

Suppose,

You were a poor girl earning your own living.
 You were a stranger without friends in Omaha.
 You had a job in sight that would pay you \$6 a week.
 You had to have a boarding house within your means.

Suppose all that.

What experience would you be up against?

BY A WOMAN MEMBER OF THE BEE STAFF.

When these "supposes" were put to me, the fact is, I must confess, I had never supposed anything of the kind.

I know there are lots of working girls in Omaha who come here without friends, who have to earn their own living and who get less than \$6 a week, from which they must pay for board and room, and then pay for clothes, laundry, shoes, hats, gloves, church, books and amusements, out of what is left. But I never tried to imagine myself in that predicament.

My first mental question was, "How would you go about it?" And the answers seemed easy enough: "Just get a newspaper and look in the 'rooms and board' column for addresses of places waiting for boarders just like me, and then go and see what is offered."

But the thought is easier than the deed. In truth, there are not many folks advertising for boarders in Omaha, and a glance at the announcements of those who do advertise quickly slammed the door in the face of me as a poor working girl earning only \$6 a week. A lot of them have rooms for "gentlemen only," and some of them tell right out the prohibitive price they expect, and others address themselves to families or to two or more room-mates. The list of advertised boarding houses was hardly enough for a start.

Just then I recalled that I had heard that the Young Women's Christian association kept a list of "select boarding houses" for just such cases as mine—for young women strangers without friends compelled to make their own way, and to help them avoid pitfalls. To save time I telephoned to the Young Women's Christian association and politely requested the addresses of the boarding houses they would recommend where the lowest rates could be had.

"Who is this speaking?" came the voice over the 'phone.
 "I am a young woman looking for room and board," was my reply.
 "You will have to give your name and tell us who you are," was the Y. W. C. A. answer.

I could easily have given any old name, but I hesitated, and suggested that the name would convey no information to them.

"Well, then," came the answer, "we cannot comply with your request. We must know who we are sending to these boarding houses. We are under obligation to send only good, moral girls. We must also protect our girls from the girls who do not live the way they should."

On the way over I couldn't help doing some more "supposing."
 Suppose I was a really, truly stranger in Omaha.

Suppose I had no place to sleep or eat and no friends to vouch for me. If this Young Women's Christian association, which is supported by the public, for the very purpose of helping young girls when they most need help, would not even give me the name of a respectable boarding house keeper until I presented a certificate of character, and they took a day or a week to check me up, leaving me in the meantime to flounder around in my condition of helplessness, where would I land?

Must a poor, friendless girl grope in the dark, and perhaps by mistake fall into some questionable resort, while money is collected for societies like this on the supposition that it is to be used, in part at least, to find Christian homes for poor girls?

When I reached the Young Women's Christian Association building, I found it was Miss Odiorne whose voice had talked to me over the 'phone, and who was custodian of the sacred boarding house keepers' list. She knew me and my position on The Bee, so I had to stretch it a little, and tell her that it was a friend who was looking for a boarding house, and that the friend could furnish good references. On this assurance she gave me the addresses.

"There are few places," explained Miss Odiorne, "that furnish board and room for less than \$5 a week, and as a rule those are all taken. Only a few of these will receive your friend at \$5 a week. For this rate they usually insist on putting two girls in a room or require the girl to help a little with the housework."

Miss Odiorne gave me five addresses, and out of the papers I got seven more that looked like a possible invitation for a girl earning \$6 to call, and with these I started out to try my fortune as a boarding house hunter.

NARRATIVE OF WHAT HAPPENED TOMORROW.

Suggestions for the Charter Makers

Readers of The Bee are invited to use our columns to make suggestions to the charter makers. Put your ideas in writing, briefly and to the point. Sign name, but initials only will be used.

Stop All Fee Extras.
 Taking advantage of your invitation, I beg to suggest that all started officers of the city of Omaha, who collect fees by reason of their official positions be compelled by charter provision to turn said fees into the proper funds of the city.
 G. A.

More Power and More Money.
 The burden of the present city commission, as expressed before public bodies, has been a suggestion or request for more power and more money in order to more efficiently conduct the business of the city. Undoubtedly there is a good deal of justice in this suggestion. Omaha has grown to be a metropolitan city without the provision of the necessary funds to suitably take care of the increasing needs.

