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**ADVANTAGES AND OTHERWISE OF  
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Housewives Have Hard Times—Boarding  
House Gossip is Dreadful—No Place  
Like Home—A Synopsis of Interest.  
In the February number of the *North  
American Review* appears an article entitled  
"Is Housekeeping a Failure?" in respect to  
which views are expressed to a considerable  
length by Shirley Dare, Rose Terry Cooke,  
Marion Harland, Catherine Owen and Maria  
Parlos. A synopsis of these views will prove  
interesting to our readers.

**Shirley Dare Leads.**

There is gnashing of teeth and gnawing of  
moustaches as the American family man  
reads the standard English advice to esti-  
mate the rent not over one-tenth of the in-  
come. One tenth? When no one this side  
the water dreams of sharing less than one-  
fourth his income with his landlord. Is it  
any wonder that literary men and others on  
modest salaries of \$3,000 to \$5,000 feel com-  
pelled to keep their wives and children in  
Canada or the Genesee country, where liv-  
ing is cheap, while they themselves fare as  
bachelors in the city. But high rents and  
pretentious habits are not so prohibitory of  
housekeeping as the desolating plague of  
servants. I do not say poor servants, for,  
like certain brands of cheap wines, all that  
can be said of them is that some are not so  
poor as others. The first-class servant from  
an intelligence office may be set down as an  
expense of not less than \$10 a week, ordinary  
waste and breakage included. The trouble is  
not so much that she is high priced as  
that she will not work at any price at all.  
The frowns she quickly spreads through a  
house, the chipped china, ragged damask,  
careless vestibule, giving a bad name to  
the rest of the house, not belied by fluff-  
chambers and smoke scented parlours,  
takes away all attraction from the idea of  
home. It is a roost rather than a nest,  
and the family learn to feel never so much  
at home as when abroad. Inefficient ser-  
vants have nearly broken up the home life  
of America.

But if house keeping seems a failure,  
boarding is no less so. It is existence in  
its lowest terms. Whether the subject is  
a young man on a salary, condemned to his  
cave of a hall bedroom, or a family in a  
luxurious state of an apartment hotel, with  
name of distinction, one has a sense of  
being kept in a portfolio, under lock and  
key or else being always at the wings  
waiting the cue to come before the public.  
The expensive suites seem like upholstered  
sepulchres. Boarding tends neither to  
health nor long life. The halls are un-  
ventilated parlours, stuffy with the pre-  
sence of crowded humanity; the flavour of  
the food kept in unvarying refrigerators;  
the fish and meat gone stale in the hot,  
rancid kitchen while waiting to be cooked;  
the aphides swarming on the lettuce; the  
rust on the celery, hourly make war  
with digestion, lower the vitality and  
charge the system with malaria. The hos-  
tess is in the hands of her servants and  
cannot compel careful attendance when she  
would.

**Rose Terry Cooke's Views.**

It cannot be asked of those who take peo-  
ple to board in order to make their own  
living that they exercise any power of se-  
lection among those who apply to them, ex-  
cept so far as their social respectability and  
financial solvency are secure; nor can the  
ordinary boarder always confine herself to  
her chamber in order to avoid others of the  
incongruous family whom she does not ap-  
prove or like. In this, as in most other  
things, the burden of life falls more heavily  
on women than on men; for a man is absent  
all day at his business, and the evening  
offers to him a thousand amusements which  
are never open to single women, nor to mar-  
ried unless their husbands choose to indulge  
them in such recreations.

Another argument in favor of boarding is  
that it allows women more leisure and re-  
lieves them from the cares of housekeeping.  
But is leisure the best thing for women?  
How do they employ it in such a life? I  
know there are many and honorable excep-  
tions, but the average woman of the period  
has nothing to do but to dress, gossip, visit  
or devote herself to that trivial amusement  
called shopping, which too often means  
wasting the time and destroying the pa-  
tience of employees in shops by looking at  
goods these quasi customers never mean to  
buy, and inspecting bric-a-brac they cannot  
purchase, merely as a pastime.

And are not the cares and duties of a  
home the legitimate business of a married  
woman? Where is her life more full, more  
appropriate, more contented, if she be a  
gentle woman, than when, like the Shu-  
namite, she "dwells among her own people?"  
Then comes the most vital question of all,  
is a home life or the life of boarding houses  
and hotels best for children? Who does not  
recall with horror the pert, ill-bred, noisy  
children they have too often encountered at  
such places, with nothing modest, gentle or  
child-like about them? They have been de-  
prived of all the sweet securities of home,  
the training of family life, the tenderness  
and strength of family association. They  
have been unwelcome from their birth, tol-  
erated instead of cherished, nay, how often  
the ranks of coming infancy have been more  
decimated that the wives who evade  
motherhood may enjoy their languor and  
leisure, and "take their ease in their inn?"

