

Answered

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Dear Editor:

Meals, Clothes, Morals, etc:

The article entitled "The Twenty-cent Dinner" in the May number of the Companion is exceedingly interesting, and as one of the "Twenty-cent-dinner girls", who had won out and helped others win out - but who still patronizes the "Twenty-cent Dinner" from force of habit - I would like to add a word.

The small wage is not, to any extent even a contributory cause to lax morals. True - it is often used as a basis for excuse or as a "sympathy-raiser" by the lost character. True - the last weight in the scale of temptation that eventually turns the girl's life into the wrong channel may be the price of a new dress or less; but it is not the fundamental cause.

The one and only cause is the fact that there is a demand to be supplied. So long as there is a demand in any line - no matter how diabolical the business may be - someone will supply that demand for a monetary consideration.

The reasons why a greater percentage of working-girls than of society girls is taken are: First - the working-girl's power of resistance is weakened by the drain on her strength of her work. Second - and by far the stronger reason - the working-girl is less liable to have a strong parental

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