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Mr. Ames Kempton
American Embassy
Caracas, Venezuela

Dear Sir;

I have received a communication from you addressed to Mrs. Before W. Krieg, which I have taken the liberty of opening in order to determine what should be done with it.

The person to whom you write no longer resides with us, and since you appear to have been a friend of hers, I feel I may tell you further that she left in what can only be described as richly deserved painful circumstances. You can hardly have failed to know that she was lazy, stubbornly so; a shameless advocate of "dolce far niente", and other foreign theories equally repulsive to any one hundred percent American; and that in addition to all that, she was completely and hopelessly ignorant. All this we could have forgiven her, had she not made it clear to us from the beginning that she delighted in her own way of life and planned to make no effort to reform her character in accordance with the American way. After several appeals to a better nature which turned out to be non-existent, we banished her irrevocably from the above address. However, knowing the insidious type she is, I am positive that she is occupying herself with plans and plots for returning as soon as our situation is such that she may live in the manner familiar to her. Since her departure our home has become a model of American domesticity at its finest, and the whole family takes great joy in being able to carry out the duties imposed upon it by the American system. What is more thrilling than gathering the family group around the sink after dinner, amid the merry clink of pots, pans, dishes, and glassware? What better form of bodily exercise is there than bedmaking, vacuum cleaning, floor scrubbing and lawn-mowing? And what reading is there that leaves the mind as free, limpid, and unprejudiced as the reading of a good cookbook or woman's magazine?

I am sorry to be unable to forward your letter, since I do not know "Before's" present address. However, being a man of principle and high moral character yourself, ~~xxxxxx~~ you can not be more than politely interested in such a woman as "Before". The nasty little creature!

Yours piously,

(After)