

For a Girl Seeking Pleasant and Profitable Employment the Bell Telephone Office, in Detroit, Offers Attractive Inducements.



AT WORK AND AT PLAY.

LUNCH AT ALL HOURS.

PAID WHILE LEARNING.

scriber "abuses" her, she is not compelled to listen to any tirades. She could not make the other connections. But whether she's bus or not, the company protects the telephone girl from the abusive subscriber by directing her to "switch" him to the Chief Operator's desk, where he (or she) can be handled at more leisure by employees of which the subscriber may complain.

The telephone girl does not have to handle any soiled or dangerous equipment, or to get in the way of any machinery. She takes hold only of cords, keys and plugs, which are necessarily kept free from dust, or they would deteriorate. And the same equipment which protects the subscriber and the telephone business as in other kinds, there is no royal road to learning, yet she has nevertheless a few difficulties to encounter, and that the company has made her way as smooth as possible. This is not philanthropy on the part of the Michigan State Telephone Company, it makes no such pretense. Of course there's the natural respect which the men at the head of the organization feel for the girl who carries her living, and as such a piece of home-made pie for three cents, a glass of pure milk for the same queer price, and as for such a meal as may be obtained for fifteen cents, well, we doubt if the St. Regis Hotel in New York could do better for fifteen dollars.

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where, for intervals of fifteen minutes, her morning and afternoon shifts are broken for that length of time so that she may return refreshed to the board. This rest room there is a play-plant, to which she may dance when in the mood. There is a branch of the Detroit Public Library, put there so that she may draw freely what book she wants simply by filling out a card and it will be sent to her. There are beautiful, refreshing bath tubs, and above all, there is a popular matron in charge of everything.

Lunch? Dinner? Why, yes. The girl does not have to go out of the building for that. A safe and hot lunch maintained by the telephone company at great expense, await her dutifully. Food is sold here at quite a low price, some people might say. Think of a piece of home-made pie for three cents, a glass of pure milk for the same queer price, and as for such a meal as may be obtained for fifteen cents, well, we doubt if the St. Regis Hotel in New York could do better for fifteen dollars.

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The opportunities for lady-like, attractive, and congenial work in the city of Detroit have frequently been the subject of conversation among those persons who study sociological conditions, but not enough importance has been given to the equally interesting fact that these opportunities are also accessible to girls who live at a distance from Detroit.

Yet there are hundreds of bright girls living in the many smaller towns of Michigan just as eager to make use of their intelligence, capacity, and ability for steady work as there are in the largest city of our State. It seems odd, at first glance, why attention has not already been drawn to this fact, and it may be that the distance between two apparently remote towns was supposed to be an insuperable obstacle against such girls taking advantage of their own intelligence and ability. But this need no longer be considered in the same light as heretofore.

The Michigan State Telephone Company, a corporation which is part of the immense body supplying telephone service all over the United States, is in this position not only to provide congenial employment to the right kind of girl but also to protect her as an individual from the annoyances and inconveniences experienced by so many others earning their own living in Detroit, and this, too, no matter how far her home may be from that city.

The story of how this is done is an interesting one, but will be told as briefly as possible.

We will consider, for the sake of example, the case of a girl living in a town one hundred miles from Detroit. We will suppose her to be a refined girl, of good parentage, but with a dash of that fine American independence which leads her to want to help support herself. She feels that she has the power of doing good work when the kind of work given appears to her some of redemptive value; she is clever; she has common sense and she can be depended upon. These qualities have come to her naturally and she says to herself that she has the right to make proper use of them.

To some of these young women the idea of work at a telephone switchboard must undoubtedly have come some time or other. They know little or nothing about it, perhaps, but they do know that the work is dignified. They realize that the telephone girl, as she makes desired connections, one after the other, with deft fingers and alert brain, is an all-important unit in the throbbing business life of Detroit.

The girl of whom we write thinks of this among other things, and perhaps she laments the fact that she lives so far away from the scene of such attractions. Yet she is the very girl that the telephone company is willing to take, teach and protect as she does.

