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MIND AND MATTER.

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THAT must have been a rare treat, the treat to the Mind and Matter of the guests of Mrs. Elmer Black, president of the Woman's Progressive Economic League, whom the lady gathered for luncheon on August 20 in the tapestry room at Sherry's, to discuss the high cost of living.

To judge by the exquisite menu, which is reported in all its fragrant fullness, Matter was catered to with keen solicitude. Was Mind as well?

Imagine the high price of serviceable shoes introduced with
"Coupes a la Black"

followed up by the high price of tough meat flanked with

"Oeufs farci Muscovite"

and continued with the consideration of the prohibitory price of woolen goods and the exasperating price of shoddy interlaced with

"Pintadon dessosse Rotis"

sprinkled with whisperings anent molasses too dear for the workers, and watered, at that, with a savory side-dish of

"Haricots de Lime et Mais"

and another side dish of

"Cœur de Laitue Riche."

Then take a breath with some sympathetic chat on how little flour actual wages can buy, the chat enlivened with

"Croquette's de Gruyere"

sprinkled with the price of lard, and the heat, produced by the consideration of that item, cooled with

"Glacé aux Peches Ancienne"

and followed up with

“Gateaux Paysannes Bonbons”

and then

“Fruits”

to take away the bad taste that the prices and the suggestions of the workers’ homes in which the breakfast table is kept deserted by the prices afore-discussed; and to wash down the whole,

“Cafe.”

If what Matter got on this occasion in the tapestry room at Sherry’s is an indication of how Mind was served, Mind must be on the high-road to a fit of the gout.

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