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TABLE I.

Age.	Annual. s.	d.	Half-Yearly. s.	d.	Quarterly. s.	d.
25	36	0	18	3	9	2
30	40	8	20	7	10	4
35	46	9	23	9	11	11
40	55	1	28	0	14	1
45	66	3	33	8	17	0
50	81	4	41	5	20	11

TABLE 2.

Age.	First Five Years s.	d.	
25	23	6	This Table increases every Five Years, until the twenty-first year.
30	26	4	
35	30	4	
40	36	1	
45	44	8	
50	56	7	

TABLE 3.

Age.	For One Year. s.	d.	For Seven Years. s.	d.
25	21	6	21	10
30	22	1	22	7
35	22	11	23	11
40	24	9	26	9
45	28	6	32	2
50	35	4	41	8

TABLE 4.

Annual Premiums required for an Assurance on £100, for the whole Term of Life, the rate decreasing at the expiration of every Fifth Year, until the Twentieth, inclusive, after which period no other payment will be required.

Age.	1st 5 Yrs. s.	d.	2nd 5 Yrs. s.	d.	3rd 5 Yrs. s.	d.	Last 5 Yrs. s.	d.
25	72	7	55	6	38	2	19	11
30	78	6	60	10	42	6	22	4
35	85	10	67	8	47	10	25	3
40	95	5	76	4	54	4	28	6
45	108	0	87	4	62	2	32	2
50	125	3	101	1	71	7	36	5

HALF CREDIT RATES OF PREMIUM.

Age.	Half Premium During 7 Years. s.	d.	Whole Premium After 7 Years. s.	d.
25	19	7	39	2
30	21	9	43	6
35	24	11	49	10
40	29	2	58	4
45	34	10	69	8
50	42	6	85	0

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Age.	Annual Premium. s.	d.	Half-Yearly. s.	d.	Quarterly. s.	d.
25	44	4	22	0	11	3
30	49	10	25	3	12	8
35	57	0	28	11	14	6
40	66	6	33	8	17	0
45	79	0	40	1	20	2
50	95	6	48	7	24	5

The Assured under this Table are entitled, after Five Years, to an Annual Division of the Profits.

TABLE B.

HALF CREDIT TABLE.

Age.	Half Premium First 5 Years. s.	d.	Whole Premium After 5 Years. s.	d.
25	22	2	44	4
30	24	11	49	10
35	28	6	57	0
40	33	2	65	6
45	39	6	79	0
50	47	9	95	6

The Assured under this Table are entitled also to participate in the Profit on certain conditions.

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YOUNG MRS. ROBERTS' THREE CHRISTMAS DINNERS.

(Concluded.)

CHAPTER III.—THE BRANDY-SNAPPER.

At the top a fried liver and bacon were seen; At the bottom was veal, in a state extreme; At the sides there were pickles and pickling made hot; In the middle a place where the pudding was not.

Goldsmith.

How often, mother, it may have been said, that we never seem ridiculous from what we are, but from what we assume to be, the saying remains as true as ever; and, therefore, I once more repeat that the opening of this chapter. Taken in this sense, ridicule is indeed the test of truth, for nothing true can be in itself ridiculous. We may smile in contempt or derision of conceit and folly; or laugh in sympathy with comic or ludicrous scenes and ideas; but it is pretension, assumption only, that moves our ridicule. To be above its insolent, insulting inflictions, we have only to be ourselves; which simple part, to the half of mankind, appears the most difficult to perform of any. Our social customs universally conspire to make us attempt everything, rather than display the real character; but, above all, to conceal the true circumstances in which we live. We must either seem above, or—though far more rarely—below them. The very wealthy do sometimes take to

The devil's own vice,
The pride that apes humility,

as soon as they rise above the more common affectations of vanity.

My young friend, Mrs. Roberts, exposed herself to ridicule, by the common folly of assuming to give dinners, to dress, and to live in the style of persons of double her income; but, for the credit of English morality, I regret to say, that she only incurred the penalty by attempting to reconcile discretion and honesty with what, in such circumstances, was quite incompatible. Extravagance, folly, debt, gross dishonesty, might, in short, have been pardoned, where the thing was managed with dash, and a proper understanding of effect; but who can pardon the shabby genteel—abhorred of gods, men, and charwomen? and on a charwoman turned the fortunes of Maria Robert's Second Christmas Dinner.

