

## Household Helpers, 1920s

Tom and Olive Plant ran a household with up to 30 people working for them and helping them run the estate. Initially servants would've been hired from Boston so that they would have a working knowledge of how to use the modern technologies within the home.

**Maids** were responsible for helping clean the library, dining room, and bedchambers (or bedrooms). Some maids worked in the laundry room, and some worked to clean dirty dishes in the Butler's Pantry. A **chef** would've also prepared meals, cooked, and served the Plants and their guests.

**Ladies' maids** and **valets** would've helped Olive and Tom with their clothes, accessories or ran personal errands for them.

The **coachman** would've driven the horse drawn carriages, the **chauffer** drove the family in their cars, and **grooms** would've cared for the horses.

**Gardeners** would've helped Olive work in the green house and gardens surrounding Lucknow, and **farmers** worked on the property to provide food for the Plants.

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### Activity

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Each type of worker had a job title. For example, the Gardener would help in the green house and gardens – watering plants, pruning flowers, etc. Can you guess what these workers did? Using clues from the information above, match the job title with the matching, pretend wanted ad.

Maid

Gardener

Chauffer

Ladies' Maid

Chef

Valet

HELP WANTED	HELP WANTED
<b>House help wanted.</b> Make beds, dust house, beat carpets.	<b>Personable driver wanted.</b> Willing to drive at any hour to anywhere.
<b>Refined assistant wanted.</b> Eye for fashion, accessories, and hairstyles. Perfect manners, keen sewing skills. A perfect confidant.	<b>Green thumb wanted.</b> Seeking persons with experience with a variety of plants from around the world, detail oriented, at peace with nature.
<b>Savvy gentleman's assistant wanted.</b> Help organize my life, deliver personal messages, choose ties, manage household.	<b>Creative cook wanted.</b> Willing to create a variety of meals, inspired from world cuisine.