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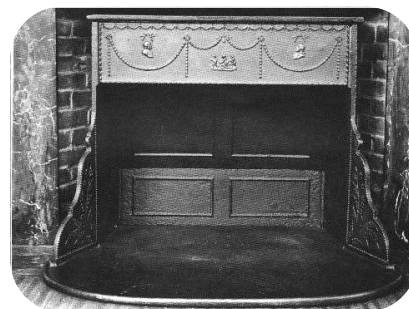
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(1705-1790)

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Sit down and get ready for something to eat.



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