The new charter should undoubtedly provide for an increase of funds in nearly every department of the city government. It also should provide, in my judgment, for the exercise of more authority on the part of the municipal officers, they being directly responsible for their acts.

The technical provisions relating to public works and improvement of our boulevard and park system necessarily should receive the attention of experts and experienced persons in that particular line of work.

The moral or political policy of the city is of a more general character and it is upon this that the division of sentiment will arise. The fundamental trouble in our municipal government has been that the moral or political policy has been entangled with the strictly business policy of the city. Probably there is no way to entirely separate these two lines of city work or authority.

My own opinion is that the present charter, leaving out of the consideration, as far as possible, the question on which the people are strongly divided. Later on, let these questions be submitted, one at a time, thereby preventing any confusion of issues.

What I mean is that this charter might meet my approval in all its business provisions and yet on account of having in it some political or moral

issue with which I was not in accord, I, as an elector, would be compelled to vote against the entire charter, whereas I would be glad to approve of the business portion of it.

Personally I do not think that the aloofness of the body of the people concerning this important subject bodes well for our city. However, it should not be overlooked that the initiative and referendum which is now a general law of the state could probably be invoked at any time to amend or supplement any code of government which we might find needed amending or supplementing after a trial.
 C. F. HARRISON.

Unlimited Saloons or Fewer?

The World-Herald's editorial crediting Tom Dennison with initiating the plan to reduce the number of saloons in Omaha from 250 to 125 strikes me as about the most naive yet. It says Dennison would restrict the number of saloons to the Third ward, so he could the better control them. That would, then, tend to refute its stock argument that he could control them all now. "Will the people of Omaha ever wake up?" screams that paper. Yes, I for one am awake now to the fact that this billious editorial writer lampoons the people with too much luncheon. I am also awake to the fact that its senator-proprietor always makes use of the Third ward vote during election time, denouncing it only between elections. I also am awake to this: That the majority of the people of Omaha favor fewer saloons; that the saloonists and the brewers oppose a reduction. The World-Herald has jumped into the ring as the champion of the brewers and liquor interests and it will not fool many people by pursuing its usual course of holding up Tom Dennison as a hokey man. The people with whom I associate want the number of saloons cut down, and all groggeries weeded out of the residence districts and will, I predict, support the charter makers if they provide for that. I am a taxpayer engaged in an honorable business, have a family and a pride in it and the city and I want fewer saloons.
 W. A.

M'CORMICK IS FINED FOR FIGHTING WITH HIS WIFE

J. E. McCormick was discharged in police court yesterday on a charge of vagrancy and immediately arrested again on a charge of disturbing the peace by fighting with his wife, on which charge he was tried and fined \$5 and costs.

Clarke's Tables.

George Clarke, a celebrated negro minstrel, on one occasion, when being ex-

amined as a witness, was severely interrogated by a lawyer.
 "You are in the mining business, I believe?" inquired the lawyer.
 "Yes, sir," was the reply.
 "Is not that rather a low calling?"
 "I don't know but what it is, sir," replied the witness, "but it is as much better than my father's that I am rather proud of it."
 The lawyer fell into the trap. "What was your father's calling?" he inquired.
 "He was a lawyer," replied Clarke, in a tone that sent the whole court into a roar of laughter as the discomfited lawyer sat down.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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Easter Apparel; Values of Great Importance

Choose your Spring Suit, Coat, Dress and Millinery at Omaha's leading garment store for women. The greater Nebraska is receiving a shower of compliments from women who compare styles and values.



Women's Suits Special at \$15.00

Every suit in our magnificent stock is strictly 1913 production. Saturday we will place on sale wonderful suit values. In this lot we show all of this season's materials and styles, including Balkan blouse effects and jaunty cutaway jackets. No better suits shown elsewhere for less than \$22.50. Saturday, at \$15

Women's Smart Suits at \$25.00

Suits that are attractive, stylish and right up to the minute, high grade in every detail. Distinctively different bewitching styles of rare individuality. You'll buy your Easter suit at the Nebraska when you see these beautiful garments. Would be remarkable \$35.00 values in other stores. Saturday special \$25

