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"The mid-winter meeting of the American Home Economics association, held at New Orleans December 28 to January 2, was a great success," declared Dean Anna E. Richardson on her return from the south, where she had attended this meeting.

Seven hundred delegates from all parts of the United States were present and each and every one was royally entertained. Dean Richardson said the hospitality shown them was wonderful and that not only New Orleans but all the teachers of Louisiana helped to make the meeting a success. Seventeen hundred dollars were raised for the entertainment of the delegates which made possible automobile drives, banquets and luncheons in the beautiful city of New Orleans.

The theme of this year's meeting of the association was, "The Realization of Our Responsibilities in the Development of the American Home". Each session brought out some different phase of this large subject.

It is interesting to note how the program of this meeting corresponds to the department of home economics developed in Iowa State College. One session was devoted wholly to food and nutritional research. The topics discussed were, "The Food Needs of Children," by Dr. Amy L. Daniels, University of Iowa, "Some Points to Emphasize in Teaching Nutrition in High School," by Dr. Katherine Blunt, University of Chicago, and "A Project with Underweight College Women," by Ada M. Field, George Peabody College. Another session treated the subject of "How Research Fields Affect the Home".

In the Home Economics Education section one of the most important and worthwhile lectures was given by Clara M. Brown of the University of Minnesota on "Some Results of Work in Home Economists". Some of the very tests discussed have been used at Iowa State College. These tests are given to girls entering college in order that they may be placed in classes in accordance with their previous training. Another interesting subject was that of "Facing Our Responsibilities Squarely". This was discussed from the national as well as the individual standpoint.

The Homemaker Group was especially interesting to the girls who plan to go from college to small towns or rural districts. Some of the things that they can take charge of and which are also very beneficial to their community are evening schools for women in small towns, group organization for rural women, community sanitation and adult health. Mary Lindsay, who is manager of the Grace Hotel, Fargo, North Dakota, and who is one of the most successful women managers in the United States, discussed "Food Costs and the Worker's Cooperation".

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VI. Disconnected Ramblings
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DOES anyone object to rambling, mentally I mean? I do hope none of you do as I feel a premonition beyond a doubt that this is one of my rambling afternoons. And, after all, it is quite refreshing and so restful not to think connectedly for once. And it is no evidence of poor mentality, believe me. Now there was all Khayyam—you aren't interested in Omar? Well then, there was the Old Main Air Line. Surely you don't mean to say you've never heard of the Air Line? Well, well, and it such an institution too!

Now you recall that the boys and girls all lived in Old Main. Yes, I know I've told you before but, well, they really did you know. The first floor was dining hall and class rooms, the second held all the girls, the third the upper classmen and the fourth was "Freshmen Heaven" or course they were all more or less interested in each other (the students, not the floors, of course!) which was only natural.

At present I believe the dormitories have a complicated "buzzer system"; a most admirable arrangement I am sure. It lacks but one element to make it perfect. It is, of course, quite obvious. What is it, you know, and so—well, inexcusable. Anyone is privileged to use it. Yes, it most certainly does smack of the ordinary. Now there is nothing, in my mind so intriguing, so capable of adding a flavor all its own as a little dash of mystery. And this, in the words of O. R. Cohen, is what the Air Line possessed "nothing else but."

Now from here we must step to architecture. You must know that the windows in Old Main were placed in parallel rows one directly above the other. Also, you must be told that the heating pipes ran from garret to basement and on the outside of the building. And now for the workings of the Air Line. Let us suppose Sally is composedly studying in her room. It is a balmy seven o'clock on a spring evening. Sally turns a listless page. The seven o'clock becomes more balmy. "Tap-tap!" Silence. "Tap-tap!" Sally looks at the heating pipes. "Tap-tap!" Silence. "Tap-tap!" Sally puts down her book, goes to the heating pipes. With the back of a bone side comb responds, "Tap-tap! Tap! Tap!" Then she goes to the hook for her straw hat, ties it on and leaves the room. Now look out of the window. There go Sally and "Rich" across the campus together. How do you suppose they made the arrangement?

Proceed to Emma's room. She and Kate (friend roommate) are squabbling over their "neck ribbons."

"The long one is mine!" says Emma. Certainly, Emma, we are sure of that, but—what on earth has gotten into your heating pipes? They have commenced a hideous tattoo. Kate rushes to the window. Emma follows. We are amazed. Just below the level of the window silly hangs a basket. On the other end of its suspending string is attached a hand. A boy's head nods from the window two stories above. . . . Five minutes later. Kate and Emma have forgotten their squabbling and are eating pop corn. Where do you suppose they got it?

Occasionally there were hitches in the system, but what system doesn't have hitches? Now take the case of Ruthie Morrison. Ruthie had a brother in Old Main and he was a freshman. Let's see, that puts him on fourth floor. One afternoon Ruthie was entertaining the pre­

express, perforce, and the brother was in need of communication (he had probably made his first date and wanted to know what to wear), and he put in a long dis­

ance via the Air Line. The preceptor was curious and Ruthie a poor fiber—