

and six salads, besides entrees. The following are fair samples of a couple of days: groat soup, or clear soup, respectively 3 kreutzers; peas or spinach 4 kreutzers, beef with peas or with spinach 8 kreutzers, venison with macaroni or pork cutlets with potato salad 8 kreutzers, raisin, or fruit pudding 8 kreutzers. All the ingredients are of the best quality and cooked by highly trained professionals. The kitchen is scrupulously clean, the white china plates and dishes are spotless, the knives and forks brightly polished.

The first guests to arrive are the school children who are received on special terms, and are admitted from 11 to a quarter to twelve. Some are very thinly clad, and others are evidently children of well to do artisans and small shopkeepers, but all have their tickets in their hands, for the People's Kitchen is not a charitable but a business concern, and there are no free meals. The price of the ticket is five kreutzers, or two cents, and for this the child gets a large white roll, and a plate of milk pudding, peasoup, cabbage, or sour kraut of dimensions as large as an ordinary child can eat. When the children are gone the general public arrives, and it composes besides the great mass of workers, carpenters, masons, postmen, seamstresses, shop girls &c., poor students, faded actresses, unsuccessful artists, widows of professional men, shoe-blacks, crossing sweepers and even beggars. Every dinner is paid for, and the varied crowd is on the same terms as in any other restaurant, the only difference being that they are treated with greater courtesy, and the honorary officials are there to see that no guest is neglected or treated with incivility. A rough word is rarely heard, and the most comfortable seats are yielded to the old and feeble. Two detectives are present during the meal, but it is a most unusual thing for them to be called on. At two, the kitchen is closed and reopened from 6 to 9 for supper, when tea, soup, ham, cold beef salad, hot vegetables and the warmed up

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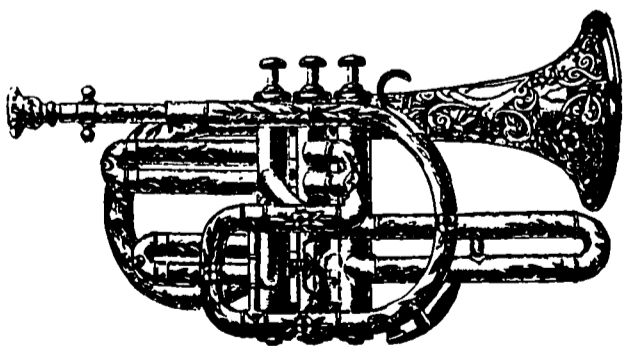
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