

KEEPING HOUSE IN THE KITCHEN WON'T ACCOMMODATE TWO PERSONS

Portland Woman in Paris Tells of the Trials and Tribulations That Beset the Housewife in Strange Environment.

BY EMMA SHIPLEY MARSHALL. HOUSEKEEPING in Paris is all right for French people, of course, and probably for foreigners who have been long enough in the French capital to have assimilated its ways and means...

to the routine of every-day life is our "milk girl," as we have dubbed the little maid who delivers a bottle of milk and another of cream promptly on the stroke of 7:30 every morning...

ventory when taking possession, and ten dollars on departure to cover the cost of cleaning, laundering curtains, blankets, etc. all breakage to be made good by the tenant; he pays from two to ten dollars per month to the concierge for keeping the halls and stairways clean, and the elevator...

At first it was difficult to remember that a kilo, or the full value, is half a kilogram, is equal to about a pound avoirdupois. It impresses one as being much more and the placard upon the potato bin which read, "demi kilo, 30 centimes" appeared to us to represent an amount roughly in the neighborhood of six hundredweight or so...

What American doing light housework in a Paris apartment has not longed for her own gas stove and unadorned sink, the small two-burner gas shelf on which her cooking must be done if she decides not to encourage spells of temper by attempting to use the square coal range to be found in every kitchen...

At first it seemed quite an impossibility and the initiative moves were rather failure because of potatoes were rather cold through standing while something else cooked, and meat on a cold plate, frigidly resenting an attempt at mastication...

There are numerous grievances being the legend, "English and American grocers," which certainly looks good to the newcomers of those nationalities, and they boldly enter only the produce department in the majority of cases...

In a hollow space in the thick brick wall, just underneath the window is the "cold closet," screened on the outside with fine wire gauze, thus doing away with the necessity of a refrigerator...

Perhaps the one great inconvenience of housekeeping in Paris is the lack of a place to dry clothes. All over Europe one sees garments fluttering from all sorts of places, but in Paris, if any washing is performed at home we have yet to see evidence of it...

The concierge, or janitor, what would we do without him? Our pocketbooks would be heavier, but then so would be our heads. He is the one who is obliged to stand like a stick while listening to the reply, which is totally unintelligible. One may flatter oneself that one is able to speak some French but it is quite another thing to understand it, especially when delivered in the rapid-fire manner of the average French clerk or concierge.

One cannot blame a person for eating food of this kind if it is palatable to him or her, for hard labor requires strength-giving foods, and meats of other varieties are expensive, and a luxury only to be indulged in sparingly...

The serving maid question is a greater problem here in Paris even than elsewhere—one, indeed, that we have feared to tackle, despite the allurements of small wages, as your bright, smiling, and willing maid may prove a veritable "old man of the mountain." She is the autocrat of your household; she even tries to regulate the number of rolls you may eat with your matrimonial coffee...

Long before reaching Paris we had learned to eat and like unsalted butter, and it was well that we had done so as no other is obtainable in Europe unless especially ordered. But while in the States we had not possessed the keeping qualities of the American product it is sweet and mild, though the appearance of a demi kilo is not as attractive as the trim shavings of our own butter...

For instance, the person owning a house pays a tax on every door and window it contains; the person owning furniture pays a tax on it; if he rents a furnished apartment he pays at least five dollars to the agent for the in-

things delivered more than once. If your friend at home puts an insufficient amount of postage on your letter you must pay double the deficiency before receiving it; if you desire to cash a check at the bank you must pay the tax before getting the money, for there is even a tax charged on every bill paid, no matter how insignificant it may be...

VANDALISM THAT HAS BEEN RAMPANT IN YOUNG FIR TREES IN PORTLAND

AMONG the haunting things out of harmony with the Christmas spirit and all the holiday jollities must be numbered the thoughtless and wanton destruction of the beautiful evergreen trees in Portland's suburbs...

There is an East Side mother of five splendid young sons who are just now riotously enjoying freedom from their school work, and she is a hobby with her to see that each one of these youngsters has instilled in him a thorough sense of his personal responsibility...

upon the subject of teaching children their personal responsibility for the beauty of the parks, the neatness and orderliness of the school buildings where they are pupils, and the cleanliness of the streets where they walk...



FIGURE A.

SMART GOWNS FOR THE PRETTY CITY WORKERS

The young and good-looking busy girl naturally pines for new and pretty clothes each season. If she must buy her wardrobe ready made she finds the outlay considerable, for all the ethics of business life call for quite good clothes...

