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PREFACE

(First Edition)

IN preparing this second book on the art and science of laundry work, the author has tried to overcome the many shortcomings of the little book called "Laundry Manual." Laundering up to the time of that book had not been considered worthy of a text-book, but later classes caused the demand. Through students and teachers, together with the work being required in many schools and colleges, the science has advanced to such an extent that it is almost impossible to keep abreast of the chemical, textile and mechanical side, to say nothing of the educational, economical and practical aspect of the subject. The whole viewpoint is broad and still growing broader; consequently the new book is starting on the journey which it is hoped the pioneer has prepared for it, to be of greater service to student, teacher and housekeeper.

The author wishes to thank all of the former friends who have used the "Laundry Manual," and hopes that the new book, "Laundering," will be even more helpful, because more up to date. Special thanks are extended to all who have so willingly given of their help and advice: to Miss M. J. McKeown, for the ever-helpful assistance in reading manuscript and writing the chapters on Bluing and Disinfection; to Dr. B. R. Andrews, for reviewing the manuscript; to Miss S. B. Vanderbilt, for her assistance from

the chemistry standpoint; to Mrs. Ellen McGowan, for reviewing the work on textiles and stains; to Professor Emma H. Gunther, whose aid in compiling has made the book possible.

To students, teachers and housekeepers the book is dedicated.

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PREFACE TO THIRD EDITION

SCARCELY any subject in household arts has made greater strides in the past few years than that of laundering. Great changes in equipment for the laundry have been made, and dependent upon these, necessarily changes in methods must follow.

Much assistance is being given the rural worker today, whether she is a housekeeper, a teacher, or a county agent. The author has presented some suggestions on this line of work.

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