

ESMERALDA

pose there are plenty of people to do that!"

"It's very popular," said Mrs. Langdon; "so near the club, you know."

"And that's not all," added Mrs. Dewynt. "There are the gardens. We've had such a lot of preserving done. And, of course, we are all economizing on our tables."

"I'm not!" announced Mrs. Langdon abruptly. "I've given up the fight. I'm willing enough to economize; but my fourteen servants are not."

"That's true!" exclaimed Mrs. Ted. "Goodness knows that since I've been reducing I don't eat fifty cents' worth a day. I'm sure I don't. But the servants aren't dieting."

"And if you try to make them observe the Hoover rules they simply leave!" complained Mrs. Lennett. "What do you do in the West, Miss Sprunt?"

"Sometimes we have one Chinaman," said Esmeralda. "And he does as he's told!"