

### School Girls on Cost of Living

High school girls have their own ideas, apparently, about the world and its ways. Their opinions as to the causes of the "big cost of living" are effectively set forth in the following document. Miss Neva Turner, domestic science teacher at the High School, recently asked the girls of one of her classes to write out what they considered the causes of the high cost of living. These opinions were written then, in class and without any previous discussion, and so express the girls' ideas. The compilation was read recently at the meeting of the household economy department of the Woman's club, when Miss Turner spoke to the club women on phases of the economic question.

**T**HE UNITED STATES is a large country with an abundance of fertile, rich soil. The trouble with the cost is the people, not the country. There is so much land wasted. For instance, a man may own thousands of acres of land which, when cultivated, would yield an abundant crop, but this great piece of land, if the owner would sell it and if people would buy it, would be divided into small sections and cultivated. We would naturally have more products and thus the cost would be lessened.

Much of the soil of this country is exhausted. Men, especially in the New England states, have worked and worked the soil, obtaining products from year to year, but have not given the ground food. A great deal of land is wasted in this way. Land should be fertilized, and as the old saying goes, "Make two blades grow where but one could grow before."

The housewife must do her share, also. She has a great many odds to work against, but if she is properly economical she will not suffer so much. In a great many homes the housewife is careless; she lets her bills get away with her because she does not, before she makes the dish, figure the cost of it. A sharp lookout should be made on the grocer, baker and butcher. Have scales weigh the meat, potatoes, butter and all the foods thus bought. Extravagance and overindulgence should be done away with and only the common necessities and luxuries be used. If more substantial and less luxurious meals used the country's mind and pocketbook would be better developed. Gas is the common waste of the house. A fireless cooker if used by more housewives would save her time and gas more than anything in the home.

The government could help the people if it taxed or limited the imported necessities of life, such as clothing, meat and other foodstuffs. If the people would do their duty by the country and become farmers, the housewife introduces less extravagance in the home and computes the value of all the articles, she buys and the government aid us in our plea for high cost to be lessened. There would be less suffering, more healthy bright and intelligent people, and thus a better country.

The best way I can save the family money is to make my own clothes. Often I make over clothes and wear them, which if anyone else made them I would not wear. Read books from the library and save buying them. People often spend more money for newspapers and magazines than they need to. Never live beyond your means and buy food as well as clothing carefully. Purchase clothes that will wear.

Every housewife should keep an account of all she spends and at the end of each month, look over her accounts and see if she could not have economized in some way or other. She should find out the cost of groceries, meats, etc., and see if she is being cheated by weighing whatever comes into the house.

If all the husbands and fathers would give their wives and daughters an allowance on which they were to live it would help. The wife should be given as much money as was needed within a reasonable limit, to run her kitchen, home, family and personal appearances. The daughter should be given money to buy her own clothes, hats, shoes, jewelry, etc. If a wife or daughter had just so much money to live on don't you suppose they would economize in as many ways as they know how to keep within the limit?

We have heard of many cases where people have mortgaged their homes in order to provide themselves with unnecessary luxuries. Especially in this is the case of automobiles. We have some neighbors who have recently purchased a machine who to my knowledge are not financially able to indulge in this luxury.

Many men are complaining of the cost of food who are spending much on tobacco in the way of food or other household articles one may save by buying in quantities. Our grocer gives a reduction like this: He charges 30 cents a single can for Old Dutch Cleanser, but gives three for a quarter.

For myself, personally I am very extravagant with my money. I have a horrible weakness for some things. I have figured that I would be in about a dollar a month if I did not buy these things.

Women spend so much on powder and paints and false hair. It does more harm than good. The way some women do it is foolish things it is wonder they have anything left to buy clothes. I think the women who have such artificial complexions and so much false hair envy the ones who look natural. I would rather see a girl who had freckles than one who has such a pretty complexion and once that you know is not real. I suppose because I have freckles.

