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WEBBER, ELIZABETH
Bath, January 17, 1884

Ms: Bath, Leonie
Jan. 14, 1884

Elizabeth Wether

July 14, 1938

Miss Margaret Fallin Eicks
Boston Transcript
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Eicks:

A quotation of your review regarding "an unusual cook book published by Miss Elizabeth Webber" came to our attention last April. Since we have observed no further notice of it, we are inquiring for information, since we understand that Miss Webber is a Maine writer.

The enclosed envelope is for your convenience, and we will appreciate any information with which you may be able to supply us.

Very truly yours

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Boston Evening Transcript
EDITORIAL ROOMS

My dear Miss McLeod:

The only information
I can give you regarding Miss Webber is
that she may be reached at 1722 Massachu-
setts Avenue, Cambridge, Mass.

I'm sorry I can't tell
you any more than that.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Follin Tides

Woman's Page Editor

July 16, 1938

May 20, 1940

Miss Elizabeth Webber
1722 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Webber:

Some time ago our attention was called to "an unusual cook book" which you compiled. Since then we have waited to see further descriptive mention of it: the title, publisher and price; also its general nature.

Our interest is more than that of a library alert to serve its patrons, for we understand that you are a Maine woman. If this is so, we are especially eager to include a copy of your book in the Maine Author Collection, which is an exhibit of the work of Maine writers, and comprises about a thousand inscribed, presentation volumes. We also gather all available biographical, photographic and critical material on our authors, and preserve correspondence.

In this manner, as you will readily comprehend, we are building a most valuable source of information for future researchers. The present interest is of course great, and draws many spectators each year.

We also purchase a copy of each non-fiction book by Maine writers, to be used for general circulation purposes. We hope that you will want to place an inscribed gift copy of your cook book in the collection; and when we can secure further definite information regarding it, we will be glad to order the copy for lending purposes.

Very truly yours

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Dinner Is Served—Your Room is Ready

« A Pocket Guide to Smart Tea Rooms, Hotels and Inns »

ELIZABETH E. WEBBER, Editor

1722 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge, Massachusetts

June 6, 1940

Mrs. F.W. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

My dear Mrs. Jacob:

My Dinner Is Served COOK BOOK has been a step following the publication of my annual June Guide: DINNER IS SERVED-YOUR ROOM IS READY.

The managers kindly consented to send me the recipes their Guests especially enjoyed. There is advertising in it, although I published it privately.

You will see that it has the Quimper design on the cover; is spiral bound, so it will lay flat on the kitchen table (and saves one from grabbing a flat iron to keep it open; and has a washable cover.

I am very happy to present your Library with a copy and am also sending you the June 1939 guide, and shall mail you the 1940 edition very soon.

Thank you for your inquiry, and pardon my delay in answering. I have just opened another Shop for the summer at Lunenburg, Mass.....the Gift Shop associated with Buttercup Hill Tea Room.

I was formerly on the staff of the Patten Free Library in Bath, Maine. Librarians from all over the country write me each year for the Pocket Guide, as they are fast developing VACATION DESKS. The Cook Book has had a large sale. It retails now for 75 ¢.

Cordially,

Elizabeth Webber

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Marion Cobb Fuller, if she is still with you.

June 10, 1940

Miss Elizabeth E. Webber
1722 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Webber:

Your kind and generous response to our request is greatly appreciated. The June guide we have filed for reference purposes; but the most attractive and delightful cook book is going into the Maine Author Collection.

Mrs. Fuller was pleased with your message, and desired her best wishes extended to you.

We will of course place an order in the usual way, through the State Bureau of Purchases, for the lending copy of the cook book.

When you have a moment, would you be so kind as to use the enclosed return envelope to send us your birthplace and birthdate? We do not seem to have this information on file; and we like to maintain as complete records on our authors as possible.

Please accept our most sincere thanks for the exhibit copy of DINNER IS SERVED COOK BOOK; and our cordial invitation to visit the library and see the Maine Author Collection, when you are again in Maine.

Very truly yours

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*Miss Webber
Compiling New
Recipe Book*

JAN 19 1938

Will Be Enlarged
Form Of June
Pocket Guide

MISS ELIZABETH E. Webber of Cambridge, Mass., former general secretary of the Portland Y. W. C. A. and one of the founders of the BPW Club in this City, is compiling an interesting publication entitled Dinner Is Served Cook Book.

For 10 years Miss Webber has been publishing a June pocket guide under the title, Dinner Is Served, approximately 100,000 copies having been used by travelers all over the Country. As a 10th anniversary observance, Miss Webber decided to put in print the interesting dishes offered by leading inns and tea rooms from Maine to Florida. The publication will bear on its cover the Quimper design in three colors. The only recipes included in the book aside from those contributed by the managers of the hospitality centers are several from Marjorie Mills of the Boston Herald and of radio fame. The Dinner Is Served Cook Book will come off the press in about six weeks.

Miss Webber was for five years director of publicity for the Boston Y. W. C. A. and held a similar position with the Home and School Visitors' Association. For several years she edited the Boston Women's City Club Guide, Where to Stop and Shop along New England Motor Trails. In Cambridge she has been associated in publicity with the League of Women Voters. She was born at Bath and was one of the founders of the Cosmopolitan Club.