HOW TO BURN SOFT COAL.

In Place of Anthracite—Only Danger Is From Soot.

It is quite a problem in Chestertown, as elsewhere, what fuel to use this winter in place of hard coal. Hard coal, at present, is impossible to obtain at any price and some substitute is necessary that will in a measure take its place. Although a large proportion of house-holds will burn wood—and it is preferable to soft coal in many ways-soft coal will have to be used in ranges to keep a fire over night to prevent freezing of water pipes and it will be largely used in

The Scientific American advises the use of soft or bituminous coal as the cheapest and most satisfactory substitute for anthracite for the above purposes. "It should not exceed \$5 or \$6 per ton and there is no quality in soft coal which renders it unfit for domestic use. Indeed, as a matter of fact, practically no other fuel is used, or has been used, for domes. tic purposes in Great Britain, and while the cooking ranges differ somewhat in design from those used in this country for anthracite coal, it will be quite possible for the householder, by using a little judgement, to burn soft coal to advantage in the ordinary American cooking

The most important fact to remember is that the great quantities of gas thrown off when soft coal is first ignited render it necessary to supply considerable more air above the bed of fuel than is the case with anthracite coal. Thus, in replenishing the kitchen stove, it will not do to fill the grate entirely full of fresh fuel, since this would result in the rapid lowering of the oven temperature, which would not be restored until the mass had become ignited and the gases had been somewhat burned off. It will be found that the best method is to feed small quantities of fuel to the fire at frequent intervals, keeping the lower drafts closed more than they would be in burning anthracite coal, and keeping the upper draft constantly open. For use in the heating furnace, soft coal will be found to give good results when once the proper manipulation of the furnace has been learned. It should be understood at the outset that more constant attention will be necessary, for the reason that solt coal burns more quickly and will not remain incandescent for so long a time as anthracite coal.

During the daytime the attendant will have no difficulty in keeping a steady fire if he is careful to feed the furnace frequently, to keep the bottom drafts but slightly open, and to give a liberal feed of air through the air inlet in the furnace door. Owing to the rapidity combustion of bituminous coal, it will not be possible to hank up the furnace for the night and leave it with a certainty that there will be a live fire remaining in the morning; but this difficulty can be 111 overcome if a small quantity of anthracite can be obtained and used only for banking up the fire over night. If it cannot be had, a little practise may obviate the trouble in the majority of

There is one feature connected with the use of soft coal, however, which, unicas it be carefully safeguarded, may introduce an element of danger. We refer to the heavy deposit of soot in the flues which will occur when soft coal is used This soot, unless it is swept out at stated intervals, will accumulate, and being inflammable would be liable to ignite and produce a fierce fire in the chimney, with a consequent risk to the dwelling. It sometimes happens that the ends of rafters or beams are, by interior of the house. There is further danger that the shower of sparks from a burning chimney would ignite the shingle roof. These risks may be obyiated by sweeping the chimney say once in two months. Furthermore, clogged chimneys and pipes mean that this soot and smoke may get into the house itself and play havoc with furnichimneys and pipes leading from all stoves be thoroughly cleansed.

Labor Problems in Pulpit.

The strike in the coal regions, which has been in operation all summer and apparently no nearer an end than when ences His discourses have attracted Last Sunday he continued the discussion PLOWS. and said it was to be regretted that there was not a united church of the United States to take up the coal war problem. Such a church, representing, as it would, the religious sentiment of all the people, question. The church of to-day was We have some bargains to offer you. practically powerless on account of its; disorganization and division into creeds. The speaker declared that President Roosevelt had the power to end the coal strike if he would exercise it. Rev. Carriages and Bently thought it might be a good thing if the price of coal was permitted to go to \$20 or 30 a ton. It would open the eyes of the people, both rich and poor, to the absurdity of such statements as that made by President Baer concerning the ownership of necessities by a handful of men. Such an object lesson would Hardware, Tinware and put the screws on rich and poor alike, and there would be a clamor for uniyersal ownership. The speaker intimated that J. P. Morgan was the "real President of the United States," and expressed the view that unless universal ownership comes to pass a condition of benevolent feudalism would follow. He believed "crushing the labor unions was fighting Almighty God." He then brotherhood. He spoke in eulogistic volterms of President Mitchell.

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