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TAKE eight senior girls, one patient house director, one unsuspecting baby and place in a pleasantly furnished domain. Stir well and the resulting product, standard or otherwise, will be a Home Management house. In this homelike atmosphere the life of the student is transformed to one of six weeks never to be forgotten. Here the trials of many an amateur cook, housekeeper or child director first loom very gravely before her and later become a "joy forever" in her memories.

"What do I smell burning, cook?"

"Never fear, Miss House Director, everything is under control." Probably nine people were satisfied with corn flakes and cinnamon toast for breakfast instead of crispy bacon, the odor of which had been drifting through the rooms rather definitively for the past twenty minutes.

Warning all future cooks, great care should be employed in concealing the ruins of such mishaps. It's an unwritten law that each cook and her assistant are allowed to have their own secrets, and no one else ever need know that the menu read "omelet" instead of "shredded wheat!"

The cocktail glasses had been removed, the candles flickered on, the conversation became definitely strained—why didn't the waitress bring on the second course? Fleeting glances of agony crossed the face of the cook. Where had she failed to give explicit directions? After what seemed hours the plates were served from the kitchen. The cook's face lighted up and a significant glance was exchanged between her and the assistant cook as they both recalled that the beans had not been prepared before they left the kitchen.

Ask any girl who has passed through her period of cooking what she treasured the most and she will undoubtedly reply, "Old faithful, the cookbook. It's wonderful." The "cooks' bible" solves many a perplexing problem.

A group of girls stand together in front of the library, each anxious to put in her little bit. The conversation runs high as they follow "Jimmy's" activities from morning to night. Just ask any one of them to trade their little "Jimmy" or "Bobby" for another and you'd find great dissension.

After six weeks in Home Management house light is thrown on the question of why so many babies are liable to be spoiled by their mothers. It really is a matter of self discipline not to give in to their every whimper.

Running true to Iowa State College form, the ratio of boy babies to girl babies has been three to one. However, little Josephine has now arrived to share the place of femininity with Jacqueline. Nevertheless the masculine air still predominates for they are known as "Jo" and "Jacky" respectively. Many a visitor has been frowned at and corrected when he called "Jacky" by a masculine pronoun.

A friendly split in one of the households brought about the development of the organizations known as the "True Widders Club" and the "Fickle Flitters." It was the privilege of the former group to ride in the car bearing the name "Ambitious," which was the pride and joy of one of the students. The "Fickle Flitters" went to and fro in the director's car known as "Precious." Even poor little "Dickie" was initiated into one of the orders. He joined the "Fickle Flitters," for look at all the girls he had!

The sociability of the four houses culminated one Friday evening in a genuine "Hen Hussy" gathering. Other social events took the form of dessert parties and Sunday morning breakfasts. Each member of the home management family may invite guests to dinner.

What is the first thing that "home management" brings to Answer: An appreciation of the value of pre-thinking and acting toward a goal, the well-being and happiness of the family group.