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Household Articles

Bahamian homes were traditionally furnished simply with many homemade items since goods of foreign manufacture were difficult to obtain. These are now being replaced by modern appliances, but many older household articles (and the skills needed to use them) are still known and sometimes used in emergencies. The simplest method of cooking was outside on the [THREE-STONES](#) , with [BRAMBLE](#) or [FAT PINE](#) as kindling and wood or [COAL](#) to maintain the heat. The [OVEN](#) would be set on this with coals on top as well as below to provide for even baking. It was more comfortable to use the [FIRE-KITCHEN](#) , where meat could be roasted on a [TRIBBET](#) or [SIFF](#) over the [FIRE-HEARTH](#) or [GALLEY](#) . One can still occasionally find the [ROCK OVENS](#) in which bread was baked, but now this is usually done in the [BAKER](#) or [STOVE-BAKER](#) . People used to [TRASH](#) corn, [FAN](#) it with a [FANNER](#) to remove the hocksS, then store it in a [DRUMMER](#) until it was needed for grits, which were pounded with a [MAUL](#) .

Women would [BEAT](#) laundry [OUT](#) at a pond, or in a [ZINC](#) in the yard filled with [LYE WATER](#) , using [SOAP BUSH](#) . They put it on bushes to dry and then would [PICK](#) it [IN](#) when it was [HARD](#) , pressing it either with a [GOOSE-IRON](#) containing hot coals or with a [SMOOTHENING IRON](#) or [BLACK IRON](#) heated on an [IRONING STOVE](#) , cleaning off the [COLLY](#) with an [IRON-RUBBER](#) . Wooden floors would be swept with a [THATCH BROOM](#) , [SWASHED DOWN](#) , then scrubbed with a [TURBOT SKIN](#) or [SIFF WIRE](#) scrubber. The [FURNITURES](#) were simple. The kitchen might have a [SAFE](#) for food and shelves for [CHINAS](#) , [CANS](#) , and [MUGS](#) , as well as the [CHATTY](#) , [COCO](#) , or other utensils. The ncicim might have a [CHINA CLOSET](#) or [BOX O' CHES'](#) for clothes, and a bed with an iron [BASKET-HEAD](#) and [BED-STERN](#) and a mattress of [TICKNING](#) filled with [BED-GRASS](#) . Lighting used to be with a [BOTTLE LAMP](#) or [FLAMPER](#) , and water had to be fetched from the public [PUMP](#) , but today roost [FACE-BASINS](#) have [SPICKETS](#) .

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