

GADGETS ARE HOUSEWIVES' CHOICE!

Woman's work, as she never tires of pointing out, is never done, but modern automatic cookers do make it easier; as demonstrated at the Amsterdam Household Fair. Husbands like to know what's cooking. (PAUSE THREE FEET) Quite a dish to come out of any casserole. Recipe NOT to be found in Mrs. Beeton.

After that novel introduction it wasn't surprising to find the Fair full of everything that any woman could want in the kitchen. The refrigerator built on to a wall takes up less space and holds just as much as the normal type. Little wonder that young women can hardly believe that their mothers often had to throw food away because it had gone bad. Nowadays every year brings out new ideas for convenience, cleanliness and labour saving. There'll always be some unavoidable drudgery; so the more that science and invention can keep it down, the better.

A woman isn't always cooking; there's the little matter of washing. Fixed by suction at any convenient spot, the portable wringer is another space-saver.

Magnetism holds the tin securely to the automatic opener. No cut fingers, no bad language. The magnet sees to it that you don't drop the lid. But what about that dull chore, potato peeling? They don't seem to have anything reasonably small to do it for you. Oh yes they have. And no matter how awkward the shape, the peel is off in no time. Spud-bashing soldiers will think the gadget has quite a future in the army.

It was hot work walking round the household fair. Just the place for the pneumatic coat-hanger.

That'll be much cooler. But always remember to empty the pockets, in case your wallet contains your confidential telephone numbers.