EXPERT DEFENDS $16-A-WEEK BUDGET

Actual Figures Show Girls Live on Less, Miss Estelle Lauder, of Consumers' League, Says

SHE USES MORE HERSELF

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Being a reader of your paper, I would be very much pleased to find out how much it costs Miss Estelle Lauder to live and how she knows a girl can live on $16.65 a week.

A FACTORY WORKER.

Apparently there is a skeptic in our midst, who just naturally believes that it can't be done. Evidently she believes that there "ain't no sich animal" as a working girl who can live on $16.65 a week.

It was Miss Estelle Lauder who set this as the minimum in a budget she prepared for the Consumers' League, of which she is secretary.

"I tried to make plain," said Miss Lauder today, "that $16.65 is only the minimum and that this sum for a week's living expenses has been decided upon after a most complete investigation.

Has Actual Figures

"Just a minute and I'll show the budgets which we had filled out by some hundred girls," and Miss Lauder pulled out a partition in the filing cabinet.

"These names I cannot divulge," she explained, "but the actual proof in figure of the possibility of living on this amount is here as conclusive proof. Some other workers of the Consumers' League and myself spent many evenings visiting girls who were employed and had them fill out this budget, which is complete and takes care of everything.

"Here is a girl," pulling a sheet from under a paper clip, "whose budget total is $16.59, and during the year she allowed herself $4.34 a week for clothing. These are just a few of the things she managed to buy. A coat and a suit which she will wear for two years at least, and so that is figured in only as a half coat and half suit; three pairs of shoes, two hats, two pairs of gloves—that takes care of her outer apparel. Four suits of underclothing and two nightgowns, besides other incidentals such as handkerchiefs, stockings and the feminine touches known to all women.

Doesn't Follow Our Budget

"I do not begin to attempt to live on $16.65 a week, myself," Miss Lauder continued, a tiny pucker appearing between her eyes. "I have had the advantages of education, which enables me to earn a better living. Probably no one who doesn't have to lives on so small amount of money. Here's one girl who is a hosiery worker, and makes $32 a week and spends thirty-two.

"To go to another extreme, here is a girl's budget which shows she is living on a little over $14 a week, and yet it is questioned how one can live on $16.65. I tell you, these girls learn to economize to the very last ten cents of their wages, as you can imagine they must when living on so little as $14."

Shawmut Again to Be Mine-Sweeper

The U. S. S. Shawmut arrived at the Navy Yard yesterday and will be converted into a mine sweeper. During the war the Shawmut was a mine sweeper in the North Sea, and when the armistice was signed she was bringing men to this country and made the flagship of the air force of the Atlantic fleet. Before the war she was owned and operated by the Fall River Line as a passenger boat.

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Wanamaker's Down Stairs Store Is in Aim and Actuality a Store of Lower Prices Where Quality Is Maintained

It realizes the ideal of a Store where low-priced merchandise need not be questioned. One need not wonder "what's the matter with it" when buying a dress, a coat, a rug, a quilt, etc., at a remarkably low price in the Down Stairs Store. It is all right or it would not be here.

This is *Wanamaker's* Down Stairs Store. Everything here is what it is claimed to be. "All-wools suits" are all pure wool, not almost all-wool. Shoes are made of reliable leather with soles that are all-leather, not partly paper. So we might go through every stock in the Down Stairs Store. The very few things which are second quality are clearly marked so. Prices are in plain sight of every one.

Prices Are Down

Take a few examples: Women's outing flannel nightgowns that last year were $2.25 are now $1 or $1.50; shoes and oxfords that last year were around $9 are now around $5 and $6; women's hats of the type that last year were $8 are now $5. Blankets, quilts, rugs, men's and boys' clothing and so on are all considerably down in price. What is more, qualities have improved.

The Down Stairs Store at this time stands ready to give greater service to the community than ever before.

Beaded Bags $2 to $18

Prices Are a Third to a Half Less Than Last Year

It seems as if all the variations of the beaded bag must be represented in this assortment! Dark colors, light colors; small all-over patterns and large striking designs; large, medium and very small beads—all are here.

Many of the bags have drawstrings and bead tassels. Some have imitation shell tops and fringe and still others have drawstrings of taffeta that are also beaded. All are undoubtedly attractive, and the prices are little short of remarkable.

(Central)

Opening a New Shop of Extra-Size Underclothes, House Dresses, Negligees, Petticoats

at the Subway Entrance 13th Street, Near the Millinery

Beginning Monday! A brand-new pretty gray shop devoted exclusively to the best and lowest-priced extra-size garments.

Yes, lots of really pretty things in good taste in sizes 42½ to 52½. Please come and see for yourself how uncommonly fine and dainty they are.