**Marion Harland's Suggestions.**

Life in the most modest middle-class  
households differs materially with that of  
thirty years ago. The twenty four hours of  
the day are an exact and inexorable quan-  
tity; incomes have not kept step with fash-  
ionable luxuries; cellular tissue cannot grow  
fast enough to supply immoderate waste.  
There is twice as much to be done as of old,  
and hired help is a steadily weakening reed.  
The stout-armed maid of all work, who  
cooked, washed, ironed, waited at table and  
made up the beds of a family of seven,  
has given place to two or more specialists,  
with nerves and notions of their own for each  
household where there are "three in family."  
The modern home, with all the labour sav-  
ing machines invented, ostensibly for the  
housekeeper's relief, is a complex machine.  
Like a steam plough or churn it requires a  
skilful engineer to run it, and these Castle  
Garden does not furnish. The wife, tried  
beyond strength and patience; the husband  
whose labour barely provides the family  
with lodging, food and clothing; the child-  
ren, eager for novelty, unite in declaring  
the whole system a failure and agree upon  
the alternative offered by hotel and board-  
ing house.

With regard to the least objectionable of  
these I would here record explicitly my  
opinion that home is to be found in none of  
them. In all, are attainable. The sacred  
pale, which excludes the public and secures  
the household—the boundary within which  
character grows into individuality, which  
is yet fostered and enriched by the holiest  
influences known to earth—is levelled.  
People who eat by contract and in herds,  
and whose very bed chambers are not se-  
cure from prying eyes and intrusive feet,  
soon begin to dress, look, talk and think for  
the vulgar many rather than the beloved

few. Boarding-house gossip springs up as  
naturally from promiscuous association,  
habitual and continued, as fungi from artifi-  
cial deposits kept at a certain degree of heat  
and moisture.

**Catherine Owen on Boarders.**

But very rarely do we meet with board-  
ers who prefer boarding. In all large cities  
there are gay and frivolous women who  
shirk the cares of house-keeping as they do  
of motherhood, and to them the fashionable  
boarding house or hotel offers an escape  
from all duties, and leaves unlimited time  
for the pursuit of pleasure. The far greater  
number of boarders, however, are not of  
this class. We find good house-keeping  
mothers bringing up children in boarding-  
houses; but, as they will tell you, not from  
choice. Ill health is sometimes the reason,  
but far more frequently we are told that  
the house-mother could not bear the burden  
of servants any longer; worn out in patience  
and in all hope of better things, she and her  
family deprive themselves of home and its  
pleasures, and are enduring a life full of  
discomfort, but free from care, rather than  
struggle further with the question of do-  
mestics.

To all but the few pleasure loving women  
before alluded to boarding offers no advan-  
tages compared with home.

The man with an income of from seven to  
ten thousand a year—and with less than  
this it would be impossible to board with  
elbow room in a fashionable locality—can  
provide his family with a good house, good  
furniture, good food, good clothes. But it  
too frequently happens that the help neces-  
sary to make all these blessings enjoyable is  
not to be purchased, for money; that the  
housewife becomes worn out in her efforts  
to take care of the house, tormented, not  
aided by the servants she pays to assist her,  
and, weary of the struggle, often to save  
tottering health, the dear home is broken  
up, and the care-free refuge of a boarding-  
house sought as a poor makeshift. But it  
must be remembered that before we pro-  
nounce house-keeping a failure it must be  
given up from choice, and the boarding-  
house accepted as a better and pleasanter  
way of living, not, as now, as a disagreeable  
necessity.

**Miss Parlos is Hopeful.**

Mismanagement and intolerance are two of  
the great causes of failure in house-keeping.  
People do not always begin in the right  
way. They frequently use so much money  
in the first year as to become disheartened.  
Unable or unwilling to economize they  
surrender their home and turn to somebody  
to make a home for them where the expense  
shall not be so great. But they would rath-  
er keep their home, much rather; and,  
were they courteous enough to resolve on  
retrenchment all might be well in the end.  
It is the first years that are the most trying.  
Estimates of the rent, cost of furnishing  
fuel, lights, service, and some few other  
things, can be made, but the little unexpect-  
ed expenses are a source of surprise and dis-  
couragement.

When retrenchment is discussed the aver-  
age husband is apt to urge a reduction of  
the expense of the table, yet he is quick to  
object to any change which will deprive him  
of the food he likes or thinks he requires.  
A concession here by the husband and there  
by the wife, and instead of failure  
we should have success in house  
keeping. If either be indolent, however,  
the fault must be overcome, or a perfectly  
happy home is not to be expected. Some-  
thing which should be provided or done to  
conduce to the comfort of the family is miss-  
ing or postponed. In time the eyes are  
turned toward the beacon set upon the  
boarding house, and another failure in house-  
keeping is to be recorded.

Despite all evidence to the contrary, how-  
ever, I am firm in my belief that house-  
keeping in general is not, all things con-  
sidered, a failure. The finest suite in the  
finest hotel in town, offered for exactly the  
same price I pay to maintain my modest  
home, would not tempt me to make an ex-  
change. Surrender the comfort, freedom and  
happiness of a home of one's own for luxury  
and laziness in a hotel? Not I! And how  
can any sensible woman do it if she be well,  
have sufficient money to carry on the house,  
and know how to direct domestic affairs?  
Let the reader pause for a moment to think  
what it is to have a long illness at a hotel  
or boarding house; to be distressed by noise  
made by thoughtless and unsympathetic fel-  
low occupants; to be able only with diffi-  
culty to get some few simple dishes which  
you crave.

On the other hand, if you are ill at home,  
what a difference! There is no noise to dis-  
turb you, for the members of the household,  
longing for your recovery, go about silently  
and are ever on the alert to prevent you  
from being annoyed. You hunger for  
some particular food, and loving hands pre-  
pare it and bring it to your bedside.

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