

# The transitioning from fireplace to stove

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The following account is taken from History of Clarendon 1810 to 1888 by David Sturges Copeland. Here we see what an improvement stoves were over the pioneer fireplace where 90 percent of the heat or more went up the chimney.

"To the women of Clarendon the stove was truly the greatest and most highly-prized of any one invention. From the old Franklin with two griddles down to the modern range with six griddles and reservoir, capacious ovens, burning coal or wood, Clarendon women can look back to the dingy, dusky, cob-web fireplace, and take a long sigh of relief over the present circumstances, as compared to those of their grandmothers.

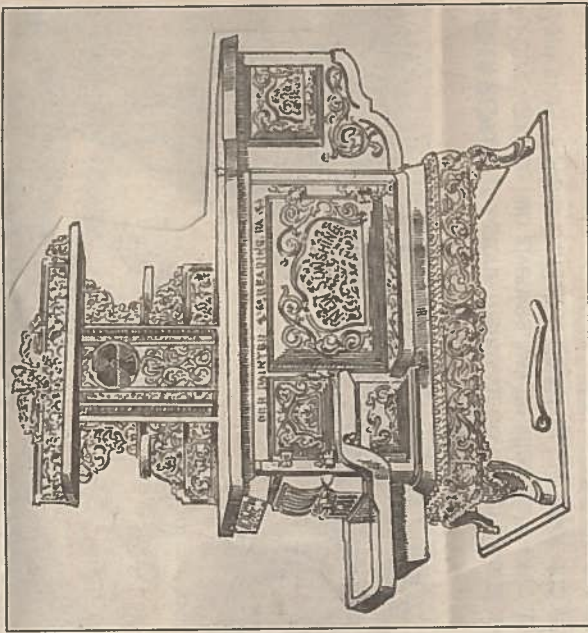
"In 1866 we find coal stoves in use at Daniel Barker's, George Root's and

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Henry Kirby's outside of the village, while Benjamin Copeland, David N. Pettengill and Amasa

Patterson were the first to introduce their cheerful light at their homes. The "Morning Light" was a good coal burner in its day, but N.H. Darrow can now furnish heaters that would soon retire the pioneer into some obscure corner. The effect of these latter-day stoves has been to largely do away with the cutting of firewood, and wherever coal has once been used, whether for cooking or heat, the wood-pile ceases to be seen, and in the summer, oil stoves are beginning to dispense in small families with the use of coal or wood.



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"The effect of this change from wood to coal has been the relief to the farmer, which he so much needed, from months of wood-chopping and all the inconveniences of slush, snow and ice after a busy time of hard labor in the short seasons of Western New York. To the women

coal has been as much of a blessing that not one in Clarendon but prides herself upon the innovations, and her chief complaint is that her liege lord is too apt to prefer the old patterns to the new out of a selfish motive."