Another Royal Suggestion

Gingerbread Men, Cocoanut Cookies and Nut Bars

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"RUN, run as fast as you can—
You can't catch me—I'm a Gingerbread Man!"

Indeed, it is impossible to catch the Gingerbread Man that disappears so quickly down "the little red lane" once he is out of the oven!

Gingerbread Men

3 cups flour
2 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ginger
¼ cup shortening
½ cup molasses
½ cup brown sugar
1 egg

Sift flour, baking powder, salt and ginger together. Mix molasses, sugar, egg and melted shortening together. Add dry ingredients to make soft dough. Shape in form of little men, animals or plain cookies on greased pan and bake in moderate oven 10 to 12 minutes.

Cocoanut Cookies

¼ cup shortening
½ cup sugar
1 egg
½ teaspoon lemon juice or extract
¼ cup milk
1½ cups flour
2 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
¼ teaspoon salt
2 cups shredded cocoanut

Cream shortening; add sugar, beaten egg and lemon juice; mix in milk slowly; add flour, baking powder and salt which have been sifted together; add cocoanut. Drop by small spoonfuls on greased pan. Allow space for spreading. Bake in moderate oven 15 to 20 minutes.

Nut Bars

½ cup shortening
1½ cups sugar
2 eggs
4 tablespoons milk
4 cups flour
2 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup blanched almonds

Cream shortening and sugar together; add slowly beaten yolk of one egg; add beaten whites of two eggs and three tablespoons milk; mix well. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt, add one cup at a time. Divide into two parts, roll one part at a time ¼ inch thick on floured board; cut into bars 1 by 3 inches. Brush with yolk of remaining egg mixed with one tablespoon milk. Sprinkle with chopped nuts. Bake in moderate oven about 15 minutes.

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Precious Stone, Which Never Dies, Has in All Ages Been Theme of Wonurous Stories.

Diamonds and romance are synonymous terms in history. Some of these crystal baubles, one writer, Gardner Williams, relates, have gleamed weirdly in the eye sockets of idols in Indian temples, or flashed from the splendid thrones of emperors, or glittered in golden basins amid gems of every hue, heaped up in tribute, or sparkled on the crests of warriors, the turbans of rajahs, the breasts of begums and the sandals of courtesans.

To win diamonds temples have been profaned, palaces looted, thrones torn to fragments, princes tortured, women strangled, guests poisoned by their hosts and slaves disemboweled. Some have fallen on battlefields, to be picked up by ignorant freebooters and sold for a few silver coins, and others have been cast into ditches by thieves, or swallowed by guards, or sunk in shipwrecks, or broken to powder in moments of frenzy. No strain of fancy in an Arabian tale has outstripped the marvels of fact in the diamond history.

The diamond never dies. It is the most impenetrable of all known substances. It is the most perfect reflector of light. No acid will mar it; no solvent will dissolve it. Its brilliance is undecaying, and ages might roll by without rubbing the minutest particle from its adamantine face.

HE WAS NEVER THE LOSER

Lawyer's Explanation of Statement That at First Seemed Remarkable Made It Quite Plain.

A young university graduate, just admitted to the bar, was taken into partnership with an old lawyer who had been highly successful in the practice of his profession, but whose age was fast telling on him. On the first day of the new partnership the old lawyer gave the junior partner quite a lengthy discourse on the ethics, customs, tricks, etc., of the profession.

"And, remember, I never lost a case," he concluded impressively.

Imagine, then, the junior partner's surprise when, on the very next day, a telegram came from the Supreme court of the state reversing a decision which had been favorable to the senior partner in the lower courts. The junior partner hesitated somewhat to inquire into the matter, but his youth was irrepressible.

"What's the matter?" he demanded of the old lawyer, "I thought you told me you never lost a case."

"I haven't lost a case," calmly denied the old man. "I was paid a retainer in advance. I never lose a case, but sometimes my clients do!"

English Corn Laws.

The corn laws were a series of enactments dating back to the reign of Edward III, by which England sought to encourage the home production of grain. The levy of a tax on imports the prohibition of imports, and export duties were among the means of the end. As a rule the taxes varied with the price of home-grown grain. If the price varied from a stated level the tax was increased or decreased automatically. As England grew in importance in manufacturing, and the effect of the laws was to burden the people, agitation for the repeal of the corn laws became more and more insistent, until 1846, when Sir Robert Peel succeeded in having them repealed. Shortly afterward England adopted a policy of practical free trade realizing that as an exporting nation her trade would be under more favorable conditions.

Wings of Lace.

The wings of the lace wing fly are, as its name implies, very much like lace in appearance. The wings really consist of very fine gauze, much more perfectly made than the finest handmade lace.

One peculiarity about this fly is that it hangs its eggs up by a fine silk thread, sometimes singly and at other times in bundles, instead of laying them on the branch of a tree or in a hole or corner, as do most other flies.

The eggs are also peculiar in that they change color. When first laid they are green, but just before hatching they become white.

This fly is a great friend and assistant of the gardener, for it attacks the green flies which do so much destruction to currant and other fruit trees.

Butterflies for Collectors.

Agriculture is as far advanced in the United States as in any other country in the world, but thus far there are no farms in this country on which fine specimens of butterflies are raised, according to those interested in the study of these insects. In this respect, England is ahead of this country, for in the county of Kent there is a butterfly farm whose product goes to collectors, choice specimens bringing as much as $50. An average of 500 butterflies a day is raised on the English farm, where 70,000 caterpillars are maturing at the same time.

Self-Effacement.

"Leonidas!" exclaimed Mrs. Meekton, "are you aware that I was reading my essay on politics aloud to you?"

"Yes, my dear."

"But you went to sleep."

"Why not? You removed every problem so completely that I saw no further reason for retaining personal consciousness."

