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cleaning" and looking forlorn and lonely among hundreds of others, large and small, for tradesmen and factory and office workers. So the hope of the editor of 1874 for "thorough servants" was in vain. Fortunately science has come to our aid with the washing machine, the refrigerator and all the other handy electrical gadgets, has solved the problem of household drudgery and removed the often over-worked and underpaid slavey from the domestic scene.

SWIMMING - EARLY DAYS.

To live in a new climate means new habits; one which the immigrant to Australia and his descendants developed was swimming. Many of those who came to Victoria in the first half of the nineteenth century hardly knew what it was to wash their bodies. But the first summer of 1835-6 and the nearness of the Yarra made many of them think of a bath in the cool water. And so bathing there became popular. Private enterprise saw its chance and baths were established on the river and at Port Melbourne as early as 1842 and at Brighton only two years later. The baths were a construction on four wheels copied from the bathing machine of the English watering place. Later came the baths which were a piece of the sea fenced off; St. Kilda and Brighton had these by the 1860's. Until 1917 the municipality (shire) of Moorabbin included a long stretch of beach from Brighton to the southern boundary of Mordialloc; the Council controlled Keefer's baths at Beaumaris, since demolished, and the many bathing boxes at Hampton, Sandringham, Mentone and Mordialloc which are now almost part of the past. Gradually swimming for pleasure replaced the old idea of using the sea as a bath, though for a long time the sexes were segregated. There were definite times for bathing for men and women; a red flag was flown when the men were the customers, a white for the ladies. There were doubtless peeping Toms, nor were they all of the same sex. A working man writing in a local paper of 1874 complains, "Surely the time sacred by law for gentlemen bathers should be free from intrustion as is the ladies, who intrude unseemly, to say the least, at a time when working men are obliged to bathe or forego its benefits".