

There are a number of things mentioned in the above sale which have gone out of use, at least in this part of the country. We have made rapid advances. Education and invention have altogether changed the condition of things both in the house and on the farm. The following notes are appended for the benefit of the younger members of the family.

1. **POTASH KETTLE:** This was a very large iron caldron which would hold three or four barrels of water, sometimes more. It was called so because it was used for boiling down the lye obtained from hardwood ashes. Nearly every farmer that could afford it had one. It was enclosed by a stone plastered wall having at one side an opening to receive wood, and on the other side a flue to produce a draught and permit the smoke to escape. Its rim rested on the top of the enclosure and at an elevation sufficient to allow a fire to be made under it. By this means the water was evaporated more speedily from the alkali, or impure carbonate of potassa, a white metallic substance, used for many purposes. It was one of the few things in demand and which brought money in those days, and hence the ashes from the wood heaps and the house were carefully preserved.
2. **LEACH TUB:** This was usually made of boards of oblong shape and in the form of a "V"—barrels were often used—and secured on a thick plank with a slight incline to carry off the lye. Before filling the tub coarse straw was put in the bottom