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- Steak à la Helen, 50 cents;
- Delicate French Fried, 10 cents;
- Civilian Coffee an lait, 5 cents;
- Pie yun yun, 10 cents.

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