

THE DINING-ROOM AND TABLE SERVICE

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XIII. THE DINING-ROOM.

BY MISS ANNE BARROWS.

The dining-room should stand for social life for the family, as well as its guests, since there are many households where the individual members of the family dine at mealtime. The end and aim of our table service, therefore, should be to further the social life rather than to cater to epicures or display costly furnishings or make a display of the latest fads in table service.

of napkins is not considered in the best taste, as it suggests too much padding. Many dinner napkins are abnormally large, and the use of them seems to imply a doubt as to the table habits of our guests.

Style of Service.

What Mrs. A. can do with six servants Mrs. B. cannot do with one, and Mrs. C. who keeps no maid, should not try to imitate either of her neighbors. To serve a meal of several courses requires the whole attention of one maid, and she cannot well be asked to do anything else. Whatever our style of living, everything should be carefully planned in advance, that the machinery of service may be invisible and noiseless. Children should be taught to be well and to wait upon the table in place of a maid when it is necessary.

Where the service is elaborate it is often cumbersome to have all the silver for individual courses put in place at the beginning. In such cases it is desirable to serve the hostess first, that by her own use she may indicate the proper fork or spoon to be used for each course.

A simple dinner consists of three courses: Soup, roast and dessert. The same foundation is retained for more elaborate dinners, but the courses are placed between these principal ones:

Soup, Relish, Fish, Roast.

Some housekeepers seem to care more for the form and ceremony of a meal than they do for the quality of the foods which are served. To save the trouble of carrying and apportioning the different courses, the French have a habit of serving to this purpose we owe the popularity of small molds and individual portions, even when a dish is served at the table.

Are dishes and their contents selected with reference to fashion or to the real needs and comfort of the family? Are the dishes and their contents selected to balance this? On the other hand, if fish takes the place of meat the dessert may be more substantial.

What is the furniture in the dining-room placed with reference to saving steps? Are dishes and their contents selected with reference to fashion or to the real needs and comfort of the family?

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CONCERN FOR US ALSO.

Continental Moves Against Britain Would Injure Our Interests.

New York Journal of Commerce.

The British war against the Boers has been so energetically condemned on the continent of Europe. The great continental powers are warmly sympathetic to the standard in their dealings with other races somewhat different from that which they insist shall be applied by Great Britain and the United States.

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Austria and Italy remain as they are.

That the opportunity may not be seized to make some hostile move in Asia is by no means so certain, and it is difficult to conceive of such a move not being opposed to the westward march of the United States. It is here that we are most immediately and directly concerned in the maintenance of the status quo.

Senator Pettigrew's Activity in His Peculiar Lines.

His Bill Not Likely to Be Even Reported by Committee—What Tanner May Do.

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THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.

Philippines Are Our Own; Chinese Treaty Ports Are Not Europe's.

New York Journal of Commerce.

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