

Washday Blues

A little over 100 years ago in the early part of the 20th century most housewives would have been familiar with these items.



Washboard



Dolly washer



Mangle



Flat iron

These 4 items were the tools needed to get your washing and ironing done.

The washboard was used in the wash tub to rub the soapy clothes to get dirt out. The dolly washer or posser was used to agitate your clothes in the tub. The mangle was used to squeeze out water between rinses and at the end of the washing process. The flat iron was heated up on the range to iron the clothes. Monday was washday for nearly all households and the clothes wash took most of the day; it was a very hands on labour intensive process. Followed by ironing on Tuesday.

Thank goodness washing machines were invented.