Men are as bad as women in wasting their money on foolish things. They will buy cigars and drinks and then scold their wives for having such a large grocery bill. One day we might economize and that pays has a cough that he has had ever since I can remember. He eats peppermints which he thinks helps, but if he went to see a doctor and got rid of it he would not need the peppermints. I think he buys them more because he likes them so well. So many of the little school students go to all the games whether they can afford it or not just because others do.

Rich food, such as pies, and peculiar mixtures of food which is just something new, but not a bit food, should not be used because they are expensive and not much food value. Rich dishes should be used. Eat plenty of prunes.

One can economize in clothing by not having quite so many clothes and what you have neat. One very pretty party dress can be had and the rest neat, simple clothing. If one cannot afford to keep up the styles they should have their clothing made medium. The real extreme styles should not be modeled after.

By taking good care of yourself and preventing sicknesses you may save many doctor and druggist bills.

Too much pleasure is not good. Pleasure should be planned for children and even grown folk so that they appreciate pleasure and not have it as a common thing. If men would spend less money for drink and smoking there would be more money in the home. However, a man (if he considers it a pleasure) may drink and smoke a little if he knows how much he can stand.

Keeping children in school may become a great task. If the more wealthy children set standards of dress, pin money, etc., too high. The sensible parents dress their children plainly and are moderate in their

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and tired and weary complaining till, at last she thinks she is ill and will waste in many ways. As the doctor and help, she should teach each member to do something and make it a pleasure to do just as if they were all playing house. This would save, be pleasant and teach them. The greens of Christmas are saving.

**Symbolic of Event Observed**  
Nature's Own Way of Heralding a New Birth—Variety Offered for Decoration of the Home.

Of all the features associated with Christmas, the Christmas tree, the Christmas turkey, are all of comparatively modern origin, but the use of greens to typify the Christmas spirit goes back to the very days of Christ.

The greens of Christmas are a natural symbol, nature's way of heralding a new birth. The fall months come and go, and the foliage dies from the trees, leaving them naked, bleak and brown.

Then, in the dead of winter, when the forests seem wrapped in gloom, the wondrous greens of a dozen winter greens begin to show. The holly, cypress, fir, fern, mistletoe, laurel and moss start into life. The forests have been transformed, life has sprung from death.

It is the same symbolism as that of the Christian faith. The world was old, dead, when a new friend of mankind appeared to give it life. Hence, it is a fitting custom that the coming of a savior for the world—the birth of a hope should be typified by the use of greens for decorations.

The Christmas tree may appropriately be termed the child's holiday joy, the green is more for the adult. There are thousands of homes in which there will be no Christmas trees, but not many that will be without greens on the greatest holiday of the year.

They will hang from window curtains, will take places over mantelpieces and doorways, on pictures, on walls, on tables and in a dozen unlooked for places that will suggest to deft women the possibilities of a decorative effect in keeping with the holiday spirit.

Ten thousand alert men the country over have searched the swamps for holly, laurel, moss, cypress and ivy. These were carried into the big cities by the armload, wheelbarrow, wagon or train load, according to the means of the various merchants who had them on sale in every market, street corner and place where people come to lay in the holiday good cheer. The "sprig of Christmas," as Sam Weller remarked.

Where all are so popular it takes judgment to give the preference to any of these greens.

**Green and Red.**  
Green mixed with wreaths and given a touch of brightness by the addition of a few rich red berries, will always rank among the leaders, and nothing makes a prettier decoration for a window. This combination is now made up in the most elaborate designs, with the red berries fashioned to spell "Merry Christmas" and other appropriate sentiments.

So, too, holly, which symbolizes peace, is a most fitting Christmas decoration, and lends itself to many effective combinations.

Cypress would be more popular, except for the fact that some persons are prone to associate it with funerals, which naturally takes a bit of the edge off when it is suggested as the proper thing for a festive wreath. This prejudice is not wide-spread, however, and the cypress holds its own as a steady and consistent seller.

