

THE SAUERKRAUT PEDDLER.

A Peddler's Remarkable Trip to the East...

The regular and popular visitor to the German inns and taverns of the East side in the sauerkraut man, says the New York Post.

POSSIBLE END OF THE WORLD.

Warth May Come in Contact with a Comet and All Terrestrial Life Be Destroyed.

Although it is exceedingly improbable that the earth may be destroyed by collision with a comet or some huge meteor, still the fact that such a contingency is possible is sufficient ground for discussion on the subject.

Waste of Jam in South Africa.

From the facts which are gradually coming to light," writes a correspondent, "it would seem that although the waste of jam in South Africa was not so large as the lately reported waste of brass at Woolwich, it was none the less considerable.

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AXIOMS FOR TRAVELERS.

Woman Globe Trotter Says Reasonable Tips Are Necessary if One Would Journey in Comfort.

After the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at Los Angeles last spring many humorous stories were written about the great discontent among the employees on the sleeping and dining car services.

"I really don't believe in the practice," said Mrs. Globe-Trotter, who has not spent three successive months in one place in a dozen years. "When my husband first retired from business and we began our wandering and homeless existence I could not adjust myself to this custom and I resisted, vigorously."

"I persisted in my course until I was left alone and I really suffered much discomfort in adhering to my determination, but it did not take long after my husband's death to badge me into giving up my efforts at an industrial reformation."

"To illustrate how it pays in my own case, time is money to me, and I can well afford to expend a small sum in getting quick service. The proper fee in the dining-room, where one is most often obliged to suffer from delays and other inattention, always secures quick and attentive service.

Trees and Temperature.

We are in the habit of seeking the shade of a tree as a means of getting cool, but that is not the only power it has of reducing the temperature.

A Coming Promotion.

"And what," asked the cannibal chief in his kindest tones, "what was your business before you were captured by my men?"

Removed for Preservation.

Well, what makes you think that sister Fain and that young Mr. Walters, that called here last night are engaged?

PIONEER OF PLANTS.

The Skunk-Cabbage Melts Ice and Snow in Its Preparations for the Spring.

Lovers of outdoor life have only good words for that strong-scented denizen of swamps, the skunk-cabbage. This plant, hardy, brave, undaunted in any weather, breaks the ice about it even in January, and the careful observer may find it at that unpropitious season already making its preparations for the spring.

"One cold day in early February I was prowling along the underbrush near my favorite cabbage patch, when I became aware that some one else was also crunching about in the snow there.

"May I look?" I asked, putting the action to the word. "The opening in the snow had not been made by her hand, as I supposed. It was rounded smoothly, and down at the bottom I could see the top of a skunk-cabbage hood.

"We found that the temperature of the plant was, in many cases, considerably above that of the atmosphere. The largest difference between the two was four degrees, Centigrade, or seven and one-fifth degrees, Fahrenheit.

"I thought when I first noticed those holes," said she, "that the skunk-cabbages must be at work generating enough heat to melt the snow around them. Now I am sure of it. I have visited this place every day for a week, and my record shows that the plant not only keeps from freezing itself, but is able to melt out a breathing-hole besides."

TREES THAT SAVE HOUSES.

Certain Kinds That Are Believed to Be Proof Against the Effects of Jupiter.

Everyone likes to see homes surrounded by trees, yet many people are afraid that by doing so they invite danger from lightning-shocks. It will be, therefore, of general interest to learn that trees with leaves that are long-pointed or spear-shaped are lightning proof.

"Trees with thick, smooth upper cuticle are struck often, without regard to their height. Trees of this class should not be planted near dwellings. The coming of an electric storm may often be detected by the drooping attitude of certain plants and leaves; they are one of nature's many warnings of coming events."

Insulted Her.

"Why," asked Mrs. Justgatrish of the courteous waiter at the summer resort, "why do you fold the napkin in such a queer shape?"

"To demonstrate, madam," replied the waiter, who was a sophomore from Yale college, "that in an isosceles triangle the sum of the square of the base and perpendicular is equal to the square of the hypotenuse."

Her Battered Parasols.

"That Chicago woman amuses me," observed the first guest at the seaside resort. "Amuses you?" echoed the second guest.

PITH AND POINT.

It is better a man should be abused than forgotten.—Dr. Johnson.

The less power a man has, the more he likes to use it.—J. Feltz Benn.

Any man who hasn't a good opinion of himself is inwardly deformed.—Chicago Daily News.

