

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.

In Colorado the State Agricultural college holds extension courses one week in length all over the state, for which a fee of \$1 is charged each pupil.

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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.

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 Tada'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.

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.

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On the evening of April 11, Mrs. Marcella Sembrecht will appear in concert at the Auditorium. Mrs. Sembrecht has prepared a special program which should reveal her splendid power under the most favorable circumstances.

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