So much time lost, she may think, before beginning to earn money? Not at all. The company pays her a salary right away! That salary begins from the moment she enters the school, and continues whether she takes two weeks or four weeks, or even six weeks, to learn her work. It may be mentioned, incidentally, that some of the best and most reliable operators have been out of town in the school. Our out-of-town girl will then come to learn that there is a beautiful world provided for the operators.

Etiquette Extraordinary.

Etiquette laid down for the presentation of addresses is really somewhat difficult of observance. Some years ago the mayor of Gravesend, England, applied to one of his predecessors for the subject of a royal duke and duchess were about to pass through the town and he had to inflict the usual amount of velleum on the duke and duchess. The duke replied: "The only hint I can give you are these: Don't turn your back on the duchess, for that would be rude. Don't turn your back on the subject, as the duke might be jealous. But just wriggle along sideways."

Gambling in Insurance.

The Britisher's favorite gambling is insurance gambling. He will take out a policy against anything from the death of a woman to the loss of a horse race by a thoroughbred. Marine insurance gambling by those who have no direct interest in the safety of a ship or its cargo grew into such abuses that parliament has been compelled to pass a drastic act to prevent such gambling on marine accidents and losses by those not otherwise concerned.—New York Press.

Concrete Tower and Tank.

A combined water tower and tank has been built of concrete blocks near Brussels, where it is to be used in connection with the international exhibition. The tower and tank have a height of 145 feet, and the latter has a capacity of 280,000 gallons. The structure is circular, and is built entirely of concrete blocks, and without molding of any kind, except that used in the building of the concrete reinforcing strips surrounding the top of the tank proper.

Young Woman Librarian.

Miss Amy E. Reed, class of '92, has been appointed to succeed Miss Frances A. Wood as librarian at Vassar college. Miss Reed is well acquainted with Vassar college, having been connected with Vassar at the last commencement pledged \$12,500 to be known as the Frances A. Wood fund, to be used for library purposes.

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WASN'T WHAT KILLED JOHN

Doctor's Elaborate Excuse for the Death of Patient All Went for Nothing.

"That excuse only increases the awkwardness of the case," said Mayor of a political faction, who was reminded of young Dr. Start. Dr. Start, a short time after he began to practise was summoned to attend a banker suffering from typhoid fever. Dr. Start pulled the banker through. Then in taking leave for good, he congratulated his patient and himself, and said he would like to see more in the course of the week to make sure that no complications had set in.

He called five days later. The banker's brother met him at the door with a very long face.

"Poor George is dead," he said, solemnly.

Dr. Start turned pale. "How am I to get out of this?" he thought. "I must exonerate myself somehow. That negligence I have shown?" Then he said:

"Well, on the whole, I'm not surprised. This isn't the first fatal case of typhoid convalescence, nor will it be the last. A clot, it is clear, formed suddenly at the base of your brother's medulla, the diastole was discovered, and the usual heart failure ensued."

Dr. Start rattled on for several minutes in that strain, but at the end of a long and involved sentence, when he paused to take breath, the dead man's brother said solemnly:

"No, Dr. Start, you are wrong. That isn't what killed John. He went bathing in Coney Island and was carried out by the tide."

Early St. Louis Preacher.

St. Louis lays claim to the distinction of having the oldest beginner in the ministry. He is Col. F. J. Hart, age sixty-five years and a veteran of the Civil war, who was ordained and installed pastor of a Congregational church recently. Having made a good deal of money in mining and having been interested in Y. M. C. A. and church work for many years, Colonel Hart says he wants to end his days with the title of reverend.

The Education of Daughters.

Logic, impersonality, magnanimity, qualities which result from close and constant contact with men and facts, various and many, are qualities noticeably lacking in the average feminine make-up. The old-fashioned education, half doses of Latin, a smattering of literature, a few accomplishments, a little general knowledge of a half dozen things, were sure to be calculated to remedy the deficiency. The ornamental education is being slowly but surely ousted. The day is approaching, indeed, it is not here, when any girl who doesn't receive a college education will feel that it is in man to forego the university. Whether or not we educate our girls for self-support, we educate them for knowledge, resource, character, ability, power. It is important that the mothers of the race should have these qualities to hand down.—Harper's Bazar.

