

## Going Shares on Servants Is Plan of Fifty Women To Solve Domestic Problem

**Montclair Housewives to Have Co-Operative Kitchen and Centralize the Housekeeping Industry of an Entire Community in a Bureau With Workers Ready for Members' Call.**

**Marguerite Mooers Marshall.**

Going shares on bridges and Mary—that's the newest solution offered to the servant problem. It is put forward by certain optimistic dwellers in Montclair, N. J. Her husband once remarked that the ideal wife would prefer a tenth share of a first-rate man to the whole of a tenth-rate man. The Montclair housewives carry her position for fractions still further. She will take the tenth share of a comparatively good housekeeper in preference to the services of fifty incompetents.

In brief, they are decided for co-operative housekeeping in Montclair. The Council of Twenty, a body composed with the Unity Unitarian Church, is back of the scheme, but it is in the direct charge of a committee headed by Mrs. H. A. Leonauser, of No. 1 Prospect avenue. Mrs. Leonauser has been studying scientific home management for several years and she has reached the conclusion that the community can keep house better than the individual.

"It's ridiculous to use up fifty cooks in cooking for fifty families," she exclaimed. "And as for cleaning, one woman using a vacuum cleaner can keep dust out of a score of households with less exertion than a score of fashionably equipped women needed for a single day of house-cleaning. It's an age of specialization and centralization of industry, and we housewives ought to keep up with our times."

"I know of at least fifty heads of families who are eager to give the co-operative plan a tryout, and we shall, in the beginning, organize on that numerical basis. A board of management, made up of representatives of these families, will establish a central housekeeping bureau and a central culinary bureau. From the housekeeping bureau each family will procure professional cleaners, paying them by the hour. These workers will be ready to sweep, dust, polish silver, wash woodwork, make beds—in fact, they will do anything they are asked to do."

"All food will be prepared at the central culinary bureau, under the direction of skilled chefs. Then it will be placed in carefully heated receptacles and conveyed by automobiles to each waiting dinner table. Dishes will also be sent along, to be returned to the central bureau after the meal is over. Thus the housewife is freed from the particularly disagreeable drudgery of dishwashing."

**SUPPOSING ALL WANT WHITE MEAT OF CHICKEN.**

"As somebody said to me, this plan may work all right with angels, but not with women," I objected. "Suppose every one of the fifty wants her windows washed on the same day and at the same hour? Your participative housewife can hardly step lively enough for that. And suppose you have roast chickens on the menu, and everybody orders chicken wings?"

"Oh, but you're not allowing for the co-operative spirit," Mrs. Leonauser caught me up. "The very word means that we work together. Of course no one of us will be unreasonable; no one will be averse to sacrificing a few individual prejudices for the good of the whole. Probably at first we shall only be able to offer two or three different menus daily, but until we can prepare a large variety I feel confident that no family will ask for difficult and unusual dishes, such as would not be pleasing to the majority."

"All food from the central kitchen will be of the very best quality, in any event. By purchasing in such large quantities we can obtain the pick of the markets at reasonable prices. We shall cut the high cost of living, you see. And then we shall have the best culinary ability at our command, and the dishes prepared will be both appetizing and scientifically wholesome. Finally, we can guarantee perfect cleanliness of preparation."

"But how about the real home flavor?" I suggested.

"Why, the flavor of hard-soaked crusts and soggy pastry will doubtless be missing," Mrs. Leonauser cheerfully replied. "Those are not unknown 'home flavors' in the culinary line. Personally, I consider that sympathy, good comradeship, love and happiness are the really valuable home flavors."

"A mother helps her child more with a half-hour of confidence than if she spent the half-hour in making crusts and pastry. When a wife brilliantly entertains her husband's friends at dinner she affords him more happiness and pride than she would inspire by weeks of house-cleaning."

