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"After the abandonment of the spinning wheel, in vogue among the colonial women of America, there was a long period of time during which machinery in the homes to lighten the housewife's task, was exceedingly scarce."

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All these years (of trials and tribulations) her otherwise life was replenished only by the many uses she was able to make of the justly celebrated rolling pin.—"The sewing machine finally came, to revolutionize sewing methods, and it remained supreme for decades to be gradually discarded even as the women became more modest in their requirements of garment."

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But during the past dozen years, especially in the last few years, when the republican party was in control, (I know it seems longer), the inventors' ingenuity has performed wonders for the house worker . . .

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It will be recalled, man was always the inventor of the family.—He, in fact, invented everything from a strictly authentic account of his doings the night before, to a new way his wife may beat the capitalist system.—He also invented a washboard for his wife; a wagon for his horse and a wheelbarrow for himself—.

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He is deserving of great credit for his many inventions—including the capitalist system (which he has been perfecting for years) and which, keeps him pushing the wheelbarrow, his horse pulling the wagon, and his wife bending over the washboard 313 days out of each year so long as he (half) lives.

Note:—85 out of 100 die without a nickle.

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Today the kitchen and home-laundry are rapidly being fitted up with all kinds of **little machines** which do away with a large proportion of the old drudgery.—Clothes washers, dish washers, vacuum cleaners, electric mixers for bread and cake, egg beaters and vegetable slicing devices all are coming in such volume that the average wife bids fair to become a master mechanic.

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The copper miner's wife will throw away that tin wash boiler; the tin miner's wife will ditch the wooden tub and the wood worker's wife will no longer be compelled to wash clothes in the creek.—No. They will have electric wash machines.—Just push the button!

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"Where is the money coming from?"—

I'm glad you asked me that question, it gives me a chance to come right out in the open.—The 85 out of 100 people who "passed away" without a nickle, in the fore part of this historical document, they surely were in no position to buy electric flat irons—neither were they organized . . . .

—The other fifteen? Oh, they're different.—They will have all these things—these things were made especially for them, and the price was put (on them) with specific intent to discourage the 85 ambitious, hard-working, workingmen—.

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The way it is, at present, with a working man: If he gets sick, (from overeating rotten meat) and "lays off" a half a day, it will take him three months to catch up with



his bills, and three days to catch up with his work—.

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But . . . it is thought in reliable quarters that: If the American working people will organize themselves into a ONE big union, not a Craft big union, nor a Trade big union, but an Industrial big union, (the I. W. W. for instance), the master class will see to it that they get a copper washing machine (with glass port holes, so that they can watch the dirt coming off the 59 cent shirt—).

"At present the efficiency experts are showing the house worker how many hundreds if not thousands of steps she can save every day by the use of properly placed cabinets, shelves and other kitchen utensils." (Which she hasn't got).

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The idea is not to give "her" rest, but to utilize her spare time, in other work, which would tend to support the already over-supported, and over-suppered 15 per cent.

But, you just go ahead, organize your one big union if you want to.... the master isn't going to put anything in your way **after** you're organized—you betcha he wont.

He'll talk wash machines with you—.

I'll say he will!!

T-bone Slim.