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### Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

WILL YOUR HELPER PAY INCOME TAXES?



RUTH CAMERON

An interesting warning has been issued to employers of domestic help in the United States. They are reminded that all persons making payment to another person of fixed or determinable income of \$1,000 or more in a taxable year, must render a return thereof to the commissioner.

I suppose the average employer of domestic help will give a sigh of relief and say, "Well that doesn't mean me. Goodness knows, domestic helpers are getting big enough wages, but thank goodness, it is only the rich people who pay over \$20 a week for cooks and laundresses, even in these days."

But before she rejoices in deliverance from that burden, the average employer must consider one more regulation:

Remember Their Board and Lodging Count.

"The names of all employees to whom payments exceeding \$1,000 a year are made, whether such sum total is made up of wages, salaries, commissions or compensation in any other form, must be reported, etc."

Moreover, for failure to make such return, "a penalty of not more than \$1,000 attaches."

Of course "compensation in any other form" includes the board and lodging which almost all domestic helpers get.

The author of the warning thought that board and lodging should not be reckoned at less than \$7, probably more, since it would be hard to get a room and three meals a day for that sum.

What a Large Room and Private Bath Would Cost.

A woman with whom I was discussing the matter agreed with fervor. "My daughter's maids," she said, "have a large room and a private bath and the same food the family has. They would not pay less than \$18 for that at any boarding house."

True, except that the maids supply their own table service and care of the rooms, which they would not do in a boarding house.

Nevertheless, it does seem a startling thought that the class of workers who, within my memory, received from \$2 to \$4 a week for 12 or 13 hours a day, should be having the shortened hours, the vastly enlarged privileges, and be paying income taxes.

One is reminded of the story that is going the rounds, of the cook who had been engaged to come and then backed out because she found the family had no garage; "I must have a place to keep my car," she said!

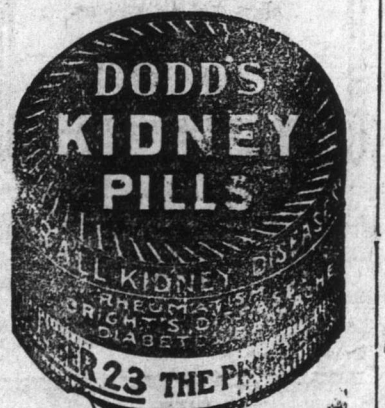
But Why Isn't the Field Overcrowded?

To some people facts (and fancies) like these are the proverbial red rag. They almost foam at the mouth at them. I suppose there is no doubt that, considering their wages in comparison with what other classes of labor get, domestic helpers are overpaid.

But the people who rage should not forget to take this fact into account. The law of supply and demand regulates wages. When work is overpaid and in other ways preferable, desirable workers rush into it and bring down the wage level.

Wages for domestic service have been soaring for several years. Why haven't workers from other fields rushed into this field?

Can it be that there are still other ways in which the work is not perfectly desirable. How about it?



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To make a restful house be sure there is nothing in it but what is beautiful or useful.

An egg-slicer is one of the "conveniences" which really is worth while in the kitchen.

The outer layers of grain are those which contain the vitamins so necessary for health.

Don't knead the left-overs of pie-crust too hard if you wish to make crisp tarts out of them.

Laces should be washed in milk and water, then "floated" clean and put away in blue flannel.

A bag hung at the end of the sewing machine is handy for disposing of scraps and trimmings.

The severely correct afternoon tea is simply tea and wafers or paper-thin slices of buttered bread.

A pot roast should be browned on all sides in a hot pan before it is put into the pot for stewing.

Starch for the dark calicos should be made in the usual way, then add to it one pint of clear coffee.

When one is badly stopped up with a cold put a few hops in vinegar, let boil, then inhale the fumes.

### THE OTHER FELLOWS.



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We keep on sadly saying, "Why don't our neighbors save? The chumps are not obeying our counsel wise and grave. They glow themselves insanely, their orgies do not halt, although we've told them plainly to put their dimes in salt."

We've argued and implored them, we who are up to snuff; for long, long hours we've bored them with wise Ben Franklin stuff; and still they blow their plunder for gilt and gingerbreads, and bid us go to thunder and likewise soak our heads." And we who talk so sanely, and weep the loud boo-hoo, hand out our wisdom vainly, because we're spenders too. We're strong on admonition, on precepts high and fine; our neighbors' sad condition brings from our eyes the brine; we'd like to see them dropping their coin in savings banks, and not keep 'Hades popping with wanton, wasteful pranks. And then we buy some rubies, or cars not made of tin, as with as other boobies who blow their money in. Among the things we wonder, to see what is for sale; for thisgumbobs we squander the useful, wholesome kale. And then when we are busted we take our headward way and say: "we are disgusted, the way men blow their pay."

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### 100 Pounds for a Spoon.

THE GREAT VALUE OF OLD SILVER.

Silver is now just about double the price it was in 1914, and a great number of those people who did not make fortunes during the War are taking the opportunity to sell all sorts of silver ornaments, things rather more pretty than useful, to be melted down.

These consist chiefly of candlesticks, inkstands, photograph frames and the like, but there are also silver forks, spoons, sugar basins and other table plate.

If these are modern, well and good. They are not worth more than their weight in silver. But it is well to warn intending vendors not to rashly dispose of old silver. Old silver is very valuable, being worth far more than the five-and-sixpence an ounce which is the bullion price.

Only the other day a Queen Anne milk-jug was sold for 125 shillings an ounce! It came from an old farmhouse, and its original owners had no idea of its real value.

Those perfectly plain silver spoons with a large flat bowl are known to experts as Puritan spoons, and are worth their weight in gold.

A dealer recently offered a man £50 for the worn old silver sugar basin the family were using. It was really a seventeenth century porringer, and was worth at least £20.

Apothe spoons are treasured by collectors. Each has a figure of one of the Apostles, with his emblem. St. Peter for instance, holds his key. In olden days they were given as christening gifts. Single specimens, if old, have brought as much as £30, while £100 was paid for a sixteenth century Apothe spoon.

The age of silver can be accurately told by its hall mark. Any encyclopaedia will give information on this subject.

### The Habit of Old Age.

(From the Manchester Guardian.)  
It was said long ago that a man is just as old as he feels, and now some Americans are trying to act on this principle systematically. In New York they have started a Life Extension Institute, where research into longevity will go forward on new lines. The plan is not merely to control disease infections, or to work out a healthy way of living that would get the best out of the Biblical three score and ten. The Life Extensionists have more positive hopes than that. It is argued that the most vital period of life may even be extended indefinitely.

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