**EXPECTS TO SAVE MONEY AND SOLVE THE PROBLEM.**

"This servant problem is simply unescapable," added Mrs. Leonauser with a sigh. "It's not merely the difficulty of getting a good maid; it's the cost of her while you have her. Say that the average wage for a general servant is \$5 a month. That makes \$60 a year. It is necessary to allow at least \$3 a week, or \$120 a year, for her room and board. In addition there is \$20 or so for special cleaning and window washing. I have reckoned on this basis that the cost of service for fifty families during one year amounts up to \$25,000. And this is omitting a large item—the breakage and the waste of food material by a servant."

"And you find that these expenses will be less on the co-operative plan?" I asked.

"Indeed, yes!" declared Mrs. Leonauser. "The total expense for both housekeeping and culinary departments will not exceed \$16,000."

"It seems to me that the servants will be quite as well satisfied as the housewives. I can't blame the domestic servant for much of her dislike for the present conditions of her employment. She has neither definite hours of work nor adequate social life. Under the co-operative regime she will have both. Probably the servants will live together in their own home, with their evenings free and the dignity of their position recognized."

"Each family in the co-operative group will pay \$300 a year for services from the housekeeping department. The price paid for food will of course vary according to the size of the family, the age of the children and other obvious factors. But in every case I am sure there will be a real financial saving and an equally real saving in worry and nervous strain for the housewife. We get so tired of this monotonous business of ordering meals that we dread looking at them when they're on the table," ended Mrs. Leonauser.

"I don't doubt it, but if fifty families use the same kitchen sink, on think of the appalling monotony of the dinner parties they'll give one another!"

**Physician Gives Recipe for Gray Hair**

**A Well Known Physician and Author Gives Simple Home Recipe That Will Darken Gray Hair.**

Dr. Stanton Burroughs, the well known physician and author, recently made the following statement: "Gray hair can be easily darkened by the following simple recipe which you can mix at home. To 7 oz. of water add a small box of Barbo Compound, 1 oz. bay rum and 1/2 oz. glycerine. Apply it to the hair every other day until the desired shade is obtained. It not only is an excellent hair darkener but at the same time removes dandruff and other ills of the scalp. I use it myself and have no hesitations in recommending it to my bought at any drug store at very little cost."—Adv.

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OSSENING, N. Y., March 11.—Two frame buildings on Main street, facing Pleasant Square, were destroyed by fire last night, and several others adjoining were damaged by the spreading flames. In all the fire did about \$30,000 damage. On this there was insurance of about two-thirds. The local department had to send to Briarcliff for aid, and a company from that place did material service in checking the fire.

In one way the fire was a benefit to the village, for it wiped out some of the poorest appearing buildings on the main square of the village. These will probably be replaced by more modern structures and the appearance of the village will be improved.

The fire started in what was probably the oldest building in this section of the county. It is thought to have been nearly one hundred years old. Anyhow it was in use as a hotel under the name of

Post Road Inn seventy-five and eighty years ago, and at that time seems to have been a long-established institution. It had been on fire a dozen or more times and fires had burned around it and scorched it, but owing to the brick filling of its side walls it always escaped destruction until last night. The building was owned by St. Paul's Church, which came into possession through a deed from a former parishioner.

In one-half of the ground floor of the old building was McNally & Dietrich's grocery store. This was swept by the fire, and from that the fire spread to the building next, to the east, owned by Harry Myers and occupied by him as a clear store and by his brother, A. L. Myers, as a dry goods and men's furnishing store. This building was also burned out. To the west of the Boston Store was the Eagle Hotel. This building is owned by John Brown. He had recently leased it to E. J. Conklin, who

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had opened the barroom and had furnished the upper floors, but had not yet got the hotel end of the business running. Part of the roof and much of the upper floor of this building was burned.

**New Civil Rights Bill.** ALBANY, March 11.—Majority Leader Levy's bill amending the civil rights act to make more stringent provisions against discrimination on account of race, creed or color in places of public resort, was passed by the Assembly last night. The bill provides that no person connected with a place of public accommodation, resort or amusement shall through advertisement of any kind show discrimination because of race, color or creed.

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