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In a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post, contained a rather startling advertisement of a prominent California fruit canner, which he states that more of the canners of peaches use caustic soda to remove the skins of the fruit before canning.

This sensational statement comes just as the benzoate of soda discussion is at its highest interest and will lend new importance to the agitation for pure foods. It seems that no branch of the fruit industry is free from the secret use of chemicals which must certainly be harmful and such as would rouse violent public opposition if the facts were generally known.

To save a cent or two per can on the cost of knife peeling certain canners deliberately use chemicals which must certainly be harmful and which even the wildest partisan will not say improves the fruit in any respect. This advertisement further claims that this practice is known to the Department of Agriculture at Washington, but that through absence of any specific law on the subject, the department officials will not make any decision on the question of compelling canners to state on their labels that they use the caustic soda process.

It is probable, however, that every canner will be compelled by the discussion following this advertisement to take positive grounds on this question and say that either he does not use the lye process or else give the real facts to support the use of this soap constituent in the preparations of human food.

The canning industry has grown greatly the last few years and with the growth of this industry there has also been a corresponding increase in the number and importance of orchards throughout this land. This industry has also been a great help to the farmer in bringing good prices for his product. The improvements in the way of better machinery have also done much for the popularity of the canned product, as the consuming public now understands that it is the wish of the men in this business to put out a product which is prepared as wholesomely as any housewife can do in her own kitchen.

In view of the greed which permits the use of caustic soda instead of knife peeling in most of the canneries of the country it is more surprising.

We will probably see the entire matter threshed out in the press, if it results in anywhere near the good that the pure food agitation of a few years ago did. It will be worth the while of every newspaper in the land to actively support the movement for the abolition of the lye-stew in the peach canning factories.

Grande is laying the basis of school system that we can

read carefully the report of the committee appointed by the school club, man, after deliberation and investigation and consideration. If carried out we will have a school system that will fulfill the requirements exacted by every wide-awake community.

The insurgents and the president are in the limelight at present. What the insurgents can do if the president determines to sit on them remains to be seen. He, however, is in hopes of being able to effect a compromise so that congress can work in unity, a condition that the country at large hopes will be perfected.

### STUCK TO DISCIPLINE.

He Was Willing to Oblige, but Dared to Do His Duty.

Seamen are strict disciplinarians, and a ship's crew seldom even dreams of interpreting a commander's orders otherwise than literally. Of the recognized rigid type was a certain English captain.

One day while his ship was in a certain port this captain gave a dinner to some town acquaintances, and as the resources of the ship were not great some of the sailors were deputed to wait on the table to re-enforce the insufficient number of stewards.

As these men were not used to such work, each one was told exactly what service would fall to his share.

The hour came, and the dinner went merrily on. Presently, however, one of



HE SALUTED IN FINE NAVAL STYLE.

the ladies wanted a piece of bread. There was none near her, and the finely disciplined stewards seemed to be quite blind to her need. She turned her head and spoke softly to the man at her elbow.

"Bread, please," she said. He looked regretfully at the bread and then at her. It was evident that he would fain have helped her if it had been in his power. He saluted in fine naval style.

"Can't do it, ma'am," said he. "I'm told off for taters."

### Couldn't Last Long.

A man who was already blessed with one wife, probably in an effort to double his happiness, married another woman, and one of the witnesses to the bigamous ceremony afterward admitted to the officiating clergyman that he had known of the bridegroom's legal inability to wed.

"But if you knew," said the clergyman indignantly, "why didn't you tell me?"

"Well, parson, it was like this," the witness said. "One of the parties was eighty-three and the other eighty-seven. I says to myself: 'Oh, gosh! it can't last long. Let 'em marry and burn the law!'"

### His Lamb.

Supping at the Savoy, London's fashionable hotel, after the theater were a man, his wife and a small party. The wife, while a course of lamb chops was being served, spied a friend in the alcove overlooking the Thames and went to speak to her a moment, the two tables not being more than six or seven yards apart.

While the wife stood talking animatedly to her friend the waiter at her husband's table removed his lamb chop before he had finished it. When he noticed this he exclaimed in a loud voice:

"Goodness! Where's my lamb?" His wife heard him above the noise of the restaurant, and, smiling at him sweetly, she called, while her husband reddened and the other diners giggled: "Here I am, darling!"

