

THERMOSTAT

The following illustration is not intended to be in any way a criticism of anyone but simply an illustration to emphasize the point that when one has an idea it is often good to push forward on it rather than to allow it to be shunted aside.

When we began to get heat in == When we got heat last fall in the building here we soon found that though it might be quite cold in the morning, in the afternoon the heat could easily get up to 80°. I asked if something could not be done about this, and was told that if we could not do much until the building was actually in our possession, and then the whole heating system would be gone over. There were many days in which the heat would get up to 80° or to 85°. We could not open windows; we would have to open the door into the hall, and sometimes open the door from the hall into the outer air (outside) in order to try to cool off a little here. It was very uncomfortable and also seemed to me a very bad waste of heat. I was given to understand that until the building was ours nothing could be done to fix up the heating system or the thermostat, and we could just put up with it. As time went on and time and again it was very cold in the morning but uncomfortably hot in the afternoon, I felt more and more upset about so much waste of heat. Settlement was received and the building was ours and still the situation continued. In fact it became worse.

One day I mentioned to Dr. Murray that I wished that he could have an expert on thermostats come and look at the building and the thermostats. I said surely the thermostats could be fixed so that heat in the other rooms we are not using would be kept low and save heat there and that ours would turn off when it reached a certain point. He said he would try to look into it but he doubted that until the whole heating system was gone over this summer, he doubted that much could be done about the thermostats.

About a week ago a heating company came in to look over the boilers and study the whole situation here. One of the men came up to the office and asked how the heat was. I told him that it was very cold in the morning and very hot in the afternoon. ~~When~~ When he came this afternoon it was very hot. He said this thermostat has a cover over it so that one cannot get to it to adjust it. That was of course necessary with the little children