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WHY YOUNG WOMEN SHUN HOUSEWORK.

Another inquiry has been carried on with the purpose of determining why it is that young women, as a rule, prefer every other occupation to that of domestic service, and with a result that is only confirmatory of past discoveries and conclusions. The reasons are many and they are by this time pretty generally understood.

It is admitted on all sides that young women in domestic service are better paid and more comfortably provided for than those in many other callings. The wage of domestic servants is now often as high as that which can be earned by saleswomen and others of that class; it is higher than can be earned by the average woman in the average factory, and to this board and lodging, laundry and other perquisites are added; yet the fact remains that in a majority of cases the smaller wage and the lesser advantages are preferred.

One reason is the common assumption that a housemaid's work is never done. This, of course, is not the fact, although it may be conceded that her hours of labor are longer than those of the woman worker in other vocations. Another reason is that there is too much confinement, too little opportunity for mingling or talking with congenial associates. Another reason is that while the domestic servant is in the home she is not commonly a part of it and is subjected constantly to restrictions of which a woman in other occupations is free. Whether specified or not, all the reasons advanced finally center in the one principal reason, namely, that outside of domestic work a woman is never in "service," never a "servant," a "maid," "hired help," or anything else that is assumed to carry the stamp of inferiority.

Mary Antin, who is writing most interestingly of problems of the immigrant, has touched wisely and wittily upon the foolish custom of drawing class distinctions between the woman who does anything else for a livelihood and the woman who earns her livelihood by working in the home. There is, of course, no good reason why the latter should be considered inferior to the former, everything else being equal. In the fact that a foolish custom makes her inferior may be found the secret of the entire household help difficulty. Only the housekeeper can chance this custom, and she can do it only by measuring her assistant in the home, as her husband measures his assistant in shop, factory or office, by the rule of personal merit. If per-

sonal merit were the standard of measurement in the home, young women of personal merit would oftener seek, not domestic service, perhaps, but domestic employment. As matters stand, the level has been fixed and held too low to attract to this vocation many who possess qualities that would make them companionable to the housewife and useful to all the family.

SELECTING BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

It remains a marvel how many people still need such clear words of counsel as Sidonie Matzner Gruenberg gives in her preface to a list of books for children, printed in the Outlook some time ago. The hasty recommendation of some one who does not know the child who is to read, and only knows the book commercially is often acted upon, while still oftener the attractive page or catchy illustrations are allowed to determine the choice. One reason why the selection of books for children is frequently on a low plane is the lack of a definite aim and standard. Upon this point Mrs. Gruenberg says:

"When you go out to buy a book for a child, you should make up your mind definitely whether you wish to make the recipient read a certain book that you have yourself found helpful; or whether you wish to gratify him by giving him a book that he will like to own and to read; or whether you wish to give him a book that is likely to impart desirable information, or arouse certain sentiments, or modify his moral point of view. Every one of these aims is perfectly legitimate, but you cannot expect one book to accomplish all of these aims. For this reason your aim should be clearly before you in making the selection."

As chairman of the children's literature committee of the federation, for child study, Mrs. Gruenberg has examined carefully about 1000 children's books, and the committee has embodied the results of its investigation in a list published by the federation. In her preface Mrs. Gruenberg proceeds as follows:

"After you have made up your mind what your book is to do there are certain things to be considered. For example, it is well to know the particular child who is to use the book, the capacities and interests that are to be reached. * * * If it is a girl who has not yet learned to care for reading, you will want to get her something that will appeal to her interests, something that will teach her that there is a great deal in books that concerns her. If it is a boy who reads too much, you may wish to use the book as an instrument for getting him interested in athletics. In any case, the child supplies the first standard; the book must reach his interests, it must supply his needs, and it must meet his intellectual development."

Other standards are applicable to the books themselves. Books of information should be of tested reliability, those dealing with human relationship sound in sentiment; every book, whatever its purpose, should be in good taste. Time has tested the older books in a measure; of the perplexity in regard to the multitude of new books, Mrs. Gruenberg says:

"The older books have passed through a process of selection, so that only the best of them survive. It is the new books that give us pause, and they are the ones that are displayed most alluringly on the shop counters. Yet the perplexity should not make us renounce the new entirely, for there have been great advances in the production of books for children in recent years. Not only do the writers of books have a better understanding of the capacities and needs of the young readers; there are also many topics that we wish the young people to read about which are not mentioned in the older books. There are all the marvelous discoveries; * * * there are the changing social and political conditions in all parts of the world; there are the new relations between man and man that the industrial revolution is bringing about. Of these the older books give not a hint."

Sizing the Fellow Up

A little boy, seeing a gentleman in the street, placed himself in a convenient place to speak with him. When the gentleman came up the boy pulled off his hat, held it out to the gentleman, and begged for a few cents. "Money!" said the gentleman; "you had better ask for manners than money."

"I asked," said the boy, "for what I thought you had most of."—Life.

The Three Kinds of Men.

There are three kinds of men, says the Brooklyn Eagle, who don't in the least understand women. They are young men, old men and men of middle age.

Happy Thought.

Miss Snipp—Take back your ring, Mr. Sharpe, I love another!
Mr. Sharpe—Please mention that I have a ring for sale—the sucker's got to have one!

In the Fashion.

"John, I haven't a skirt fit to wear."
Husband—Well, that's the style, isn't it?—Exchange.

Never tell a fat girl that she is all wool and a yard wide.

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