An Electric Dinner

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PREPARE a complete dinner without a range! Impossible you say? Not any more with the new power center in the Department of Household Equipment.

The power center is simply what its name implies. Intricate wiring within a 12-inch cube carries high voltage on separate circuits. The power center has five outlets making it possible to use five automatic cooking appliances simultaneously. It can be a center for all of your cooking if a variety of appliances are used.

Compact Center

The center costs approximately $100 plus the additional cost of automatic cooking appliances, which seem to turn up as bridal gifts quite often these days. Your electrician can install the power center in much the same way an electric range is installed. Because of its small size as compared to an electric range, the power center is easy to handle—perfect for young couples who will be moving often.

In many small apartments the appliance circuit wiring will not carry more than the 1,200 watts needed for one automatic cooking appliance. This presents a problem when a coffeemaker and toaster are needed at the same moment. If the power center is used in place of a range, a single appliance can be plugged into each of the five outlets without fear of overloading the circuit. The center, however, must be wired for regular range wattage. These outlets have extension cords that will snap back within the power center when detached from the appliances. To save space in a small apartment, the center can be recessed in the wall.

A Clock Watcher

Above the row of outlets a minute reminder and an automatic time device remind the homemaker when her food is done. She can leave for the afternoon, set the timer and dinner will be ready to serve on her return. The timing device works only on a single outlet but can be switched from one to another.

Equipment Class

The small equipment class and the Department of Household Equipment have been using this new power center and have found it very satisfactory. Plans for its use in the new home economics addition are being made. When the center is built into the laboratory kitchens, the household equipment classes will use it in studying small automatic appliances.

Increasing popularity of automatic appliances has led to the development of the new power center—it fits with our casual way of living today. An automatic saucepan for cooking vegetables, an ovenette for baking, a waffle baker-grill combination for broiling and a fry-pan are a few of the automatic servants that make it possible to cook without a range.

An "electric" menu prepared with power center and appliances.

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Swiss steak—fry-pan
Potatoes—saucepan
Buttered beets—pressure saucepan
Rolls—warmed in ovenette
Coffee—coffeemaker