

Which Would You Be?

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a half is all my food averages." "And how?" "There's a little lunch around the corner," she explained. "Meat and potatoes are 15 cents, and that's all anybody wants for dinner. For lunch I take a sandwich or a cereal, sometimes tea or coffee, and that is only 10 or 15 cents. We girls get our own breakfast."

"And what does that breakfast consist of?" "Coffee and toast. Sometimes we give ourselves a treat and have eggs. When we do that we save by boiling the eggs in the coffee so that the gas bill won't rise."

This is close economy, but many a girl on that income does get her own breakfast. Plenty of her are fed on \$3.50. Over against that place the man's figures—\$5.25. Her \$6 for room and board stands opposite his \$7.

In case the bachelors live at a distance from their work there will be 60 cents a week invested in carfare. Distances being equal the man will be more likely to save this amount, or part of it, than the woman, for walking is easier for him in bad weather.

In laundry, however, she has the advantage. She washes out her own handkerchiefs, collars, dozens of small articles and sometimes large ones.

"It is easy as washing your face," she says.

Not to him. It is one of those infinite feminine mysteries. He can't wear fewer than four collars a week, and when the laundry bill comes in he finds it foots up 75 cents. The girl's is 35 cents.

There are a hundred little things that she can do for herself where he stands helpless. She shampoos and manicures herself, while he pays 15 or 20 cents every few weeks to have his hair cut. She mends and cleans and presses her own clothes; he pays sometimes \$1.50 in a month to have his kept in order.

On the little self indulgences she will save money where he won't. He probably smokes; if not a constant smoker one package of 35-cent tobacco will keep his pipe busy for a week. He wants his own drinks and he wants to buy the other fellow's occasionally; he may get through on two "beers" a day, or he may pay for several cocktails, which makes the price of drowning sorrow leap from 10 to 60 or 75 cents a day. The girl on \$15 will deny herself ice cream sodas and the other things she likes; if she has a practical soul she will count on somebody else paying for them. On the occasional holiday trips or to the theater his expenses are double and hers are none at all.

Allowing each 75 cents a week for the countless small sundries, such as postage stamps and telephones, the man's weekly expenses foot up to \$12 and the girl's to \$8, in round numbers. On what is left they must dress and pay the occasional large bills that arise—dentist's bills, Christmas gifts, journeys.

The girl has \$4 more than he to dress on and, if she is a genius with the needle, she can look well on less than he. She can make her shirtwaists and collars and hats. Perhaps the goods for a pretty silk waist or a fluffy gown comes among her Christmas presents and she puts in several evenings making herself ready for a splurge.

Nobody ever gives him a dress suit. He must refuse all invitations where full dress is de rigueur, if he means to save closely. He must restrict himself to dinner coat functions, where he can wear the dinner coat, provided he has it, with the trousers of his ordinary black suit.

Allow them each \$100 a year for dress and she will have a far greater variety. If she would only remove her heart from the feather boa that it is set upon, she could have all the square meals she needs.

If she does this she is far better off on her \$15 than is he. She dresses better, she lives in a better room, she can accept many pleasant invitations without being oppressed by obligation; sometimes she has a bank book. She is a very contented young woman, while he is annoyed all the time by the inability to spend as he sees other men around him spend.

As their salaries increase the same rule holds good. At \$25 he owns a good dress suit, which brings upon him still more embarrassment in the wish to use it more. The girl at \$25 is boarding in a better house, where more dress is required, but she still uses her own needle, and as she is alone and boarding, nobody expects her to play hostess except for an occasional matinee or informal tea. He is confronted with cab and candy and cut flowers and theater ticket needs, and he is with men who spend more.

At \$50 she is not obliged to live in a better house. His dress has ceased to cost more, for once with a complete outfit he can do without variety, but he has attempted the social stunt in a small way by this time. He is joining a club—expenses mount fabulously and the income is small.