Dresses, Great Special at \$15.00

Beautiful silk and cloth dresses suitable for afternoon and street wear, crepe de chine, satin charmeuse, pongee, white serge and Bedford cord. Many have the new draped skirt and dainty collar and cuffs of contrasting color. Postively regular \$25.00 value—a remarkable special. Saturday at \$15

Largest Assortment Women's and Misses' SPRING COATS

Special Coats, \$15.00

Smart attractive styles that must be seen to be fully appreciated. They embody the newest style ideas. Fashionable fabrics. Compare with \$25 values elsewhere. Saturday special \$15

Coats Special, \$10.00

Coats we offer a great collection of the new three-quarter length coats: Side fastening, semi-draped effects and Bulgarian styles. Coats equal to most \$15 values. Saturday \$10

\$2.00 House Dresses, 95c

Saturday special, neat practical percale and gingham dresses. High or low neck styles. Sizes 34 to 46, special, 95c

\$7.50 Crepe Blouses, \$5.00

Bewitching attractive effects, white, Nell rose, black, navy. Blouses that sell regularly at \$7.50, Saturday special \$5.00

\$8.50 Serge Dresses, \$5.00

Fine all wool serge dresses, good choice of styles. Navy, black and cream serges. Saturday special, \$5.00

\$2.00 Spring Waists at 95c

Beautiful new lingerie waists, voile, lawn, batiste, high or low neck. Collars with lace insertion and embroidery, white and Bulgarian colors. Saturday 95c

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Introducing Our Children's Coat and Dress Section

COATS, SPECIAL AT \$5. Saturday we will place on sale 300 beautiful coats, 25 different styles. Plain color serges, checks, stripes, fancy collars, also plain tailored and Bulgarian effect. Ages 6 to 14. Other stores would ask \$8.50. Saturday at \$5

COATS, SPECIAL AT \$3.98. A great special lot of children's fine coats of serges, stripes and check materials. Box models, collars and cuffs trimmed in contrasting color. Better values than the usual run of \$5 coats. Saturday \$3.98

WASH DRESSES 95c. The most attractive wash dresses that have ever been designed to sell at this very low price. Percales, gingham, chambrays. Sizes 6 to 14 years, Saturday special at 95c



BEWARE OF THE WOMAN SPY

Adventuresses Live by Scheming to Steal State Secrets.

TRICKS AND WILES ARE MANY Recent Incident in New York a Counterpart of Common Practice in the European Naval Ports.

"I have little doubt that you were entrapped by a woman, who was nothing but the agent of some foreign person engaged in this traffic, and that you were ingeniously entrapped and fell. Because I think that I think I may show some sort of leniency, but it cannot be light; the crime is too great."

It was in these impressive terms that Mr. Justice Darling of New York, addressed George Herbert Parrott, formerly a gunner in the navy, who a week or two ago was found guilty of communicating naval secrets to a foreign country, before sentencing him to four years' penal servitude. There is little doubt that Parrott was fooled by a woman spy, whom he accidentally met at a music hall, and who passed on the information, which she got from those by whom she was employed.

It is a striking illustration of the tricks and wiles of the female adventuress, who lives by scheming to steal state secrets, a character which not a few people consider exists only in the minds of imaginative novelists.

Practice Quite Common.

As a matter of fact, this is only one of several instances which have come to light of late years, showing what a prominent part women actually play in the secret service of the different countries. There was a notable affair at Shoeburyness four years ago. A German governess took up her residence at Southend, three miles from Shoeburyness, and said that she was employed by several prominent families to give lessons in German to the children in their own homes.

This naturally took her out and about a great deal. Then came periodical visits to Shoeburyness, where she formed an acquaintance with a young naval officer whom she told the people with whom she resided she was going to marry. As a matter of fact, this was quite untrue, but it helped her to keep up an acquaintance, which might otherwise have looked suspicious.

It was the naval officer himself who gave the game away. For a week or two he associated with the girl, but her inquisitiveness concerning the guns and naval matters generally made him somewhat suspicious, and these suspicions were confirmed when she ultimately suggested that for certain plans there was a good sum of money awaiting him. The result was that he promptly informed his superior officer, and the young woman was persuaded that the country was a somewhat unhealthy one for her to live in.

They All Do It.

