

HOUSEKEEPING AS A SCIENCE

Quick Spread of the Study of Home Economics.

INFRINGES CLOSE ON MAN'S LIFE

Training Given Now to Housewives in Schools, Universities and Railroad Cars—New Profession Which Women Originated.

NEW YORK, April 9.—In 1890 eleven persons gathered at the first meeting of the Lake Placid conference on home economics.

At the meeting of the American Home Economic association in Boston last Christmas 1,600 persons were present. That is a fair gauge of the growth of interest in the subject during the last ten years.

New York state has within three years established three state agricultural schools in addition to Cornell. All three have departments of home economics.

Teachers' colleges in its new million-dollar building gives now a two years' course in the handling and management of the household and commissary departments of big institutions like asylums, college dormitories and hospitals.

Such salaries are not paid merely for cooking. Domestic science is something far wider than that. They are paid for keeping down household expenses, for getting value out of money, for serving better and more nutritious food on less money.

The University of Illinois has a commodious dwelling house as a part of its equipment for domestic science in which students are instructed in every branch of the care, decoration and cost of running a house.

In the domestic science was taught in only eleven schools in New York city, all elementary schools in Manhattan. It is now taught in 174 elementary schools of the various boroughs, and in the last year the board of education voted to extend it to all the high schools.

Universities Take It Up. In Newark they started in 1902 with two small classes, which worked at boards laid across wooden supports, with no sinks, faucets or refrigerator.

The extension work of various universities in household science is surprising. The University of Illinois sent its lecturers in this subject to sixty other institutions in the last year.

In Wisconsin the State university gives courses of lectures and demonstrations in cooking at farmers' institutes and holds

a bakers' institute for professional bakers. Housekeepers' conferences, with demonstrations in the model kitchen of the university, are held by the University of Wisconsin, and the model kitchen is so arranged that it can be transferred to any point where its use is required.

Kansas State Agricultural college issues bulletins on bread making and other domestic subjects and holds lectures and demonstration courses in different parts of the state, sixteen of them last year.

Colleges in Railroad Cars. Cornell instituted the reading course for farmers' institutes and has now 11,800 members; it has organized rural women's clubs for the study of domestic and cultural subjects, and holds an annual home makers' conference during farmers' week at the college.

Two southern states have developed the most ingenious system of taking the gospel of good cookery to the people. Maryland and Virginia have bought the second-hand private car of a railroad superintendent, containing kitchen, hot water device and lockers for stores.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture runs two similar cars, which are furnished and hauled free of charge by one of the railroads of the state.

These cars come the nearest of anything in America to the travelling cooking schools of Germany and the travelling college of Italy in which the Department of Agriculture sends instruction to the farmers.

This new movement for scientific instruction in housework jumped, directly from America to Japan. Miss Ume Tenda's English institute in Tokio is one of the three private institutions for higher education in Japan whose graduates receive government license to teach in secondary schools without further examination.

With hundreds of teachers being trained in the universities, with thousands of housewives in attendance at university extension courses, and with millions of girls taking housework as part of their public school course, it seems likely that cooking and housekeeping are going to improve very rapidly in the United States.

At the Omaha Theaters. It originated with American women and in the Beecher brain. So far as any investigator has been able to discover Catherine Beecher's Hartford Female seminary, opened in 1821, was the first school in the world to teach girls anything about the care of the home.

The book opens with a chapter on "The Christian Family," and goes on to "The Christian Home." It treats of every household item from the moulding boards to the care of the sick, from rolling pins to sanitation, ventilation, dressmaking, care of infants, domestic amusements, social duties and the training of children.

The whole movement for the incorporation of domestic science in the educational system is essentially only a carrying out of the idea of the Beecher sisters as expressed in this paragraph.

"When the other sex," continues the preface, "are to be instructed in law, medicine or divinity they are favored with numerous institutions, richly endowed, with teachers of the highest talents and attainments, with extensive libraries and abundant and costly apparatus.

"Woman's profession embraces the care and nursing of the body at the critical periods of infancy and sickness; the training of the human mind in the most impressive period of childhood, and most of the government and economy of the family state.

A pupil of Teachers' college recently took various papers removed from the press, produced a scientific report, which was published, accompanied with photographs, in which she showed the residue remaining of those fabrics after she had treated them with chemicals.

The Beecher brain in this old book preserved photographic pictures of American food, customs and family life sixty or eighty years ago, which make it one of the most interesting cook books ever written.

The sisters constantly compare foreign conditions with those at home. The journal in England at the quietest inn can get a mutton chop done to a turn, a choice pot of marmalade, a slice of cold ham, a good tea, salted relish and creamy butter.

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