contact no less than by their public addresses, they get in touch with various groups of people and will fill the position of extensions professors. The work so far has been financed by benevolence. The first group of delegates has gone out and their influence is already being felt in France as shown by the newspapers. For example, a recent case of poisoning in a school canteen where the fireless cooker was used impels the papers to publish warnings that it will be necessary to put the pot on the stove and heat it thoroughly before serving to sterilize the contents.

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