



First AGA cooker – patented in Sweden by the inventor Gustav Dalén in 1922.

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The continuous worktop

The big change in the layout of kitchens came with the introduction of the continuous built-in worktop lining the kitchen walls, as opposed to centrally placed, free-standing tables. One forerunner of this phenomenon was the late nineteenth century pantry. Here we see the prototype with continuous waist-high counters, a built-in sink with cupboards underneath and cabinets with sliding doors hanging on the walls above.



Typical pantry 1891