

## Berlin Irving

# "How Do You Do It, Mabel, On Twenty Dollars A Week?"

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[1st verse:]

Mabel Brown came to town  
All dress'd up in her gingham gown  
And a ribbon in her hair  
In her eyes a vacant stare  
Joined a show, wrote her beau  
Mabel wanted to let him know  
She was earning, so to speak  
Twenty dollars a week  
Her beau came down to New York town  
To see his Mabel dear  
The minute that he saw her flat  
He whispered in her ear

[chorus:]

How do you do it, Mabel, on twenty dollars a week?  
Tell us how you are able on twenty dollars a week  
A fancy flat and a diamond bar  
Twenty hats and a motor car  
Go right to it but how do you do it  
On twenty dollars a week?

[2nd verse:]

Mabel's beau couldn't go  
Hung around for a week or so  
Till he'd written on a pad  
All the things that Mabel had  
When he'd spent ev'ry cent  
Right to Mabel he quickly went  
For a small financial loan  
Then he started for home  
Each girl he met down home, you bet  
He told them all he saw  
Next day a mob were on the job  
At Mabel's flat to roar

[2nd chorus:]

How do you do it, Mabel, on twenty dollars a week?  
Tell us how you are able on twenty dollars a week  
We'd like to work in the chorus too  
Earn our twenty the same as you

If we knew it, we'd willingly do it  
On twenty dollars a week

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