Curious Incident.

Harry Bennett, a miter from Cambridge, Cornwall, England, has been awarded the King Edward medal for bravery at the Rappanfort mine, Johannesburg, South Africa, December 21 last. He descended the mine after an explosion and rescued nine natives from suffocation, and was himself eventually taken up unconscious. His mother at Cambridge affirms that she was awakened from her sleep on the same night by a loud report, and her son was greatly disturbed. She was sure something had happened to her son in South Africa.

Stage Rocks.

I recollect being annoyed by a scene in grand opera representing the rehearsal. The rocks were most artistically placed at regular intervals, like the hoops on a croquet lawn. It was a Balle opera, in which the heroine dies of thirst, and it was informed that a certain prima donna who sang this dry part could not get through the great effort without refreshment, she refused to sing rocks, which were placed pots of porter at frequent intervals, at each of which she had a pull as she turned over in supposed agonized strains.

"The Ideal Prayer Meeting."

In a church which had been named the pastor was desirous of bringing about in a tactful way some improvement in the midweek service, and announced for a subject for the next Prayer Meeting this subject: "The ideal prayer meeting." A number of helpful suggestions had been made, when another, known to be harmless, as a dove if not as wise as a serpent, got up and said:

"I think everybody should come prepared to say something, so that no time should be lost except that which is taken by the pastor."

As he was known to be a great admirer of the pastor, the disturbed of the meeting was somewhat gratified by Vout's suggestion.

Welcome News.

"What's the news, Jimmy?" asked the tall messenger boy.

"Uncle Sam has seized a million ice-cream cones," announced the short messenger boy with the newspaper.

"That's good. Now, if he'll only seize all de ice cream in de country maybe a chap what's keeping company with de de prize to a ticket to a ball game occasionally."

Highly Indecorous.

"Were you at the wedding of that rich tobacco-tycoon's daughter last night?"

"Yes, and it was a swell affair."

"Everything passed off pleasantly?"

"Yes, except that when the guests left the house a parcel of unmanly boys near the front door stopped every one of them and said, 'Won't you please give me your key?'"

Economical.

A Scottish lassie, asked by her teacher, "Why did the Israelites make to themselves a golden calf?" replied with the ever-ready and practical reasoning of her countrywomen:

"Well, you k'p, marm, they hadna as much silver as wad mak' a coo—'T'is His."

Willie Knew.

"Willie," said the teacher, "can you tell me what the meaning is when a man's temperature goes down as far as it can go?"

"Please, marm," replied Willie, "he would have cold feet."

Lightning a Small Danger

But An Array of Statistics Will Not Cure Folks of Their Fear of It.

Why are so many people, brave under all other circumstances, so deathly afraid of thunder and lightning?

It is not because lightning is a dangerous, or has half as much danger as going out of the house or an icy morning, walking down the cellar stairs or a hundred other things we do every day without a thought or a shiver.

More people are killed each year by falling building material, more from fright, than are killed by lightning, and the chances of being killed by lightning are less than two in 1,000,000; they will remain just as frightened for all this mortality knowledge.

After the storm has passed and nerves are steadied, the woman who was so frightened a few minutes before will start getting supper on the gas stove, smiling through her teeth that the danger has all passed, and only laughing if you venture to remark that twice as many people are killed by gas stoves as by lightning.—Country Life in America.

Artistic Temperament.

"I hear the new husband has gone to New York," said Mrs. Oldcastle.

"Yes," replied her hostess. "We found out one of them old masters we had in the gallery was the real thing, and he's gone to see if he can't find something else about the right size to fit the place where I hang. I'm so artistic that he can't bear to see the gallery thrown out of proportion by having more pictures on one side than the other."