

OF VALUE TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

LA List of Meats, Fish and Fowl from Which to Choose Tempting Meals.

A woman whose daily struggle with the problem of variety in the principal dinner meat dish was the most troublesome part of her housekeeping...

The homestead list may be of value to other housekeepers. It reads: Beef, chops, pot-roast, roast beef, corned beef...

HITS OF FEMINITY.

Twenty Details of the Costumes That Are in Vogue the Current Season.

Paucities and braids will be the first and popular choice in the autumn, says the Detroit Free Press.

Pointed bodices are finished with closely fitted darts in the old manner, but cleverly draped in slightly bloused style in front...

Baltimore Fried Chicken. Cut tender chickens into convenient pieces for serving and steam in oven until tender, closely covered.

Why do such an extraordinary number of people indulge themselves so wastefully in verbal cruelty? It is uncommon for those who, so far as action is concerned, leave little to be desired...

Eggs in Tomatoes. To make a delectable but-weather dish, select large tomatoes that are ripe, yet firm, and of good shape.

Plan Trise. Cut damson plums in half, and cook until tender in a little syrup; drain, and rub the pulp through a coarse sieve.

Beware. The Old Gentleman—Marriages are made in Heaven, my dear. The Young Lady—And we should beware of imitations.—Detroit Free Press.

DESERTED VILLAGES.

Many Small Towns of New York State Now Desolate.

Places from Which the Title of Deserted Villages has been Applied and Preserved in Various—Abandoned Agricultural Towns.

There is a romance about deserted cities and villages that always charms us. There is something in the feeling that here a people lived and struggled and died, or, in default...

The mountain regions of the Empire state are fertile in such ruins. If one will take a train on some one of the roads running into the mountains of Sullivan county he may step from the cars within four hours into the midst of so pretty a valley as one would care to see...

The Adirondacks are full of remnants of old-time life that lack even small villages to perpetuate their memory.

Similar evidence of a bright past one finds in many a part of the great North woods. Half a dozen kinds of mines have closed and left their decaying buildings to tell the story.

HER HAIR CAME DOWN. A Queen Whose Looks Tumbled Over Her Shoulders at Her Coronation.

King Edward of England had thoroughly studied the part which he was to have called on to play on coronation day, and by the advice of his intimate friends he had taken special pains to prevent a recurrence of the ludicrous incident which took place when his ancestor, George III., was crowned.

She at once started to remove her own crown, but forgot that it was fastened to her hair by numerous pins, and the result was that, when she at last succeeded in removing it, her hair was completely disheveled.

Omelet with Green Peppers. Cut one green pepper in half; remove the seeds and chop fine. Melt one ounce butter in a saucepan; add the peppers, a pinch of salt, and cook five minutes; remove, and when cold mix it with six eggs and finish the same as plain omelet.—Ledger Monthly.

SOME HEN FRUIT LORE.

The Storekeeper Who What Might Appropriately Be Called a "Bogus" Hen-Fruit-Lover.

Boiled with a turn for investigation, the reporter stopped in front of a West side store, the show window of which was filled half way to the top with nice, fresh-looking eggs.

"What is there new in eggs to-day?" the reporter asked the storekeeper. "Well," said the storekeeper, picking a sad-looking article of hen fruit from a basket and handling it with care...

"Do you know what the outcome of the different varieties of eggs is when they cease to be useful as eggs and go forth to encumber the shelves of the wide, wide world as chickens?" inquired the reporter, ignoring the excoffing had taste of the man in-talking shop.

The man put the dubious egg cautiously back in the basket and leaned thoughtfully against the counter.

"Do you know," persisted the investigator, "which egg evolves the ingredients for the deceptive fricassee? Which one is responsible for the weakness of the chicken soup that pales the boarding house turkey?"

"Can you tell me," the reporter went on, "against which egg will the allegation lie that foists the gutta-percha spring chicken on the confiding and unsuspecting summer boarder?"

"Well, somewhat! I'm what you might call an egg-lopologist. Now, as to broilers, sonny, the Plymouth Rocks and the Brahmas hatch out the most promising, and you can put your money on the Wyandottes for second place."

"But then! Age is the great leveler, after all, when it comes to that. There ain't much choice among any of the breeds when they have got along in years. One will make an uncertain fricassee, as exhausted a soup, as indigestible a poppie, and as rubbery a spring chicken as 'tother one will when age has stolen on."

"And let me tell you this, sonny, as to eggs. When they are in the glad heyday of youth is the time for you to grab your eggs! If you wait until to-morrow it may be too late! I can put 'em in a paper bag."

"No. Not to-day," said the reporter as he walked away, stuffed with egg lore, and the storekeeper didn't seem to like it.

Fire Chiefs in European Cities. Very few European chiefs of fire brigades have been trained or have worked their way up as firemen. In Paris the chief must be a soldier, and the department is a regiment of infantry, placed at the disposal of the city of Paris by the war office.

Betrayed by Garlic. In order to trap a spiritualistic medium at Genoa garlic was secretly introduced on two occasions into the food she ate just before holding the seances. In each case the spirits she evoked are alleged to have had a strong odor of garlic about them.—London Mail.

Another Table. She—Has Mr. Cuff got good table manners? He (absently)—I should say so. Why, if he happens to deal the cards wrong he apologizes for an hour.—Chicago Daily News.

WEALTH IN DESERTS.

Rich Mineral and Other Deposits in California Wastes.

Great Beds of Borax and Enormous Veins of Salt Beneath the Parched Sands of the Western Valleys.

It is unwise to condemn any of the desert lands of California as worthless because the surface is barren of vegetation. Some of these desert wastes are proving immensely valuable owing to their mineral deposits.

