

LONDON'S LIVING-IN SYSTEM

NEW INTEREST IN THE HOMES FOR SHOP EMPLOYEES.

One Firm Has Announced Its Intention of Paying Better Wages and Letting its Workers Live at Home—Low Pay Not Evaded by the Accommodation.

LONDON, March 21.—Since the recent decision of Messrs. Swan and Edgar, managers of a large London department store, to abolish the "living-in" system among their shop assistants this much discussed matter has once more aroused public interest.

Years ago, when traveling was slow and cumbersome, when the retail grocer and dry goods merchant were men of modest means but good standing, the living-in system was undoubtedly an advantage for both employer and employee.

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Time has brought far different conditions into existence, and yet with English tenacity the theory is maintained that workers in shops should share living places under the jurisdiction of shop owners.

The high cost of living, the uncertainty of labor, the dread of illness and the poor return for thrift compel the parents of the class from which shop boys and girls are drawn to see that their children are enabled to bring home weekly a few shillings toward the household exchequer.

A few weeks ago in THE SUN an article appeared on shopgirl life in New York. An attractive picture was drawn of the sitting rooms, dining rooms, social clubs, etc., at most stores; of the care taken of them when they are ill and of the liberal wages paid them for their work.

In the first place if she is a new-comer she may be giving her services for the first month without any wage.

If this is not the case she commences herself to look for a room, and when she does achieve as much as \$2.50 or \$3 she is indeed doing well.

That nothing in said act (Sherman anti-trust law) or in this act is intended, nor shall any provision thereof hereafter be enforced so as to apply to any arrangements, agreements or combinations among persons engaged in agriculture or horticulture, made with a view of enhancing the price of their own agricultural or horticultural products.

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Blumstein WEST 125th ST.

- Sale of Organdies, Dimities & White Goods INDIA LINON, 30 inches wide, suitable for ladies' waists, children's dresses, etc.; value 15c. yard, at..... 10c 40-INCH PERSIAN LAWN, a fine sheer quality; value 25c., at..... 12 1/2c INDIA LINON, yard wide, extra fine quality; value 25c., at..... 15c WHITE EMBROIDERED LAWN, in several handsome designs; value 35c., at..... 17c 40-INCH IMPORTED BATISTE, highly mercerized; value 29c., at..... 19c IMPORTED SWISS, with fine embroidered dots, also a large assortment of the new plaid effects; value 35c. to 50c., at..... 25c THE CELEBRATED "HOLLY" BATISTE, in immense varieties of dainty spring designs; value 15c., at..... 12 1/2c FRENCH ORGANDIES, in handsome floral designs, also fine Belfast dimities, in neat figures; regular price 25c., at, yd..... 15c IMPORTED VOILES, in handsome plaids and all the newest spring colorings; value 29c., at..... 19c

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WHERE'S COLUMBIA'S FOUNTAIN?

Inquiries About a Gift Set the Whole College a-Huntin'.

"Where is that peacock fountain?" This is the question that is causing the faculty and all the officers at Columbia University to lie awake these nights. Everybody says that a gift of such a fountain was made to the university last week, but as yet nobody has been able to discover just who is the donor or when the fountain is to arrive on Morningside Heights.

All the trouble started on Thursday afternoon when a tall, lanky freshman called into Mr. Norris's office and asked if he couldn't find out something about "that peacock fountain that had been given by a wealthy New Yorker as a memorial for a pet dog that died last spring."

The freshman was next heard from when he arrived at Secretary Keppel's office. The secretary couldn't say anything off-hand, so he called up Mr. Norris, and Mr. Norris was already out on the hunt.

By this time, however, the nature of the gift had undergone considerable change in the minds of the men on the trail. Now the fountain was the gift of a Mr. Peacock, who a just return from the Egyptian desert, where in exploring the ruins of an ancient Roman encampment he had unearthed the statue of a beautiful nymph suitable for a fountain in and he was (said of presenting it to Columbia.

That a brilliant idea struck Mr. Norris and he sent for the freshman who had first asked him about the fountain. But the freshman had not been quite green enough to leave his name, so the janitor was more in the dark than ever.

