Everybody agrees that a woman's work is never done, but it's only recently that man has decided that he ought to do something about it. Here is a typical housewife, doing her typical housework, under the scrutiny of an observer at the window. The number of times she opens a door is registered by electrical instruments --- and the man at the machine is able to clock everything she does. She spends three-quarters of the day in the kitchen, including an hour and a half at the sink. Even more, if it's bunged up. These tests are being made by the Building Research Station for the purpose of giving advice how a home can be planned to eliminate the wasting of energy. How many strokes does it take to clean a window? How can you cut down the steps you take to answer a knock at the door? One way is --- don't answer it

Footsteps are clocked by contacts under the carpet. The average housewife takes three thousand nine hundred and forty-sever a day. Every task

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and the extinates results are based on a five-day week. This is in the hall and going upstairs for doing things like making the beds, watched by an observer.

This kind of thing takes up four hours of every working day --- all being clocked by the clocks, and observed by the observer, Yes --- it certainly is good news, to hear that the round of domestic chores will soon be made much easier, by the man with the electric clock. Now you can clock off: