

ELEANOR CLUB IS UPLIFT FACTOR

Institution That Gives Poor Working Girls Home Life Without Charity and Yet Without Pecuniary Profit to Promoters.

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Chicago, Dec. 12.—One of the biggest problems of the country today is the proper housing and care of that part of the million and a half women and girls engaged in gainful occupations who have no homes, or who are away from their people. Churches, religious and benevolent organizations and manufacturing plants have opened homes of various kinds with varying degrees of success, but the larger percentage of the wage-earning and business women have not yet found the comfort and privacy of home life encompassed by the privileges that institutional life offers.

Here in Chicago the Eleanor clubs offer the best examples of the strictly business life way in which the question may be solved. There are four of these clubs in sections of the city convenient to business women working girls and as fast as suitable buildings can be secured others will be opened. Three have a membership of each and the fourth has 100. Each club is housed in a home like building under the care of a manager, a housekeeper, clerk, maid, cook and each member of the club pays board at from \$2.75 to \$4.25 a week, and they range from high school girls to women of middle age. It is understood that the clubs exist for the special benefit of girls who do not get very large salaries, and when one becomes prosperous in her work and can afford to pay more for her living expenses she cheerfully gives her place to another girl.

Managers, to some less fortunate girl. This spirit of helpfulness, and willingness to give a fellow worker a chance is one of the biggest principles on which the success of the club rests.

Home Conditions Prevail.
Membership in these clubs may be had by any girl who gives a reference and clerk, stenographer and professional women constitute the membership. In the summer months when many of the working girls and business women are having a vacation, or have suspended work for the summer, membership is found to include summer

HORSEWHIPPED GREEK EDITORS



Mrs. Ekonomidy and her baby. Mrs. Ekonomidy is the wife of a New York Greek newspaper man. She horsewhipped two editors of a Greek daily newspaper because she alleged they had slandered her husband in their paper.

students in the universities and art schools of the city. There are no rules governing the clubs beyond the unwritten code that would obtain in any family. It is conceded that each member will naturally do her best to make the club a respected institution and a place of comfort for her fellow boarders who go out to evening classes and entertainments find a night clerk at her desk to receive them when they return. Reasonable hours are the prevailing custom.

The clubs aim to help the members toward economy in every way, and one of the most welcome provisions is a laundry in each club house where for five cents an hour a member may do any bit of washing or ironing that she wishes. Fudge dishes and spoons in each of these laundries show that even less onerous duties may be performed here. Classes in the clubs are open to all the members, the payment of 25 cents a month for four months allowing study in any or all classes. The studies include domestic science, business courses and English. So far this winter only the sewing classes have been organized, but the others will follow.

Not Charitable Institutions.
In each of the club houses single beds are the invariable rule, and when the rooms are large two or three are sometimes placed in one room. There are parlors for the use of the members and there are janitors, sewing machines and typewriters at their service. In the dining room the idea of an institutional life is forever banished by the small tables, the chairs and the home group. The food is simple, wholesome, abundant and well cooked. The service is good, the friendliness and comradeship inspiring.

It must be understood that these clubs are in no way charitable or benevolent institutions. They are homes for girls and women conducted on a strictly business basis, each girl earning her money in stores, offices, school or factory, and paying her board with a part of it. Just as any person of larger means does, the members are self-supporting and independent of any outside influence beyond the general stockholders and executive committee of the association. Their success is claimed by their promoters to be due to three things: The fact that each club is absolutely self-supporting, that there is cooperation among all the members and that the helpful, kindly interest known as the "Eleanor spirit" pervades each institution.

When the Name "Eleanor."
The Eleanor association was organized 10 years ago by Miss Ina Law Robertson. The object was to furnish boarding houses at reasonable rates for girls with low salaries, for the average boarding place available to a girl with an income of \$4 or \$5 a week is not one of the best influences, and is not calculated to awaken better ideals in her. The name "Eleanor" means "light" and by permission of a member of the club whose name it was, it became the title of all clubs formed under this same board, and has come to mean for the best uplift work among working women and girls, work that is being done by themselves, for themselves and their neighbors.