I mentioned in the last chapter, that she had, from frugality, hired one of those wooden machines, a maid of all work, ignorant and stupid, at half wages, who made up the balance by breaking china and glass, and damaging every article of furniture that fell in her way. I have frequently noticed that notable house-keeping ladies are, in general, fatalists about breaking. Mrs. Roberts, after the first three months, concluded that Jane had got through most of her breakings. "And she was so good-hearted and fond to a baby—that important small personage to so many households—and was behaved so honest." I think myself, Jane, and the children, and a good deal of forethought. I can manage very well," said Maria at one of our final consultations. "I shall have everything possible done beforehand—the cooking will be all over before the company begins to arrive—then I can dress in a minute; and Biddy (the Irish charwoman,) when she has seen to dinner, can assist Jane to wait at table. I cannot think of having one of these insolent fellows of hired footmen in the house again; and these cooks who go about are so horribly extravagant, conceited, and dictating—one of them, whom Mrs. Partagas hires to assist her cook, charges 15s. a day; and must be ask'd and petted, and wafted upon and coaxed."

I entirely approved of dispensing with the perambulating footman, whether "of parts or figure," and also the consequential cook mentioned, whom I know to be as troublesome and conceited as if she had taken a regular diploma from M. Ude; but how Jane and Biddy were to perform their various functions, was still an affair through which I could not see my way. Of the latter, I had indeed considerable suspicion all along; strenuously as I understood she had been recommended by her countrywoman, my neighbor, the orange-seller, Mrs. Plunkett, as possessing every good quality requisite under a kitchen roof. "had lived cook in genteel families, both in Bath and Dublin city itself; and, in her first husband's time, assisted the cook to the mess of the 92nd Regiment, though that was fifteen years ago."

My doubts threw Maria into fresh perplexity; she studied her bill of fare. "It would be taking too great a liberty to ask Mrs. James Taylor to lend me her cook for a day; but I might ask her advice—she is always so gentle, and so kind to me."

"But you won't ask her advice though," I put in abruptly. "My sister Anne is one of the best women that breathes; no one more sensible, more generous; but, good worthy lady, she has been happy and moderate enough never to have known any one serious domestic difficulty in her life. She has always been so perfectly at ease in money matters herself, that, like many more excellent women one meets, she is rather puzzled to find out why other people are not so much at their ease, and have not everything so nice and proper about their nurseries and their table as herself. When Roberts can allow you £300 or £200 a-year for your house-keeping, about half my brother's liberal allowance, then advise with my sister Anne. She can discourse most sensibly on economy, and wonder, too, how people need be so very ill off. In which sort of surprise, I have seen her sensible husband join her, and with a most proper and husband-like admiration of his wife's domestic talents, declare that where families do not go on well, (with probably not the fourth of her means,) there must be bad management at bottom. And yet they are among the best people I know. To comprehend the exigencies of your position in society, or rather that of struggling professional people, the most difficult of any, is quite out of their way. Your part in life, once clearly ascertained, ought to be easily filled."

"I assure you, to me it seems the most difficult of any. If with the fourth parts of Mrs. James Taylor's income, one could do with the fourth of the beef, bread, tea, coals, candles, butters and so forth; but you see how it is—that would be no rule, and what to save upon, while one must have everything the self same as those wealthy people—"

"Or at least some such imitation and make-shift thing, Maria. Well, it is a wretched system, a despicable slavery—this making one guinea do the fashionable work of three, or seem to do it, for, after all, it never gets beyond seeming. Like the foolish bird, we hide our heads under the wing of our own vanity, and fancy that the whole world is not seeing and laughing at us, because we have hoodwinked ourselves."

I had probably pushed the conversation beyond the point of politeness; for on this subject, and with so interesting a victim before me, I could have no reserve or patience. Sometimes my heart misgave me, and I was on the point of warning Maria against the absurdities she was about to commit, and the ridicule she was to draw upon herself, by her "Three Courses and a Dessert;" but stern friendship counselled that I should let her do her worst, and endure the penalty of shame and mortification at once and forever.

I undertook several little commissions for Maria connected with her fête, and persuaded to come myself very early, to among Mr. Sam. Medus, a cockney bachelor of some sixty years; somewhat of a virtuoso, but more of a gourmand, dilettante within original, and known by the ladies of the many families with whom he managed to be a dinner-mate, as "that pleasant old Medus, who always comes so early." Not that he ever came a minute before the appointed hour, but in that he appeared practical in the hand of his watch.

I did not appear before my mother, you may guess, great as are the mysteries power of obliquity connected by the maid-of-all-work, it is still just possible that the most thoughtless of the corps cannot ascertain everything. When I arrived, all was, as it said, at sixes and sevens. The parlor fire still unlit; the confusion in the

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