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Pick the meat from a can of lobster or from a two-pound boiled lobster into fine flakes; pile onto a dish and cover with this dressing: Beat three egg yolks, add one teaspoon salt, three cayenne pepper, one tablespoon melted butter, two-thirds cup hot vinegar; then add one teaspoon mustard mixed with a little milk; when boiling stir in one cup milk; beat to smooth paste; pour over meat and let become cold before garnishing with parsley, lemon quarters and lobster claws.

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**LIFE IN ENGLISH SHOPS.**

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**Offences For Which Fines Are Imposed—Apathy Engendered by Servitude—Clerks Fined If Customers Depart Without Making Purchases.**

The "shop assistants," as they are called in England, are a class by themselves, writes A. L. Vogl from London to the New York Post. Socially they hold aloof from manual workers, considering themselves superior, while themselves regarded by the clerical and professional classes as inferior to those who are termed brain workers. This social reserve on the part of the shop assistants may be accounted for by the peculiar conditions of their daily life. It is the custom in all English retail shops for the assistants to board and lodge upon the premises; a housekeeper being provided by the shopkeeper to attend to the domestic needs of his hands. The daily routine of a shop assistant is about as follows: Rise at seven, breakfast half an hour later, begin shop duties at 8.15.

The ordinary English shop has one aisle running through the centre, with counters along each side, in contrast to the American store, with its many sections, and cross-sections, and corner booths. Each assistant has a particular length, usually about six or nine feet, of counter at which he is compelled to stand all day long. Assistants go in batches to dinner and tea—served in a room above the shop—and are usually allowed ten minutes between the time they leave the table until they reappear at their counters. Shop hours are from 8.15 a. m. to 9.15 p. m. As a result of the efforts of what is called the Early-Closing Association, most shops now close one week at 5 p. m. This early-closing movement arose during the agitation in England for shorter hours for workers. Previously, shop assistants had very little time for any recreation, and none at all for that indispensable social pastime—courtship. After shop hours they are free until 11 p. m. (or midnight on early closing nights) at which hour they must be within doors, keys not being allowed except to department heads. Married men are, however, permitted to go to their homes from Saturday night until Monday morning.

The bedrooms or dormitories are fitted with single cots and accommodate from three to eight in a room. A sitting-room is provided for the men, and one for the women, and in most shops the sexes are allowed one social evening a week, when they may meet in the women's sitting-room. So thoroughly is this "living-in" system a national institution that a special clause has been inserted in the Truck Act excepting those stores where the assistants "live in" from the operation of its provisions requiring that all wages shall be paid in money and not in kind. Shop assistants receive a small salary besides their keep, and a commission on sales. A good salesman's wages will thus about equal those of a mechanic, except that he will work about seventy-eight hours a week, while the mechanic will work but fifty-two.

According to English law it is illegal to deduct anything from an employee's wages where they are a fixed sum, but as the wages of shop assistants are largely commissions, fines can be deducted therefrom without breaking the law. Hence, in nearly every shop, they are subjected to a set of fines, the imposing of which depends upon the floor-walker; and as may be supposed from this, the particular friends of that gentleman, especially among the women, the free from this annoyance. To allow a customer to leave the counter without making a purchase invariably means a fine for the unlucky assistant, and in most shops three such causes for fine in the course of one day—serving three swaps, as it is termed in shop lingo—means dismissal. This rule effectually prevents the English woman from indulging in those inspection tours of the shops which are so dear to the hearts of all American women. Many ruses are practiced by assistants to escape "swaps." Should he fail to sell a customer an article he will induce her to accept some pattern or material, afterward explaining to the floor-walker that the customer wanted patterns in order to select the goods at home; or he will suggest that she may require something in another department, and pass her over to some other assistant, inwardly sighing with relief.

Fines are inflicted for the most trivial offenses, and it is not unusual for an assistant to find his whole commission mulcted at the end of the week. The following list is copied from a notice posted in all the dormitories of one large dry goods house in London:

- Sleeping out without a permit, fine one shilling.
- Arriving late in shop, fine one shilling.
- Absence from prayers, fine one shilling.
- Leaving counters without cause, fine six pence.
- Allowing customers to leave the counter without purchasing, fine one shilling.
- Burning lights in bedrooms after hours, fine six pence.
- Eating behind counters, fine three pence.
- Inevitability to customers, fine six pence.
- Talking unnecessarily to fellow assistants, fine three pence.
- It might be considered by some that the system of "living in" is, at least so far as the unmarried assistants are concerned, decidedly advantageous to them, inasmuch as it saves them a journey home after long hours of toil

and provides them with a more comfortable home than would probably be theirs in some boarding-house; but the effect it produces upon them morally is an unfortunate one. In the first place, it deprives the men of a right to vote, as a clause in the franchise act provides that in the case of servants sleeping on the master's premises, only those occupying a room to themselves are entitled to a vote, and it is only in rare instances that shop assistants "living in" occupy a room to themselves. Consequently, shop assistants, as a class, are wholly without civic spirit. They usually hold the same political creed as their employer for the time being—if they have any at all. Another deleterious effect upon the assistant's manhood results from the fact that, being continually under the eye of his employer, he is unable to secure a new position until he has given up his present one, and as giving up a position means immediate loss of home, the average assistant will submit uncomplainingly to indignities from employers which would be tolerated by no other class of workers. Particularly is this true in the case of women employed in the shops. Owing to the long hours, and to the necessity of living on the premises, assistants see very little of the outside world, their only opportunity for social intercourse being when they meet each other after hours. So it usually happens that the girls marry the men who are behind the opposite counters.

Repeated efforts have been made to abolish the "living in" system, but all have failed for lack of support among those they were intended to benefit. A social reformer, after devoting much time to the consideration of the conditions of shop life, recently said: "I know of no more difficult problem than that of how to improve the lives of shop assistants. Living under the roofs of their employers, they have lost, for the most part, that sense of independence which would lead them to endeavor to better their own conditions. The servility engendered by the necessity of selling to every customer, coupled with the constant practice of deception upon the floorwalkers, has left them deficient in manliness and moral stamina. Owing to the fact that every assistant is required to dress well, parents foolishly consider it a genteel occupation, and are ever willing to place their sons and daughters behind a shop counter. Until the assistants themselves realize that the privilege of wearing a black coat at work is no compensation for the loss of independence, I fear that the shop assistants will remain one of the most demoralized classes of English workers."

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**Shipments of Frozen Plants.**

It not infrequently occurs that plants shipped late in the fall or during the winter season, in mild weather, are caught en route by severe weather and become frozen. Many persons would think, perhaps, fatally injured and of little value; but they should consider them as in about the same condition as any other plants which may be planted out and are subject to just as great frosts. Exposure to frost is not harmful, provided the plants may thaw gradually, unexposed to light and heat. The best plan, therefore, is to let the box remain unopened, and put it in a cool cellar. It may take a week or more to thaw out; but under proper conditions there will be no harm done.—Meehan's Monthly.

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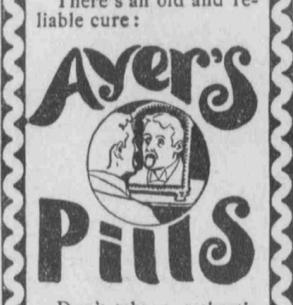
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