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Take the home as an example. The average household is equipped with dozens of labor-saving devices and appliances, all depending upon the use of electricity. All of these are designed with the utmost regard for their safe operation. But each one comes equipped with a set of instructions listing the "do's" and "don'ts" which will augment their efficiency and safety. Read and heed the instructions. They are not placed there merely to decorate the label—they are there for your safety. So many home fires could be prevented by periodically checking plugs and cords and electrical outlets, etc. Not much time would be spent in checking these small things—not much time, that is, in comparison with years of regret if neglect caused a home fire which took the life of any member of one's family. Aside from the loss of life comes the loss of property. You cannot quite place a price on your home possessions, because apart from the actual monetary value, you have the pride of ownership which you would hate to have taken away. Then there also is the sentimental attachment to the things in your home. You can replace a chair, but can you replace your cherished baby pictures?

The thought of such things should send the householder scurrying to destroy all hazards. Accumulated paper or waster and piled up rubbish and oily cleaning cloths, etc. not in proper containers. Matches and inflammable solutions left in the reach of children, smoking in bed and such things.

Much is said about the prevention of forest fires—and justly so. Let's protect the forest that provides the wood to build our home—but let's go a step further and protect our homes also.

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