LEARNED COURSE OF LIGHT

Knowledge That Has Made Possible the Perfection of Delicate Instruments of Science.

In the days before the manufacture of glass was as well perfected as it is today mirrors with uneven, imperfect surfaces were often turned out. When one looked into these the face would appear to be distorted or bent out of shape, owing to the different angles at which the light was reflected.

Much the same thing occurs when we place a stick in the water so that one end is above the surface and the other end below. There appears to be a distinct bend in the stick, the part below the water looking like it makes a complete angle with the portion above. This is due not to any action of the water upon the stick, but to an alteration in the direction of the rays of light, known as "refraction."

The air and the water being of different densities, the light cannot pass through both of them in the same direction, and it is the rays themselves—rather than the stick—which are bent or distorted, though we have the impression that the stick has been affected.

Increased knowledge of the principles which govern reflection, refraction and other courses of light have, in comparatively recent years, made possible the great improvement of the microscope, the telescope, the camera and other apparatus in which light plays a leading part.—Chicago Journal.

OF SAME ORIGIN AS COAL

Wood Believed to Have Been the Basis of Jet, Used for Centuries for Ornaments.

Jet is a sort of lignite or anthracite, often cut and polished, which has the peculiarities in weight and texture of the hardest kind of anthracite. It has been used in Britain since before historic times and was common in the bronze age, from which times have come jet beads, buttons, rings, armlets and other ornaments.

Julius Caesar alludes to the abundance of jet in Britain and jet ornaments are found with Roman relics in them, the Detroit News recalls. The monks used jet for rosary beads at Whitby abbey and at Whitney, where it was found in the greatest abundance. It occurs in irregular masses in hard shale known as jet rock.

Often microscopic examination discloses coniferous wood in the composition of jet. It is probable that jet was developed when masses of wood drifted down a river, rotted or became water-logged and sank out at sea, becoming gradually buried in a deposit of fine mud, which hardened eventually into shale. Sometimes drops of bitumen are found in jet cavities, which seems to confirm the suspicion of its wood origin.

When Is a Party Not a Party?

"How do you know that it is so?" "A certain party told me."

The foregoing conversation was overheard recently. The second speaker should have said, "A certain person told me," not, "a certain party."

This use of the word "party" for "person" is quite common, but it is condemned by all authorities on English grammar as being incorrect. Some, indeed, go as far as to call it vulgar.

It should be remembered, however, that the word "party," meaning an individual, has a proper place in English. We may speak of "a party to a contract," or "the party of the first part," or "the parties to the marriage." Woolley's "Handbook on Composition" gives the following sentence as an example of the correct use of the word: "The parties to the marriage were both young." The following is given as incorrect: "The party who wrote that article must have been a scholar." —Columbus Dispatch.

Believed in Asking Advice.

Along comes this story, which is a good one even if it never happened. Recently a young man was standing in front of a theater about eight o'clock, when a stranger stepped up and said:

"Say, is this a good show?"

"Well, I think so," was the answer.

"Well, you see," said the first speaker, "I can't afford to spend an awful lot on shows, and so I try to pick out the best ones, and decided this week that I would ask the opinion of a stranger, because, of course, the box office people would say it was all right anyhow. So you think I'd better see it?"

"I sure do," replied the other.

The man took the advice and bought a ticket, and as he entered the house the other fellow smiled a quiet smile. He was the author of the play.

A Word for the Teacher.

There are a great many other things I would do differently if I were going through school again. Here is just one more I would like to mention; I'd be a little more considerate of the teacher. There is once in a while an ornery one, I admit, but on the average they are a mighty nice, patient, friendly helpful lot of girls. They work hard, get none too much pay and even less appreciation, and do us all a great deal of good.—The Cave Scout in Boys' Life.

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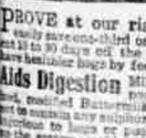

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A crab that knows the laws of gravitation, climbs trees and picks coconuts, is described by Frederick O'Brien in his book, "White Shadows in the South Seas." Relating some of the strange things he saw while on the Marquesas islands, he says: "These crabs are more than two feet in length, and stalk about with their bodies a foot from the ground, supported by two central legs. They live in deep burrows in the coconut groves, which they fill with husks, so that the natives often rob them to procure a quick supply of fuel.

"When darkness descends, and all is quiet, the robber crab ascends the tree by gripping the bark with his claws. He will go up until he reaches the nuts, if it be a hundred feet. With his powerful nippers he severs the stem, choosing always a nut that is big and ripe. Descending the palm he tears off the husk. He tears it fiber by fiber, and always from that end under which the three eye-holds are situated. With these exposed he begins hammering on one of them until he has enlarged the opening so that he can insert the sharp point of one of his claws into it. By turning his claw backward and forward he scoops out the meat and regales himself luxuriously."

ARAB A "SLICK" SALESMAN

And His Keen Sense of Humor Sometimes Outweighs His Scruples, According to Traveler.

It is said that the Arab has a sense of humor. I had a small experience with that myself. It was in Babylon, and we were buying souvenirs from the women and children.

Major Wright, the officer in charge of the party, had just presented me with a small stone horse, the cream of the objects. I put it in my bag and began to negotiate for an inscribed stone with the little boy who had sold it. While some of the women were besieging me this child began to negotiate with a Y. M. C. A. man for this same stone. When the Y man found that I had been bargaining for it he proposed to give way to me.

Meantime, while we were both protesting and trying each to give way, this young Arab stole the horse from my bag and began to sell it to the Y man, who snapped it up at once. The youngster roared with laughter, looking at me the while. He knew well enough that I wouldn't give him away after the Y man had yielded to me, and he enjoyed the joke so much that he had to share it with me, the victim.

NOTICE.

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