

If you can think of any one making a stronger appeal to the Public in any capacity than a neat, tidy clean, cheerful, obliging, careful and skillful waiter, I would be pleased to know such a person. Waiting, rightly performed, stands at the very apex of service, given the very best in foods, and let it be most appetizingly prepared, yet it is easily possible to destroy the enjoyment of the meal through inferior serving.

Those whose work lies in the field of serving foods should ever keep in mind certain fundamentals if they would meet the Public's demand in their line. It goes without saying that among the very first of these fundamentals are personal cleanliness, immaculateness of linens, abundant cheerfulness, alertness, an obliging disposition, a sincere interest in the work to be performed, an intelligent understanding of the viewpoints of both employer and guests, a mastery of the details inseparable from such service, and a deep appreciation of the opportunity to engage in a service that yields first place to no other in promoting the happiness of the general Public.

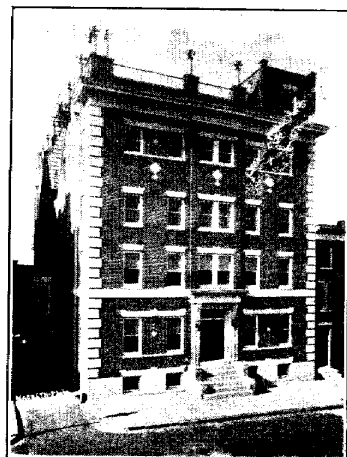
So necessary has the type of men I have described become in meeting the Public's demands in food that the great Railroad System with which I have the honor to be connected has just established a school on wheels for the training of stewards, cooks and waiters whose efficiency shall be such as to make the road's food serving department fully comparable with all other of its departments in meeting the Public's demands for service and winning its appreciation by the excellencies of this service.

This I regard as a step in the right direction, a good omen of the time when the work of the steward, the cook and the waiter will be considered professional and be accorded a dignity second to that of no other profession. If this contribution to your program does aught to further the ends desired, then I shall feel amply rewarded for the time and labor required in its preparation.

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