Several articles relating to the "HOUSEKEEPERS' CLUB" have appeared in the METROPOLIS, which I have read with much interest. If I correctly understand its object, it is a good one, and every town should have a Housekeepers' Club.

The idea prevails among many people, even among some Floridians, that housekeeping in Florida occasions more hard work than it does in other states. Maybe so, but I can't see it that way. Here we have the "Live long" year to do the work which must be done in a few months in other states because of the long winter when much is impossible.

It is true there are mosquitos to be ever warring against (I have heard of them being in other places) — but they are not in every locality here and can be in a great measure prevented anywhere by never allowing stagnant water near the place. "And there are so many other insects — roaches, flies and ants!" Yes, I'll admit there are a good many, but they, too, may be kept out of the house or destroyed.

A house in Florida should be as carefully built as they are in colder climates. There should be no cracks in which insects may possibly hide. With a good house with perfectly smooth walls housekeeping is well begun, for the necessary absolute cleanliness is not so difficult. It used to be a task for our foremothers to keep house, for they had to make their own soaps, also the scrub brushes with which they keep their bare floors so white and clean. Nowadays there should not be much work, not even in the "insects-infested" Land of Flowers, when brushes of every description and for every puny purpose are ready-made and cheap, together with washing compounds ready for use.

If all pantry shelves are occasionally washed with hot water and pearline, then sprinkled well with powdered borax before being covered with paper, roaches and ants will remain in more congenial quarters. It is well to keep a "trap" for any stray ones that may come along. A small can or jar filled with loose balls of paper makes a convenient hiding-place for roaches. They will readily collect in it and can be destroyed with hot water, or they may be thrown out for the chickens to feast on. A sponge sprinkled with sugar is an excellent trap for ants. When numerous they would completely fill it and may be scalded with hot water.

If one has not screen doors and flies are troublesome, lavender water sprinkled about the table linen would keep them at a safe distance.

I append some good recipes for Florida housekeepers.

BAKED HAM
Take out the bone and fill the place with entire wheat bread soaked in milk and seasoned with salt, pepper and a little onion juice. Baste it often, cook long and slowly. It will last more than one meal, does not taste like "pork meat" and is very nice cold with baked potatoes.

FRANKLIN GRIDDLE CAKES
Three cups flour, one teaspoonful sugar, half teaspoonful salt, one egg, one teaspoonful soda, mix with sour milk, have the griddle hot. This is very nice to eat with Florida syrup.

SCALLOP SWEET POTATOES
Cut into little cubes cold baked or boiled sweet potatoes until you have about a quart. Put a pint of milk into a saucepan with a tablespoonful of butter and when it boils thicken with a teaspoonful of flour wet with a little cold milk. Put a layer of potatoes into a pudding dish, season with salt and pepper, dip over it a few spoonfuls of the gravy and continue in this way 'till all is used. Cover the top with rolled bread or cracker crumbs and bits of butter, bake about twenty minutes.

PINEAPPLE WHEATLET PUDDING
In a pudding dish put layers of cold wheatlet mush, a generous layer of grated pineapple sweetened to taste. Put a layer of wheatlet on top and bake brown, serve with cream sauce.

GUAVA PUDDING
Make same as pineapple pudding, using sliced guavas instead of pineapple. Bake in a quick oven and brown the wheatlet, but cooking the guavas only a little. Cream or hard sauce is excellent with this.