"But," says a student of human nature, "if you cross the great gulf to those who have their thousands to dispose of in the course of each year, don't the bachelor-men look happier than the bachelor-women? Isn't it the girl who is fretful and restless and fault finding? Isn't it the man who spends

joyfully, as if the spending and the living brought a pleasure? Isn't it true that woman, a cheerful heroine in poverty, flinches miserably when it comes to bearing up under prosperity?"

Carpenter's Letter

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Great Britain, and they manufacture electrical machinery from American patterns with British labor.

The same is done by our Diamond Match company, which controls the match business of Great Britain, but is known there under the old firm name of Bryant & May, and also by the American Tobacco trust, which is working largely under the name of Ogden, the chief British tobaccoist of the past.

One of the queer features of this education is the school held on Sunday to give mechanics practical instruction in their trades. There are a score of such schools in Berlin and other cities. There is a school for masons, which is held every Sunday from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. The students, many of them mechanics who work during the week, are taught all about construction work, making arches and all sorts of stone work. The course is in terms of half years, and it is so made that a man may spend five terms, covering 100 Sundays, in learning all about his trade. He has books and shop work, the whole going on under the instruction of the teachers.

Germany has similar Sunday schools for fitters, tailors, saddlers and printers. It has schools for cabinet makers, barbers, bookbinders and blacksmiths. There are Sunday schools for horse shoers and even for chimney sweeps.

The most important schools, however, are those which deal with work in the great manufactories. These will improve the foreign trade of Germany, and will eventually give it the most skilled workmen in the world.

This kind of education is going on all over Europe. The Austrians have a large number of such schools, and they are increasing them yearly. They are under the ministry of education, and among them are many state industrial schools. The country has now six great branches of this sort of educational institutions, covering every industry and the work of women as well as that of men. There are schools for athletic embroiderers, schools for lacemakers and schools for housekeepers. There are schools for foremen covering every branch of mechanics, so that a carpenter, a mason or an engineer may learn how to take charge of a shop and manage it. There are now something like 3,000 men and boys attending such schools, and more than 11,000 in another branch of the industrial schools. There is a vast number in the trade schools, so that the people are being everywhere educated to better work.

The Austrian state schools are especially fine, covering many special industries. There is a state school for stone cutting at Laas, in Tyrol, devoted to the development of the marble industry there. The course covers five years, and gives education in all kinds of stone carving and stone cutting. The school receives a subsidy, and its graduates are sure of good positions at what Austria considers high wages.

In the Teplitz pottery district there is a state school which teaches that business, and there are other state schools for the same industry elsewhere. Austria has state schools for glassmaking, for locksmiths, and also for teaching, goldsmithing and the grinding of precious stones. In connection with many of the schools are Sunday schools like those of Germany, and also trade courses for females.

Belgium and France both have girls' trade schools. There are such schools in nearly every Belgian city. Those of Antwerp teach dressmaking, flower making

and lace work. In Brussels there are schools for milliners and corset makers, and in Mons a school for embroiders. There are schools also for the making of lingerie, where the girls study four years, beginning with fancy stitches and scallops and graduating on night gowns and shirt waists.

Belgium has housekeeping schools, which train its girls into intelligent and economical housekeepers. They are admitted at 12 years of age and study three years, paying a tuition fee of \$5.25 per quarter. In these schools the pupils do the marketing, prepare the meals, keep the accounts and wash the dishes and kitchen utensils. They have a new menu every day, and on one afternoon of each week a chance to learn how to wash and iron.

Such schools are giving both Belgium and France an excellent domestic service. They are to be found also in Germany and other countries of Europe.

FRANK G. CARPENTER.

Must Get That

The surgeons stand about the couch where lies the sick man.

"There is considerable change in him," says the most eminent of the surgeons. "We must operate on him immediately."

"But why need we operate?" asks the youngest of the surgeons—a mere tyro, who cherishes the delusion that nature gets along pretty well on her own hook, and thinks he can be happy if he only gets to write a few prescriptions every day. The other surgeons turn upon him with scorn.

"Why?" they echo. "Why? Haven't you learned yet that as long as there is any change in a man we must go after it?"

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