Now Mr. Norris doesn't know whether somebody has been telling the story, or if there really is a fountain. Yesterday he was of the opinion that there was some truth in the story.

FOR CONTAGIOUS DISEASES. The German Hospital Opens a New Isolation Annex.

The German Hospital's new annex for the isolation of contagious disease patients was opened yesterday afternoon with exercises in the reception hall of the hospital dispensary, Park avenue and Seventy-seventh street.

It cost \$20,000, the greater part of which was given by Jacob Ruppert.

Representatives of the Arion Society, the German Liederkreis, the Deutsch Gesellschaft and the German Charity Ball Society were present at the exercises, which were presided over by Hermann Riddler, President of the Arion Society.

The rooms are divided into groups of three, each group having its own bathroom, ranging kitchen, nurse's room and linen closet. They can be washed from floor to ceiling with hose and disinfectants. No crockery is used, the dishes being made of white enamel.

SOME MONTANA'S SILVER Hammered into the Service to Be Presented to the Battleship.

The silver service which is to be presented to the battleship Montana by the State whose name the ship bears is now on exhibition in this city and will be formally presented about May 1.

The silver is from Montana mines and the bodies of the pieces were hammered up in the bowels of the State.

THE FAMOUS DONKEY OIL JORDAN'S P RECTION W. K. OIL POLISH

clears instantly all the dirt, grime, grease, etc., from woodwork, etc., and leaves a fine, smooth, shining surface.

With the opening on Thursday evening at Lenox Lyceum, the Pure Food Exposition given by the New York Retail Grocers' Union starts on a three weeks' stand.

After Thursday evening the exposition will be open from 1 to 8 P. M., and from 10 to 10:30 P. M. each day, Sundays excepted.

There will be cooking lectures by Mrs. Lily Haxworth Wallace every afternoon and evening, and concerts by the Seventh Regiment band.

Le Boutillier Brothers

Special Offerings This Week.

WOMEN'S SUITS—Women's richly tailored and trimmed Cloth Suits—sample line—one or two of a style—all colors and black, including Voile Suits, silk lined, \$25.00 values from \$30.00 to \$39.00

Also, a number of Tailor-made Cloth Suits, \$10.00 and \$15.00 values from \$18.00 to \$25.00

DRESS SILKS—27 INCH SATIN STRIPE ROUGH PONGEE—all silk—in colors and natural shade—98c former price \$1.50

Also, a large line of Fancy Silks, comprising Printed Wares, Jacquards, Swiss Taffetas, Checks, Plaids, etc., 68c and 78c reduced from \$1.00 and \$1.25

WOMEN'S TAILOR-MADE SHIRT WAISTS—Another assortment of Shirt Waists in Scotch Madras, stripes and plaids; colors and white. Also, plain White Linen Shirt Waists, very desirable—both at the special price of \$2.00

SILK MULLS—5,000 yards Silk and Cotton Mulls, printed in dainty Ombre stripes—pink, blue, green, heliotrope and grey; also on white grounds with black figures—19c heretofore 35c

HOUSEKEEPING LINENS—Heavy Irish Damask Table Cloths—2 x 2 yards, \$1.95. 2 x 2 1/2 yards, \$2.85. 2 x 3 yards, \$2.95. Napkins to match, \$3.85 a dozen. One-third below regular prices.

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With its pleasant anticipations of outdoor life—brings with it that need of Comfort for indoor living.

To this end our exhibits of "Country House" furniture offer every possibility for simplicity and quiet refinement.

Furniture for the Bedroom—Living Hall and Dining Room—that strikes an appeal to personality and character in a strong degree.

Grand Rapids Furniture Company (Incorporated) 34 and 36 West 32d Street Between Broadway and Fifth Avenue

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BEST & CO LILIPUTIAN BAZAAR

Babywear

Beautiful Paris creations in white silk coats, exquisite hand embroidered underwear, lace caps, and booties; simple and dainty effects in long dresses, flannel skirts and barrow coats, but hint at the inclusiveness and exclusiveness of this Spring display of infants' finery.

Infants' outfitting is a highly specialized feature of our juvenile wear, and we carry every thing for their comfort as well as for their adornment:

Toilet articles, crib clothes, nursery requisites and playthings.

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