
Try Out Her Cooking. (reprint)

High rents have wrecked American home life. The usual city apartment makes it difficult for the family to entertain more than two guests at a time; hence the vogue of the delicatessen, the dance hall and the cabaret. People eat out of cans and entertain their friends in public places. Circumstances have forced this upon city-dwellers, and the town-folk have aped it because they thought it smart. People who live in houses should realize what a blessing God has given them, and they should see to it that the house becomes a home. If the floors are well waxed the rugs won't be down much, and father and mother can end a lot of worry about son and daughter.

A woman who can't cook can't run a house. You may be so considerate of the feelings and susceptibilities of the dear little thing you expect to make your wife that you have made up your mind that she is not going to spend her life leaning over a kitchen stove; but unless she knows how to cook she is not going to be able to superintend the cooking - and what is home without home cooking?

Keep her out of mischief. You know what fleas mean to a dog: as long as he has them to worry about he is not going to get himself or his master into much trouble, but take away the fleas and he becomes a neighborhood pest. If your wife has no household duties to keep her busy she will become a worse pest than a dog without fleas.

Few students want their homes to look as disorderly as their rooms do in college. A girl is supposed to have an instinct for order. They tell an old story about a wise lad (Aesop was probably the first to spring this one) who laid a broomstick across the doorstep. Five girls stepped over it and the sixth picked it up and won a husband. The wise-crackers will say she got just what she deserved, a crank; and the wise-heads will reply that he got just what he was looking for. A good housekeeper is the best makings for a good home-maker.

Wipe the dishes for her. You will see her temper better when it is tried out in hot water, and if it is hot enough you will see her real complexion, too.

Grin And Bear It.

As long as Notre Dame keeps her rules she will expect some kicking. She expects that because youth doesn't like rules or restrictions of any kind. In fact, she has a tendency to worry about the student who doesn't kick at all. She rather fears that he is either sick or is getting away with something.

Of course, it isn't expected that you'll always, for example, be rising early and going to early morning prayer. But there is a chance that the ruggedness of Notre Dame life with its rules and restrictions will develop an ability, generally, to "take it", especially in the world.

Notre Dame, if you cooperate with her, can help you to develop the character praised by Fr. Alexis Carrel, famed scientist, who sometime ago said: "By constantly applying discipline in the performance of irksome tasks or in conquering our slothful habits, we generate high voltages of power. Observing ironclad rules of forbearance and consideration in human relations; restraining our appetites for indulgence and indolence, for foods, alcohol and tobacco - all these are priceless disciplines, firm molders of character and will."

Congratulations to the men of St. Ed's who one day last week rose en masse to attend Mass for the deceased mother of one of their hall-mates. That is charity typical of the family which is Notre Dame.

PRAYERS. Deceased: Aunt of 'Vm. Grotty (O-C); Friend of Gus Stuhldreher (Ly); Anniv. of Joe Sullivan, Capt, '35 team; Ill: Brother of Fr. Healy, C.S.C.; Prof P. Kent, (oper.); Ralph Mortensen (oper.); Brother of Frank Hopkins (Al). 5 Sp. Int.