

that it prohibits women who are proprietors of licensed restaurants taking female partners without capital. In reality the law is the effect of the situation (as in Australia, where the state of affairs is very different), for the number of bars is enormous, and even the work in them which does not involve the actual selling of liquor is done by men. Again, in the very numerous "ladies'" shops there is a quite disproportionate number of male assistants. An enormous amount of the shorthand and typewriting work in offices is done by men, while the female book-keepers in shops, so common in England, are almost unknown, or where she does exist is a member of the family which keeps up the establishment. Female white servants are at a premium. Black men act as house- and chamber-maids, often as cooks, or even nurses. When white women do take on any of these occupations, or that of waitress in tea-shops (a favourite occupation, as furnishing one of the shortest cuts to matrimony), black "boys" must be supplied to do the washing up or other menial work. Laundries are run by Chinamen (who do not bring their wives), and the smaller sweetstuff or fruit shops by foreigners or Asiatics, who practically monopolise the door-to-door trade. The female tobacconist is practically unknown, and the female vendor of newspapers and stationery is comparatively rare. It is almost unnecessary to add that in some of the poorer districts the conditions of the mining camp still prevail to such an extent that the young white men do their own cooking and washing, and mend their own clothes.

As regards the black man, it must always be recognised that he has no desire to work, and apart from the presence of white men would not work; further, he has no permanent necessity to work. It is scarcely understood in England that one of the principal objects of taxes like the hut tax, now causing so much trouble in Natal, is to force the black man to do some work which will involve his actually earning some money. Otherwise there would have to be a resort to the old Dutch system of forced labour, if only to prevent the danger to the