The saline deposits of the California deserts promise, however, to be the most valuable of their varied mineral resources. Death valley figures in the early annals of California in the role of Dante's Inferno, and, like the latter, on its portals was plainly engraved the legend: "No one enters here leaves hope behind."

Dr. Gilbert E. Bailey's account of the saline deposits of California, which is given in a California state mining bureau bulletin, throws new light on the mineral resources of the deserts.

Plants Over Stars and Stripes. The only flag ever allowed to float above the stars and stripes on the vessels of our navy is the church flag, a broad white streamer with a blue cross.

Baked Beans an Accident. A Philadelphian who had been ill for some time with what was supposed to be either typhoid fever or appendicitis, was on the road to recovery when he demanded solid food.

Belief in Dreams. Tess—Don't you really believe in dreams? Jess—No, indeed, it's superstitious to believe in dreams; and, besides, it's a bad sign when you believe in them, for it usually brings you bad luck.—Philadelphia Press.

PITH AND POINT.

Wh? Robert Ford Shot the Hooded Heron and the Case of John A. Burbank's Gold Watch.

The winters are very cold in Manchester, the ground being frozen to the depth of several feet.

Bristol, England, has municipalized its docks and harbors at a cost of between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

The annual birth-rate in European Russia is 44.3 per thousand and the death-rate only 33.8, which results in an annual surplus of births of over 1,000,000.

Paris, according to the latest census returns, has a population of 2,650,000 persons, of whom over 1,000,000 are either foreigners or provincials.

In a rock garden at Calverley, near Leeds, England, there are 1,200 species of perennial and alpine plants. Many of the specimens are extremely rare.

The French government has decided to install in the Pantheon, Paris, the famous pendulum by which Foucault, in 1857, demonstrated the rotation of the earth.

Smymna is the smartest town in Turkey so far as trade is concerned. It does a bigger business than Constantinople. It is the headquarters of the wool and of the rug and carpet trade.

A summary of the Irish census returns, presented to parliament, shows that during a half century more than 8,000,000 persons have emigrated from Ireland, and that 80 per cent. of these have gone to the United States.

Human skulls are a strange article of commerce. Yet such is the demand which has arisen among curiosity dealers in Europe for the skulls of New Guinea native ancestors, which have ornamented the poles of native dwellings in New Guinea, that the Australian government has prohibited the trade.

Recent Daily Newspapers Have Been of More Moment Than Ancient Chronicles.

When we consider how short is the ordinary limit of a president's term of office, and then reflect upon all the great and stirring things of actual history that have occurred in a space of time longer than that time by a mere bagatelle of weeks, we shall begin to realize into what a whirl of history-making our latter days have been plunged.

Out of Sight. Fritz Scheel, director of the Philadelphia orchestra, has a fondness for American slang and colloquialisms that is far in excess of his aptness in acquiring the exact words and sense.

How are you, Fritz? "You don't see me!" was Scheel's prompt and amazing reply.—Philadelphia Times.

What He Did Not Understand. The professor of mechanics at a certain college once gave a lecture upon the locomotive, and was particularly struck by the absorption of one juvenile listener.

The Thoughtful Girl. Madge—Dolly is going somewhere with that young man this evening. Marjorie—Yes, going to sit with him in the hammock. Right after dinner she went upstairs and put on a dark shirtwaist.—Portland Oregonian.

Too Many Thorns. "Jimmie says he wouldn't care to go to school in Arizona." "Why not?" "He heard the teachers use cactus for switches."—Chicago Daily News.

STORIES OF JESSE JAMES.

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The recent disinterment of the famous bandit and outlaw, Jesse James, has brought up quite a number of interesting recollections of the man who for nearly 20 years held the middle west in terror and fear.

Another curious memory of the James boys' career was the case of John A. Burbank's gold watch. It appears that some years after the civil war the legislature of the then territory of Dakota presented Mr. John A. Burbank, a wealthy resident of Richmond, Ind., with a very handsome gold watch for some especially valuable and meritorious service that he had rendered the commonwealth.

Some time after this occurred Burbank happened to be on a stage coach en route from Malvern, Mo., to Hot Springs, Ark., and, in crossing the border between the two states, the coach was held up and robbed by the James boys, who took Burbank's watch. The watch fell to Jesse's share of the spoil, and he took such a fancy to it that he wore it constantly until the day of his death, a period of 22 years.

UNCLE SAM AS BUSINESS MAN. Has Some Strong Points and Some Weak Ones and is Often at Great Disadvantage.

Few questions arise in congress more persistently than this: whether a certain work shall be undertaken by the government or by private enterprise? One year the dispute is over the printing of postage stamps; should they be printed at the government printing office, or should the stamps be made by an engraving company? Another time the question concerns the laying of an ocean cable; should the government or some stock company do it? Recently there has been a controversy regarding the proposal to build warships in the navy yards, instead of letting them out to regular shipbuilders by contract, says Youth's Companion.

Some persons are by theory committed to the government plan; they would have the railroads and telegraphs, like the post office, operated by the government. In New Zealand, they point out, the government does almost everything, from lending money to paying old age pensions. Completely carried out, this policy is usually described as "state socialism."

Public men who oppose this tendency, and who try to keep Uncle Sam from undertaking, as they say, too many things, argue that everything which the government does for itself costs more than if it were done by private enterprise, and that the taxpayers have to make up the difference. The post office, for example, is operated at a loss, whereas private companies do similar business at equally low rates at a profit.

As a business man, Uncle Sam has some strong points and some weak ones. He can buy supplies cheaply, because he is a large cash customer; he does not have to advertise his wares, and he is sure of his market. His greatest difficulty comes in seeming inability to utilize low-priced labor for low-grade work—a result of the political influences that affect the retention and promotion of employes. Managers, moreover, are not so economical of the nation's money as they would be if that taken from their own pockets.

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