14 Extra-Size Special Groups Satin Petticoats, $5

A third less than our own recent price for these all-silk satin petticoats cut plenty full and of correct lengths. Finished with narrow pleated ruffle and plain underlay. Black, navy, brown and changeable colors.

Sateen Bloomers, 85c

Black, flesh and white sateen bloomers with elastic at waist and knees; properly reinforced.

Nightgowns, $1

A third less for good muslin and soft fine nainsook gowns with hemstitching, lace, scalloping or embroidery. Beautifully made.

Bishop Nightgowns, $1.50

A quarter less than our own earlier price for fine cotton gowns made in bishop style with three-quarter sleeves. Finished with scalloped edge or uncommon embroidery.

High-Neck Nightgowns, $1.25

Last year these were two dollars in our own stock—and these at $1.25 have equally fine embroidery and workmanship.

Lace-Trimmed Drawers, 75c

A quarter less for drawers with two rows of lace and tucks.

Flannelet Nightgowns, $1.50

Pink or blue striped gowns warm enough for comfort. Made with hemstitched yoke and feather stitching.

Short Petticoats, 75c and 85c

With embroidery or lace.

Crepe de Chine Envelope Chemises, $3.75, $5

Tailored style at $3.75; lace trimmed at $5.

Flannelet Dressing Sacques, $1

Gray, blue, lavender and pink backgrounds with violets printed in different colors.

Cotton Crepe Kimonos, $2

Wonderfully wide, good-looking kimonos of Copenhagen, light blue, rose and lavender cotton crepe. Ruffled at neck and sleeves and finished with cash.

Bungalow Aprons, 75c

Open-in-the-back aprons of printed percale—one of the best extra-size aprons we ever saw at the price.

Slip-Over Bungalow Aprons, $1.50

Wear them as dresses—and good-looking ones, too. Dark-colored percales, which open at the side.

Gingham House Dresses at $2

Blue-and-white, lavender-and-white, black-and-white checks with large pearl buttons and white collars and cuffs. Recently they were here at almost double.

Sizes 42½ to 52½ in All of Them

(The New Extra-Size Shop—13th street side, near the Millinery)

Men's All-Wool Suits

With Two Pair of Trousers

$24.50

All sizes from 34 to 44 in conservative and semi-conservative suits of mixed cassimeres and cheviots.

That's the story!

Good $5 Sweaters for Men

We think they are exceptional at their price. Men will think so too, for they are just what a man needs now, at much less than usual.

Black or gray coat sweaters in all sizes.

Brown, blue or gray sweaters with roll collars; not every size in each color, but all sizes in the lot.

(Gallery, Market)

Individuality in Women's Hats

A Special Collection of $10 Hats

Women's Exciting Dress News in the Enlarged Fashion Sections

$6.50 can choose fascinating slip-on sleeveless frocks of tricotine, wool jersey and corduroy. Most of these new dresses are bound with braid and have leather or braided belts. Worn with a Peter Pan shirtwaist they look very fine indeed.

$15, $16.75 and $20 for the favorite serge and tricotine frocks elaborately beaded—yes, we can hardly get enough of them! Navy, black, brown in the lot.

$28.50 and $25 for original dresses of serge or tricotine with Egyptian embroidery covering almost the entire skirt, or with scalloped hems and short tunics or with braided plain sleeves. Some are elaborate with beads.

Youthful Evening Dresses $25, $28.50, $35

Soiree taffetas sometimes veiled with maline. Bodice, of course—but not too low—and some have the tiniest sleeves. One is edged at the hem with enchanting roses of taffeta; several have garlands of flowers at the waist lines. Hardly two are alike. Sizes mostly 14 to 20.

Beautiful Dresses of Heavy Black Silks, $27.50 to $47.50

Gowns of this type are decidedly the most fashionable of all for the Autumn season. Sometimes they are quite plain, with only a bit of tagoting, depending entirely upon the beauty of the material for charm.

Others are quite elaborately embroidered on the sleeves or skirt. Or the girdle and wide peasant sleeves may be faced with bright red or jade green.

Canton crepe, crepe meteor, Russian crepe and heavy crepe de chine are material most used.

(Market)

Women's Shoes

Women's, Men's and Girls' Shoes, All at $4.75

Women's and girls' shoes are in about 12 different styles, including high shoes of black or brown kidskin, tan leather, black patent and dull leather; oxfords of black calfskin, brown kidskin, russet and black leather; street pumps of tan leather. Not all sizes in every style, but opportunity of choosing in sizes 2½ to 7.

(Chestnut)

Men's Shoes at $4.75

are thoroughly wearable shoes, such as many men are looking for, in tan or black dull leather on medium English lasts with welted soles.