The same objections might be applied to ivy and laurel, but they never are. The ivy is one of the most appropriate and characteristic of Christmas greens, for in ancient mythology it is dedicated to the god of winter.

The laurel is the green of victory. From the time that warriors first won battles and laid laurel wreaths, to be placed on their brows when they returned victorious, Christmas, the most triumphant of all victories, judged by what Christianity has achieved for the world's good, can not more appropriately be celebrated than by the lavish use of laurel.

But while each of the greens already enumerated has its point of recommendation, the holdest of all is the mistletoe. This is the most conducive to mirth and melody.

**Emboldened by Mistletoe's Presence.**  
"Under the mistletoe" legions of men have suddenly been made bold, and have stolen the kiss that otherwise they would not have dared take.

Mistletoe is probably the oldest of the greens that attain their greatest glory at the yuletide. Back it goes to the days of Scandinavian lore, when Freya, the beautiful goddess of youth, love and beauty, all but lost her favorite son, Balder, because she had not counted the mistletoe a sufficiently important plant to be included in her prayer that nothing would injure her son.

Kissing under the mistletoe is a survival of the days of the Roman Saturnalia, when riot and license ran loose. The Druids of old, that awesome sect that lived in England, and of which Stonehenge remains a monument, held the mistletoe in deepest reverence. To them it was the symbol of every virtue, and in the winter solstice, when the moon was young, these strange woodland worshippers went out into the forests, and sought the oaks to gather the parasite mistletoe growing on the trunks and branches of the king of the forests.

### THE MERRY TIME

See White, what a sunny time Christmas is! What a season of June in winter! When the roses of their bloom brighten Along the way of the merry day, And the earth is dressed in white, Oh, say, it ain't the day That makes us gay, It's us that make the day, And it's up to us to scratch a match For those who need the light, And if we will We can do it all! The whole dark world is bright, By gum, Santa Claus will be getting some, If all of us will only do The very best we can To get up close to the day By getting close to man, My seat, Where are you at? Come out of the shadow, get into the sun, This is no time for folks to feel blue; No matter what, You leave or leave not, Cover somebody up and that will cheer you, Gee White, What a sunny time Christmas is, If you want it to be, See?

There are the usual new decorations, and the lavish man who wishes can give his child a tree, which, with the electric devices, can be made to cost as much as five hundred dollars.

### WHEN SUSAN ANTHONY VOTED

Fine Impulse by the United States Court, but it Was Never Paid.

Miss Lucy E. Anthony of Morlan, Pa., a niece of Susan B. Anthony, read a paper before the Woman Suffrage society of Philadelphia at the New Century guild on "The Illegal Trial of Susan B. Anthony for Voting."

Miss Anthony said that Susan B. Anthony claimed the right to vote in the state of New York at a general election in November, 1872. She maintained before the registration judges that she was entitled to the ballot under the constitution of the United States and was allowed to register.

"On election day," continued the speaker, "Susan B. Anthony voted. The next day she was summoned to appear before the United States commissioner. She ignored the summons and then received a call from the United States marshal, who took her before the commissioner. She was indicted for illegal voting.

"At the trial in the United States court it was admitted that she had voted. Judge Ward Hunt, who sat at the trial, declared that the matter at issue was entirely a question of law. He declared that Miss Anthony was not protected in voting by the fourteenth amendment to the constitution and directed the jury to return a verdict of guilty.

"When Miss Anthony was asked if she had anything to say as to why sentence should not be pronounced she declared that she was being denied the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and vigorously protested until made to desist by the court.

Judge Hunt sentenced her to pay a fine of \$100 and costs of prosecution. This she declared she would never pay, but was released when bond was furnished by her counsel. She never did pay it, but she lived thirty-four years under the sentence."—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Studying the Vocation of Women.**  
The Woman's Municipal League of Boston, of which Mrs. Richard C. Cabot is the chairman of the educational department, has begun a study of the vocation of women. The idea being to find out by systematic research what the opportunities for women are in each vocation.