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this she expects a tip for every personal service he performs, such as bringing up your bill and your mail and emptying the ash pan. But he, in his turn, must pay the agent who secured the tenancy commission, for in this manner are many wages and salaries paid in this great city.

Americans who have never been abroad regard the system of European tipping a small matter because of the insignificance of the amounts paid, but a lake without an inlet can be drained of being a part of its excitement, its effervescence, its hurry and its bustle. It is not unlike the feeling one must have while dwelling on the edge of a living crater.

Juvenile, is a thing of beauty, and let us hope, will continue to be a joy so long as the world endures. But there is certainly too much ruthless haste and lack of thought in the gathering of the small forest of little trees there are lighted up and made to gladden the hearts of some folk all over the city, every Yuletide in Portland.

A few days ago a young woman who called at The Oregonian office spoke of the Christmas tree vandals and the havoc they were working in such suburbs as Belle Crest and Rose City Park. It is not so long ago that she was making good along content with last year's things, changed a little with home tinkering, until the great shops announce the bargains.

In this dainty style there are a number of pretty frocks to be found in the shops, with and without gumples, and if they are entirely plain it is a simple matter to add the marabou, the ribbon banding, the tulle, the lace, the unmade materials, which would be charming for, are plain and novelty-veiling, chiffon velveteen, toulaine, cashmere, etc. A goods that will hang gracefully in the market are those that are changed for a street effect. Eight or nine yards of single-width goods would make this pretty frock, which in this case is of a pale blue watered velveteen, with a feather-and-marabou in a rich brown. The bit of embroidery that shows at the front is worked with coarse saffron-colored silk on white marabou.



Menus for One Week. Tuesday: Tomato broth, Ragout of beef, Crust potato, German carrots, Lettuce salad, Brown Beef Cream, Coffee. Wednesday: Baked sea trout, Parsley sauce, Potato balls, Italian spaghetti, Grated cheese, Celery and tomato salad, Chocolate pudding, Coffee. Thursday: Brown broth, Roast pork, Apple sauce, Baked onions, Browned potatoes, Creamed celery, Moulded lemon cream (starch), Coffee. Friday: Cream of potato soup, Curried lentils with rice, Chicken stewed egg yolk, Celery and apple salad, Mince pie, Coffee. Saturday: Tomato-raisin soup, Potato salad, Baked oysters, Sweet potatoes, Creamed celery, Watercress salad, Canned peas with jelly on sweet peas, Coffee. Sunday: Grape fruit cocktail, Roast turkey or chicken, Savory dressing, Brown sauce, Cranberry jelly, Scalloped potatoes, Canned peas, Chicky salad, New Year's pudding, Coffee. Monday: Brown soup with oatmeal hearts, Baked turkey or chicken, Baked potatoes, Lady cabbage, Bananas, Shortcake, Coffee.

Here and there already one finds, too, a frock trimmed with a feather or fur band, the material a pale cloth or a clinging velveteen, that is, a frock for a smart frock a business woman needs. This purchase would be the best bib and tucker, the costume for the holiday visiting. Sunday outings with the restaurant dinner dress. Along with it will be shown the skimpy street suit of coat and skirt, the jacket single breasted, youthful in line, the dress in a cloth or serge in quiet color realizes the dapper business frock long needed, and if it is of velvet, velveteen or corduroy, it may be the one good frock in the smart worker's wardrobe. For the grandest occasions elegant frocks with plumes ones on usual days—a handsome collar made of imitation Irish lace, a white waist of lace net or marquisette, white cloverleaf fresh from the brooch or chain.

In the way of house frocks it is always very easy to get something effective by trimming down here materials that are not so good as elsewhere. Then since it takes so little stuff to make a frock nowadays, unless there is the deal of work at home, the smart worker generally turn out something reasonable in price. But with all buying of cheap clothes remember that style is the thing that looks like the swiftest of all. A little slim, well-removable with a cleaning fluid, this material may be pressed, steamed, new details added to the bit of trimming does not quite change the style—nothing short of divinest inspiration can do it.

In Figure A is given one of the little frocks that are the latest and most desirable model. As illustrated, the gown is of black velvet with a duck-blue collar of corded silk, but the smart worker may find a good store in serge, cloth, cheviot, etc. If made at home the dress would require eight yards of single width goods and four and a half of double-width, with careful cutting and a medium figure. The princess top of the skirt is a smart feature, as the belt line is now most often raised above the normal point. The side buttoning is a stylish touch, and the gown just the right look a very close petticoat of soft silk or bloomers would need to be worn underneath. The dashing hat is of dark blue felt with a black velvet and a black ostrich feather. The handbag and shoes are of black velvet.