Remember, in trying to fool your friends, that no one is quite so big a fool as he is believed to be.—Acheson Globe.

We shall never believe commercialism altogether heartless until it comes to the pass that a pretty typewriter has to spell as well as a homely one.—Puck.

Charitable.—"Did he marry her for her money?" asked the girl in white. "Well, let's be charitable and say he did," answered the girl in gray.

"Marry!" Mrs. Newcomer called down to the servant. "Mrs. Reuben Eck is crossing the road, and I believe she is coming here. Run out and turn that doorman upside down."

WALKING AS A PLEASURE.

One That is More Enjoyed by English Women Than by Their American Sisters.

The fondness of the English people for walking is a cause for comment by every American tourist in "the tight little life," and they cannot avoid noting the contrast between English and American women in this respect.

The natural corollary to this is that American women might profitably follow the example of their cousins, which is probably true. It would undoubtedly be a good thing if every woman and girl in this country could walk five or ten miles without over-exhaustion when in a normal condition of health, and there is not much doubt that most of them could be trained to do it if the conditions and climate were favorable.

Literature as a Trade. To write successfully means to serve a long and hard apprenticeship; it means to do many things badly in order to learn to do a few things well; to read many authors, and good ones; to live with words till one knows their value, and it means, too, that one must know something about the reality of life.

His View of It.

Deacon Jones—About all women go to church for is to show their new clothes.

Mrs. Jones—Well, they don't make a cloak of religion, anyway. "Of course not. It's too plain and inexpensive."—Chicago Daily News.

A Wooden Chimney.

A wooden chimney stack 160 feet high is in operation at Mapimi in the province of Durango, Mexico. The interior is lined with corrugated iron and there are platforms at intervals to throw water on the wood if it catches fire.

Dairying in Russia.

The dairy schools of Russia have brought that country to the front as one of the foremost producers of butter, cheese and milk in the world.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

A Warning.

Don't let your charity cover too many sins.—Chicago Daily News.

GUAM COURTS BADLY MIXED.

The Island is Now Being Run Under Both American and Spanish Laws.

An anomalous situation obtains in the island of Guam in reference to the administration of justice and Commander Schroeder, the governor of the island, has been driven to appeal to the navy department here for instructions as to the limit of his powers, says a Washington report.

Congress has not legislated for the island and the will of the naval governor has been practically supreme. When the island was turned over to the navy department and Capt. Leary was appointed governor, he decided to continue in operation the old Spanish laws except such as should be modified by his directions or that of the navy department.

But with the advent of American control in the Philippines this power of appeal was cut off, and the decision of the court of first instance practically stood as the decision of the court of last resort. Some time ago a native was convicted in this court of murder and was sentenced to be executed. The evidence seemed to leave some question of his guilt and Gov. Schroeder was appealed to. Being at a loss as to what action he should take, he advised the secretary of the navy of the situation and asked for instructions.

RAILROADING IN LUZON.

How a Regiment of Uncle Sam's Soldiers Operated the Manila and Dagupan Line.

He is supposed to think. It is required of him. The result is that where three orders would be necessary to obtain a certain result with a platoon of Russian peasants, the American soldier would require but one; that one suggesting to his mind the other two. When he is advancing in open order or on the skirmish line he is often trusted to fight his own fight in his own way; that is, he is expected to use his head, says a writer in McClure's Magazine.

Friars Still Own the Land. The friars are still the real owners of the vast estates in the Philippines from which they were driven by the natives four years ago, and the impatient search for a remedy as a distinctly erroneous. The dispatch is not accurate in the statement that information has been received that the Vatican had almost all the real estate belonging to the friars was sold to syndicates headed by Americans living in New York, and the allegation that although the friars hold some shares they do not hold controlling interests is distinctly untrue.—Albany Journal.

Good Country for Sauerkraut.

In Cuba cabbages frequently weigh as much as 20 pounds. All vegetables do well. Radishes may be eaten from 14 to 16 days after sowing, lettuce in five weeks after sowing, while corn produces three crops per year. Sweet potatoes are perpetual. The natives dig up the tubers, cut them off and plant the old vines, which produce a new crop in three months.

Cuba Not All Explored.

After more than 400 years it appears that Cuba has not yet been entirely discovered. Much of it and many of its treasures are yet unknown, according to the recent report made by Gov. Wood. He says that after the centuries of Spanish occupancy there are large portions of the island that have never been prospected and practically remain undiscovered so far as knowledge of what they contain goes.—Geographical Magazine.