### On Sale

## DIAMONDS

One-half Karat \$32.50

The largest accumulated Diamond Stock in the city to be closed out at nearly half its value. The 15 1/2 Karat Diamonds at \$34.50, an advertisement were sold before 1 p. m. Saturday. To make more sensational, we placed 10 1/2 Karat Diamonds for \$28.50, which includes a value of from \$50.00 to \$150.00. Our agreement to refund the money within one year guarantees the value. Such amazing bargains were never offered before. Observe the big bargains on all diamonds on sale now, from \$2.00 to \$300.00. They are set in rings, bracelets, tie pins, cuff links, lockets, bracelets, etc. Also the Big Out Price on Watches, Jewelry, Silverware, Cut Glass, etc. Don't Miss This Great Out Price Sale—Come Early and get the best selection. Have it laid away for you for the time you wish it.

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# GREAT CONSOLIDATION SALE

## of the entire stock of The Peoples Store, 16th and Farnam Sts., and the Union Outfitting Co. 1315-17-19 Farnam St. (excepting cloaks, clothing, hats, shoes, etc.) Reduced price reductions at both stores

The most gigantic sale of Furniture, Carpets, Rugs, Stoves, Crockery and Home Furnishing Goods ever offered to any public. These immense stocks must be reduced at once.

### A Word to The Peoples Store's Customers Who Have Accounts at the Present Time.

Until further notice you may make purchases and continue your payments at our store, the same as usual. It is the intention to unite the two stores shortly after JANUARY 1st, when the new Union Outfitting Company's building located at Sixteenth and Jackson streets, will be completed. Due notice of our removal will be published later. Those wishing to add goods to their accounts and take advantage of this big sale will receive every courtesy as heretofore.

### WHY WE CONSOLIDATED

The owners of the Peoples Store being unable to secure a renewal of their lease, or to find a satisfactory new location, and being aware of the fact that the Union Outfitting Co. were also forced to move, conferred with them and decided that it would be mutually advantageous for the stores to consolidate. The Union Outfitting Co. considered that this consolidation offered them an opportunity to quadruple their business, and they decided to consolidate their entire HOME FURNISHING establishment with that of the Peoples Store, in their magnificent new building just erected at the southeast corner of 16th and Jackson streets, opposite Hotel Rome.

The actual merging of the two stores will take place about January 1st, when the new Union Outfitting Co. building will be completed. The new firm will be known as the Union Outfitting Co.

The Peoples Store will continue its cloak and clothing business under its old name, and will be located, after January 10th, at 1405 Douglas St.

### A Word to The Union Outfitting Co.'s Customers Who Have Accounts at Present Time.

Until further notice you may make your purchases and continue your payments as usual at our present location, 1315-17-19 Farnam street. After JANUARY 1st we expect to be in our new building located at Sixteenth and Jackson streets. Due notice of our removal will be published later. If you wish to add to your account and take advantage of this big sale, you will be accommodated as heretofore.

## Goods on sale at both stores at big reductions.

## The Greatest Sale of Home Furnishing Goods Ever Held

As Everything is Greatly Reduced in Price We Did Not Think it Advisable to List Goods.

### COMPLETE HOME OUTFIT BUYERS

will find in this sale a great and wonderful opportunity to save almost one-half on their home outfit.

### A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE SENSIBLE, USEFUL, LASTING XMAS GIFTS.

There is no gift that you can make that will so please the recipient, or that will last so long as an article of furniture. Goods stored free of charge until Christmas, if desired.

### CASH AND OUT OF TOWN BUYERS TAKE NOTICE.

This sale contains so many special advantages and such large discounts and price reductions that it will pay you to anticipate your wants and purchase now.

## All GOODS SOLD for CASH or on VERY EASY PAYMENTS

OPEN EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK.

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