

WOMEN OUEAT MEN CONTENTION OF LUNCH COUNTER PROPRIETORS

Do women get hungrier than men? This is a question which, while not worrying any one in particular, is causing considerable comment in the downtown lunch counter circles of cities in all parts of the country. Owners and clerks of these quick-eating places, which have sprung up like mushrooms since prohibition, say that more than half of their business is with girls and women. And they argue that some of their office girl customers eat two or three times there each day.

The proprietor of a soda and lunch counter in a New York office building which houses thousands of employees, about equally divided as to sex, says that the stenographers and other girls in these offices are more or less organized into what he terms the "Ten-Thirty Lunch Club". As regularly as the clock rolls around each day these girls drift down to the fountain one or two at a time, and stand there eating as if they had been forced to do without breakfast.

Then around noon or about 12:30 o'clock back they come for more and lots of it. About 3:30 in the afternoon comes the third rush of the lunch club, and the manager of this fountain says the combined business of these three rushes about pays his rent.

"Men get hungry, too," this manager states, "but they are not in it with the girls and women, for the men come down at regular lunch time, have their bite and then spend the rest

of the lunch hour walking or playing billiards. But few men come down in between meals for anything to eat, while on the other hand there is scarcely an hour during the morning or afternoon when my counter is not lined with girls and women.

SEEK FOR PIGMENTS IN SOIL OF GEORGIA

Mineral pigments must be mined like other products of the earth. In particular, the ochers, which are oxides of iron, running the gamut of color from rusty yellow to rusty red, are dug out of the ground like coal or copper. Writing in The Engineering and Mining Journal (New York), Marshall Haney describes the yellow ochre deposits of the Cartersville district in Georgia and the processes by which they are mined. The first ochre-mine near the town was opened, we are told in 1877, the ore being hauled in wagons to this point, where it was prepared for market. In drying the ochre a crude brick furnace with sheet iron bottom and a fire-box near one end was used. The first systematic mining and preparation of the ore with modern machinery were begun in 1891, and the output for 1900 was valued at \$73,000. Writes Mr. Haney:

"The ore-bearing area includes about 70 square miles in the southeastern portion of Bartow county, partly in the Appalachian Mountains and Piedmont Plateau and partly in the valley. The region has been subjected to intensive compression and at many points the rocks have been greatly altered by chemical and physical action."

Girl students at the Pennsylvania State college have a club based on the system of the army officers' mess, and they are able to run the table on 50 cents a day.

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How honestly people look at the baby! The man behind the carriage feels almost guilty to look straight into hearts unguarded when the masks commonly worn in public fall off. The young mothers look at the baby always lovingly, but also critically and comparatively. They mark how the little cap is made and the sweater. They note the color of eyes and hair. They guess how many months, how many pounds, what accomplishments. Just a glance suffices for the whole survey, and it always ends with a look of complacency on the young mother's face. For, on the whole, the strange baby, the beautiful, if never found quite equal to our own baby at home.

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According to one English authority, red-haired girls stand the best chance of getting married.

IMMIGRATION INCREASES
Immigration increased from 141,131 in 1919 to 430,001 in 1920. The movement of nonimmigrant and nonemigrant aliens for the latter year was inward, 191,575, and outward, 139,747. Travel across the land boundaries continued to show a steady increase. On the Canadian border 143,843 aliens and returning American citizens were inspected (an increase of nearly 50 per cent over 1919), and admissions of aliens and citizens on the Mexican border totaled 74,293, an increase of 51 per cent.

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