(Gallery, Market)

Boys' Shoes at $2.90

Sizes 10 to 5 in the lot. All are of sturdy tan leather in lace styles. They're properly shaped for growing feet and have soles that will give satisfactory wear.

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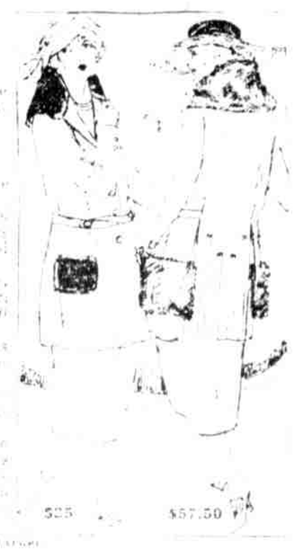
Women's Suits

Exceptional in Tailoring



For Example

(Market)

Special Silks $1.55, $1.75 and $2 a Yard

Good qualities at exceptionally low prices.

55-inch black satin messaline, black peau de soie and black taffeta, $1.75.

40-inch satin-faced crepe in navy blue and black, $2.

39-inch dress satin, in navy blue and black, $2.

40-inch printed radium, in tan, gray and brown grounds with attractive designs, $2.

28-inch crepe de chine, in silver, flesh, pink, orchid, turquoise, brown, navy, black and white, $1.55.

(Central)

200 Coats With Fur Collars Wonderfully Good at $38.50

Velour, Normandie and Bolivia beautifully lined with plain or fancy silks and with collars of Australian opossum and glossy wolf. Interesting styles. Desirable colors.

These coats are from one of the best New York designers of moderately priced wraps. They were cut and made and held in readiness for the usual influx of Autumn orders at a good deal higher price—and the orders hesitated.

We have not had any so good for many a day!

Sports Coats Just in at $16.75

Heather mixed sports cloth, built in youthful styles, mostly with shoulder linings of satoon. Wanted darker shades of brown and soft blues.

(Market)

Center Aisle Opportunities

Bewildering New Hats $3 and $3.85

Velvets in small, medium and large shapes. One very attractive model has the new pheasant-tail trimming; another has a cloth-of-gold crown; others have wool embroidery, lacquered braid, flowers, ribbon.

Pongee Blouses, $3.50

They're so popular we can't keep them in stock. Roll, Peter Pan and the practical "two-in-one" convertible collars.

Marquisette Curtains Drop to $1.25

Deservedly popular are these fresh, pretty marquisette curtains at the new low price of $1.25 pair. 2¼ yards long.

Girdles and Corsets $1, $1.50 and $2

Pink coutil and cotton brocade in these extra good girdles and topless corsets.

Elastic insets insure additional comfort.

Bandeaux, 25c

Half last year's price for bandeaux of heavy pink webbed cloths, with elastic in the back. All sizes.

Rag Rugs, 90c, $1.65, $2.25 and $3.50

New lot of these lovely flower-bordered rugs, woven from fresh factory rags.

Wide assortment of colors and sizes.

Marquisette for Curtains 20c Yard

White, ivory and ecru in this ever-popular curtain material.

36 inches wide.

East Aisle Opportunities

Women's Stockings, 25c

Fine black cotton stockings, "seconds" of a more expensive make.

Regular and extra sizes.

Quilting Challis, 18c Yard

Quaint, old-fashioned patterns in this good quality challis. 36 inches wide.

Breakfast Cloths, $1

Hemstitched square cloths and scalloped round ones in fine cotton damask. 54-inch size.

Napkins to match are 18c.

Pearl Necklaces 65c and $1

24-inch necklaces of French wax-filled pearls.

That Home May Be More Comfortable

Bedding for Winter Nights

Cold nights have made the Bedding Store a busy place. Blankets and quilts are piled high, promising Winter comfort to many households.

Prices are agreeably low and supplies which have been allowed to run low in many homes can now be replenished with the pleasant certainty of economy.

Blankets

Comfortables

Jacquard Blankets

Velour Portieres Specially Priced

50 inches wide, $11 — 54 inches wide, $17.50

48 inches wide, $23.75

Velour Pillows

Cretonne is Indoor Sunshine 20c to 40c Yard

Linen Tablecloths, $4.50

Axminster Rugs at Low Prices

Less are even less than usual now.

Other Axminster Rugs

9 x 12 Feet Seamless Velvet Rugs, $32.50

They are in rich Oriental designs, heavily fringed. Reversible colors and two tones.

Hit-or-Miss-Colonial Rag Rugs

People are accustomed to paying higher prices for rag rugs, but nearly all good for Times in quality.

21 x 36 inches ... $2.50 ... 6 x 9 feet ... $11.50

25 x 50 inches ... $5 ... 7½ x 9 feet ... $15

27 x 54 inches ... $6 ... 9 x 12 feet ... $20

(Chestnut)