Signs to Direct Strangers.
Signs have been hung in all the Chicago depots stating that strange girls may find direction and advice at the central office, 40 Randolph street. This office, centrally located, is maintained for the sole purpose of informing strangers as to good boarding places and good neighborhoods. A lawyer in the employ of the club has been given the right to draw up contracts and business propositions and help safeguard the members and their friends. In the central office building are the files of the information bureau and the secretary and a committee room. Across the hall are reception rooms for the members and a buffet kitchen opening off these offers possibilities in the way of chocolate, tea, coffee and other light refreshments. Classes may meet here also. One of the classes is for teaching English to immigrant girls.

Why These Clubs Succeeded.
The question has been asked over and over again, "Why are the Eleanor clubs self-sustaining, when time and again other clubs have been started and have failed?" The secret of the success doubtless lies in the fact that the clubs are controlled by an incorporated company. The company does not exist for the purpose of making any money whatsoever out of the plan, but for the purpose of guaranteeing its permanence. The stockholders lease a suitable building, and then furnish it comfortably for the clubs' uses. They furnish also a sinking fund that guarantees the club's stability for the first few months until it gets comfortably on its own feet. The furnishing money is a loan from the stockholders, the current rate of interest being paid on it. This interest money, however, with other interest money by common consent of the stockholders, never reaches the stockholders' pockets. The furnishing interest money goes always for new fittings for the club, and interest on the sinking fund has been erected into what is known as the interest fund, and is set aside for emergencies. It is for the use of any member of the Eleanor club who is temporarily without a position and is in need of money. If a stockholder member who is ill and must go to the hospital for awhile. This is always a loan, the borrower paying it back at her convenience, but if times should be hard, the illness long, or the girl's salary small in the period following her borrowing, nothing is said of the loan. It is known that at some time she will pay it back if she possibly can. If not, the Eleanor association considers that it has been money well used, and that is the end of the matter.

Business Venture; That's All.
Naturally, back of all this ideal business arrangement one cannot but see the big spirit of helpfulness that has prompted several earnest women to form themselves into the Eleanor association, devote their time and energy to showing business women and working girls how to get the best home life for their money, and put their own

A LETTER TO THE BUSINESS MEN AND CITIZENS OF PORTLAND.

Mr. Business Man of Portland:
The time is too short between now and Christmas to write you a personal letter, so we are going to talk to you through the city papers. We want you to stop and try to think if you know of any enterprise which is doing more to advertise Portland than The Pacific Monthly. If you are boosting for Portland you are interested in whatever is helping to build up our city.

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Don't you think that we are doing our part to boost for Portland and Oregon? Now are you doing your part? Portland business men are not "quitters," nor does it take a crowbar to pry them loose from their money when it comes to boosting for an institution that is doing for Portland what The Pacific Monthly is doing monthly for the past 10 years. Probably there isn't a business man or citizen of Portland who would not, if asked, say that The Pacific Monthly is a credit to Portland. Now are you willing to back up your conversation with your cash? We believe you are. We want your coin. In fact we will have to have it, if you want to widen the circulation of The Pacific Monthly. Here is a place where we can all pull together for Portland.

You know what we are doing to keep Portland in the forefront. You know, too, that she is at the head of the procession, and naturally you want her to retain that position. Now here is what we want you to do. Make out a list of your friends in the east and send us this list with your check to have The Pacific Monthly sent to them for the coming year. Mr. Jobber, we want you to make up a list of your customers and send them The Pacific Monthly as a token of your appreciation for their patronage. This check, by the way, is not only inexpensive, but will serve to remind them throughout the whole year of the giver. Mr. Merchant, we want you to give each of your employes The Pacific Monthly for the coming year. Mr. Loyal Citizen, we want you to send The Pacific Monthly to the folks back home. Every copy that goes to the east or middle west tells not only by picture, but by graphic description, of the big things that are being done here, where big men are doing big things. The price of The Pacific Monthly is \$1.50 a year, but we will send five copies for the price of four. In other words, if you will send us a list of five names accompanied by your check for \$6 it will pay the bill. We will send without extra charge a Christmas number, and also send a beautiful Christmas card notifying your friends that it is being sent at your request. We appreciate your letters of commendation and your kind words. We will appreciate them still more if accompanied by your check for from five to 100 subscriptions. It's up to you. What are you going to do about it?

