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Kitchen

Range

This is the original range, dated 1912 and manufactured by the Cyrus Carpenter Company of Boston. For its time, this was stateof-the-art cooking equipment, featuring seven burners, two ovens, and two warmers. Coal ashes could be easily disposed of by kitchen staff with the twist of a handle at the side, which flipped the coal tray inside, emptying the ashes into a bin in the basement. No messy ash scooping necessary, keeping the food preparation space much cleaner!

Rubber Tile Floors

The green and white rubber tiles floors are also original to the house. They were manufactured by the New York Belting and Packing Company and were advertised as "noiseless" flooring that provided some cushion underfoot for those working in the kitchen. The also would have been easy to clean, an important selling point in the age of the sanitary ideal.



Dumbwaiter

This electrified dumbwaiter traveled up and down between the first floor and both levels of the basement below. It likely carried laundry as well as food supplies from the upper basement, and coal to feed the kitchen range from the lower basement. This was undoubtedly a very helpful labor saving device for the home's domestic staff.





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Kitchen Tools

The small tools and equipment you see on display are representative of what might have been used in a 1920s kitchen like Lucknow's. Aluminum pots and pans were expensive and may have been the cookware of choice for this kitchen. The image below shows a page from a New York department store catalog for the year 1924.

