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The art of cooking, of ^{cho}osing the wine, and of serving a meal in adequate surroundings is one of the most important signs of civilisation. For a century, the Gundel has been closely linked to the Hungarian nation, to its ups and downs. It is an encouraging sign that we have today in Budapest one of the highpoints of European gastronomy. It shows that Hungary is on the way to recover from years of oppression and enter a glorious future.

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