In regard to naval spies, however, we are not better than our neighbors, and while foreign countries have hundreds of spies in this country endeavoring to ferret out war secrets, we have ours in their countries engaged in the same work. The spies are supplied with all the money they want, but they can expect no assistance from their respective governments should they be caught; and they are fully alive to this condition when they enter upon the secret service for their country.

In military warfare women spies are very much in evidence. Indeed, their value is fully recognized by our leading soldiers and Lord Wolseley actually states in his well known "Soldier's Pocket Book," "The purloins of Leicester Square could supply our arms with spies. . . . All should be petted and made a great deal of, being liberally paid and large rewards given them when they supply any really valuable information." During the South African war women were employed as spies by this country to a very large extent. Disguised as nurses

in the field hospitals, they exercised their arts of fascination over captured and wounded Boers, and thus secured much valuable information.

Punishments Severe.

Short, sharp and merciless was the treatment meted out to a young Russian woman belonging to one of the leading families in St. Petersburg, who, during the Russo-Japanese war, endeavored to worm naval secrets from a young Japanese officer in Manchuria after he had fallen a victim to her fascinating ways.

Forgetting all loyalty and patriotism, the young officer in his infatuation agreed to furnish her with certain plans and facts concerning the guns and the movements of the Japanese army and navy, which he had special facilities for acquiring; but his intention was betrayed

by a fellow officer who had obtained some inkling of what was going on. The result was that both the young officer and the woman mysteriously disappeared one day, and have never been seen or heard of since. Their fate can easily be surmised.

Some time ago the trial took place at Toulon of a young woman named Jeanne Renee, alias Bourg, who was accused of having induced certain naval officers to reveal secrets to her regarding French submarines, which she intended to sell to a foreign power. The young woman, for she was only 21, was an opium slave, and it was while in an opium den in Toulon that she first attempted to bribe a naval mechanic named Julien, employed in the central workshops of the fleet, to be her accomplice. Julien, fortunately for himself, promptly reported the matter to his superior, and the result was that the woman was arrested.

Then there was the case of a young and beautiful woman named Peterson, who was arrested at Kiel, in Germany, on suspicion of being a French spy. Passing as a teacher of language, she had entered into a love affair with a noncommissioned officer named Dietrich of the explosive department for the purpose of inducing him to reveal important German naval secrets. She had, by the exercise of her arts of fascination, attained complete ascendancy over the young fellow, who was found to be supplying her with the formula for the manufacture of German smokeless powder and the situation of port mines.

The attention of the authorities was first drawn to her by the ample funds she always seemed to have at her disposal. Then there was the case of the notorious French beauty known as La Belle Lion, who fascinated a young French officer, Lieutenant Ulmo, who in order to obtain the means to gratify the extravagant whims of this woman, had sold some of his country's secrets to a foreign power. He was discovered, put on trial, and the most important witness against him was the young woman who had ruined him. In the end he was disgraced publicly, and sentenced to imprisonment for life.—New York Telegraph.

The Persistent and Judicious Use of Newspaper Advertising is the Road to Business Success.

YOU know pretty well just how you'd like to look Easter Sunday.

We know we have a mighty snappy lot of new styles that will come as near making you look just as you want to as clothes can.

It's a pleasure for us to show you the unusually pleasing new models made for us by

Hart, Schaffner & Marx

Try them on and look at yourself in the glass. You'll see yourself as you would like to have others see you.

You needn't feel under any obligation to buy anything; just tell us you want to look at them; we'll help you every way we can to get a good view of yourself.

Our clothes are tailored to fit, are absolutely guaranteed and the very best for you to buy. See what we have at \$25.00, also at lower and higher prices.

The Healthy, Sport-loving American Boy is the boy everybody loves—the boy whom we have in mind when selecting our clothing stocks. Garments that will stand the hard knocks which are always incident to boy life—garments so well tailored, so well featured, so well styled, so attractively priced that the most economical mothers will recognize at once their superior merit. Critically compare them with others—you'll find price for price Hayden's clothes look better, feel better, are better. Let us show you the \$2.50, \$3 \$3.50 up to \$10 snappy new models

Children's Play Suits of all kinds shown. Children's Slip-Ons for rainy spring days.

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