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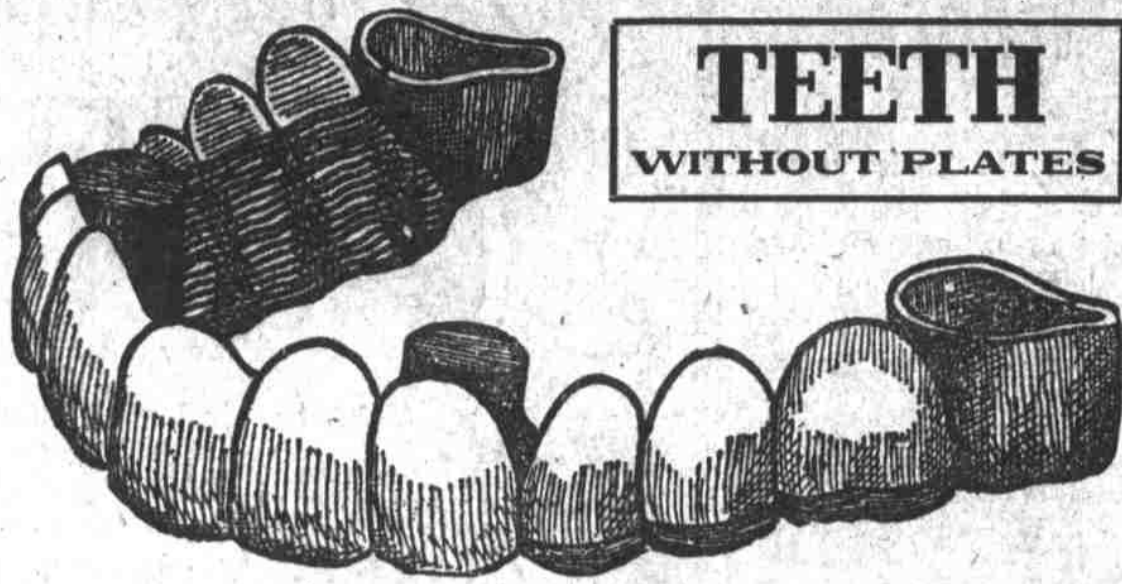
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rooms or cheap boarding houses, and miss the biggest, the helpfulness of the "Eleanor spirit." As fast as the Eleanor association can it is opening clubs, one to be complete in February, and the list of waiting ones will more than fill it. And even at this rate it is a wonderful work for a handful of women to be doing.

New York, with 20,000 or more girls and women working in the big stores of the shopping districts, needs nearly

1000 of these clubs for that section alone. Other cities of varying percentages of working women and girls need them, as do manufacturing centers. No city needs charitable institutions for its working girls who are well, who are at work and who are proving themselves capable. Nor does the working girl of today want anything that savors of charity. She wants a chance to earn a good living, and a comfortable home in which to spend her nights, and she is

always willing to pay a reasonable part of her wages for it. The Eleanor Association has proved how working women may be housed if only a few prominent, helpful women of each city will get behind the movement.

Christmas cards, New Year cards, art calendars, exclusive lines imported and domestic. The postal shop, 124 Fifth street, near Washington.

Avoid Delays, Ship Christmas Packages Early.

To avoid delays incident to Christmas rush, ship early. The Northern Express company are furnishing gummed labels on request, reading as follows: "Do not open until Christmas," that patrons may apply and ship their Christmas packages early and have no fear that recipient will open them before Christmas.

The Perkins Hotel Pharmacy — The Squibb Drug Store

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• Post Card Albums, and beauties, too, a fine assortment, each... .35¢ to \$1	Razors, each, from... \$1.50 to \$3	Fancy Nail Powder Jars, each... .50¢
• Hand-Painted Bon Bon Jars, Cold Cream Jars, Powder Boxes and Hair Receivers, price, each \$3.50 to \$10	Shaving Brushes, ea... .25¢ to \$1.50	Fancy Powder Jars, each... \$1.50
• Travelers' Toilet Rollups, in nice complete sets, or just the empty roll, and you fill in the articles wanted. Price, each, \$1.50 to \$45	Shaving mugs, each... .50¢ to \$1	Fancy Hand Mirrors, each \$1 to \$5
	Razor Stropps, each... .50¢ to \$2	Fancy Stand Mirrors, ea. \$1 to \$10
	Fancy Talcum Powder Jars each75¢ to \$1.50	Fancy Boxes of Stationery, 25¢ to \$1.50
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