Queer White Race in Minor.

Lieut. de Clairmont, of the Philippine commission, reports the existence of an odd white race of people in the island of Minor.—N. Y. Sun.

As People Get Older.

As people get older, they think no price is too great to pay for peace.—Acheson Globe.

A PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATION.

The Man Won His Point and the Woman, But He Took an Unfair Advantage.

"The trouble is," she said, according to the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "that men find it too easy to marry. If it was as difficult for them to secure a matrimonial mate as it is for the woman, they would take a great deal more interest in the matter."

"What you say may be quite true," he readily admitted. "But of course, the woman is to blame for it. The man says: 'I can wait any time for the asking, why hurry?' And so he goes on improving himself financially, and putting himself in shape to make an indulgent husband, and pretty soon the time comes when he thinks he 'chooses a wife. Or perhaps he has waited too long, and decides that he will be much happier if he remains single."

"I don't like your way of putting it at all, Mr. Mercer. I think you are all wrong in blaming the woman. But very likely you speak from experience."

"Why not, Miss Laura?" "You do?" "Yes."

"And you think you have but to pick and choose and the lady will be yours for the asking?" "You have stated it correctly, Miss Laura. I have reached the point at last where I think I can support a wife in a fairly handsome style."

"And you believe the lady will be won by that?" "By that and the rest of the impediments. Anyway I mean to test it." "When?" "Right now!" "What's now?" "Yes. You are the lady." "If?" "Yes, you."

HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

A Few Suggestions Which May Be of Value in the Domestic Department.

Muskmelon that is too flavorless to be served as a fruit may be cut in small pieces, covered with French dressing and served to the table hot.

The following polish improves leather chairs wonderfully: Boil half a pint of linseed oil. Let stand till nearly cold and then stir in half a pint of vinegar. Stir till thoroughly mixed and bottle for use. When needed shake the bottle well, pour a very little on a soft flannel, rub thoroughly into the leather, turning the flannel as it gets dirty, and rub with soft cloths till the polish of the leather is restored.

A simple and generally successful way for removing a glass stopper that has become fastened to a bottle is to wet a cloth in hot water and wrap it around the bottle. If this method fails, take a piece of twine and, tying it once around the neck of the bottle, begin to draw backward and forward; in a few minutes the portion of the bottle where the string has been placed will begin to get hot and the stopper may then be removed with ease.

Add a few drops of vinegar to the water in which the eggs are poached. They will set more quickly and perfectly.

The average American housewife wears out her rug by continual sweeping and beating. The plan of putting them upon a line every two weeks, or even once a month, and there having them whipped, is not to be commended if the rugs are of any value. They should be cleaned with a carpet sweeper, occasionally put upon a line and brushed, and once a year sent away to be cleaned in a proper manner, or else washed at home.

Cream of Corn Soup.

"Some day when cooking real stew save out a cupful of the broth and season it to taste. Cook some fresh corn or canned corn. If the former, score from the ears enough to make a cupful; if the latter, save a cupful before you have added the milk. Let the broth stand till cold and remove all fat. Add to the broth a pint of milk and the cup of corn, let boil about ten minutes, season to taste, and when ready about one minute the egg will begin to "string," when the soup should be lifted from the fire at once and served. The least delay causes the egg to harden, and it should be stirred without pause from the time it is put in until it "strings." This is a particularly delicate and "pretty" soup, the little ropes of egg giving it a dainty appearance. The broth from beef stew can also be used, but we do not like anything for this quite so well as the real broth.—Washington Star.

Evening Weddings Out of Date.

Evening weddings are "out of date," and what woman looks her best in pure white by daylight. It is trying even to the fairest skin, and disastrous in the extreme to a brunette. So it comes about that the brides of this fall have thrown conventional ideas of costume to the four winds, and are introducing colors in their wedding gowns—just a touch here and there to relieve the monotony of the dead-white effect.—Woman's Home Companion.

Tomato Beef.

Sprinkle small pieces of beef cut from the remains of a roast, with salt, pepper and flour. Put a layer of meat in a baking dish, over it put a layer of canned tomatoes or sliced fresh tomatoes. Scatter bits of butter over it. Cover with a layer of beef, then tomato. Make the top layer of buttered crumbs. Bake slowly for one hour.—Boston Budget.

Probably You Haven't.

Ever notice how quickly a woman can stop when you step on her dress? —Acheson Globe.