## Basket Ball

### Double Header Friday Evening, Feb. 4

Summerville Girls vs L. H. S. Girls  
 Summerville Club vs L. H. S. Boys

Come out and see the girls redeem themselves

The Summerville Boys are determined to take some of the conceit out of the La Grande High Boys. The Double Header game should

draw a big house  
 Admission 25c - Game called 7:45

## Skating Rink

I have fallen into the hands of thieves. What then? They have left me the sun and moon, fire and water, a loving wife and many friends to pity me and some to relieve me. They have not taken away my merry countenance nor my cheerful spirit nor my good conscience.—Jeremy Taylor.

Discouraging. She had organized a Sunday school class from a lot of tough street gamins, and she was having a hard time of it.

"Come, come," said the teacher, "do you mean to tell me that you can't repeat even one verse?"

"Now," replied the small boy, "I know one."

"Well, then, let me have it," said the teacher sharply.

"And Judas went out and hanged himself," repeated the unregenerate. His teacher's lips wreathed themselves in a cynical smile as she said: "Very good. And can you give me another?"

"Sure," he replied.

"Let me have it, then," responded his teacher.

The little reprobate said, "Go thou and do likewise."

East and West. At a convention of advertising men in Louisville one of the delegates who lives in the west told a story of having met a man from New York.

"Where are you from?" inquired the New Yorker.

"Los Angeles," said the man from California.

"Oh, I see!" exclaimed the Empire State inhabitant. "So you're from the west. Well, I've been west some myself. Now, last year I was out as far as Cleveland and stopped while at Pittsburg. I was all around out west."

"Is that so?" said the man from Los Angeles, with a great show of interest. "Well, I was up east myself not so very long ago. I was in Denver and Salt Lake City and all around. It's strange we didn't meet."

The Irishman's Request. In the days when flogging was in vogue as a punishment in the British navy a Scotchman and an Irishman on the arrival of their ship in harbor obtained leave to go ashore for a couple of days, and they overstayed the period of leave granted them. When they did put in an appearance they were ordered fifty lashes each. On the day of the punishment a parade was ordered to witness the infliction of the flogging.

When all was ready the Scotchman asked as a favor to be allowed a piece of canvas on his back while he received his flogging. The captain granted his request and, turning to the Irishman, asked him if he required anything on his back while he was being flogged, to which he replied, "If ye please yer honor, I'd tolke to have the Scotchman on my back, if ye wouldn't mind."

### He Bit.

An old fellow who made himself conspicuous about a New England church was suspected of tampering with the church collection. A couple of clumsy traps that were set for him failed to work. Then one day a young deacon walked past his house leading a new horse.

"That's a fine horse, deacon," the old fellow shouted. "Did you buy him at the fair?"

"Yes," said the deacon. Then, as the other came nearer, he added: "I bought him with my pickings out of the collection plate."

The old man looked horrified.

"Good gracious!" he said. "I've often taken enough myself to buy a hat or a pair of trousers; but, deacon, in takin' enough to buy a horse ain't ye committin' a positive sin?"

### Bargains in Real Estate.

No. 1.—157 acres Sandridge land, near Imbler; a good five room house, barns and other outbuildings. 10 acres good orchard of which 8 is in good bearing; 30 acres in fall wheat, 10 acres in hay, balance all good grain or potato land, all under good fence, one mile from the town of Imbler, 1-2 mile from school. About \$1000.00 worth of nearly new household goods and farm implements goes with the place at the price of \$16,956, Easy terms.

No. 2.—80 acres, 7 miles from La Grande, all under cultivation, good 6-room house, good barn and all kinds of outbuildings. About two acres family orchard, 60 acres in alfalfa and timothy hay, good water right. R. F. D. by the door. 1-2 of a mile from school. About \$400 worth of personal property goes with the place at the price of \$6,400.00.

No. 3.—20 acres adjoining the above tract; splendid land well adapted to fruit growing or anything else. A small house and under fence. Price \$1300.00.

No. 4.—60 acres, 7 miles from La Grande. Good new 5-room house, good barn and other outbuildings. Two good living springs, and a stream of water for irrigation; all under good cultivation. R. F. D. by the door. Telephone line. Price \$6,000.00.

No. 5.—152 1-2 acres near the Connelly ware houses, all in fall wheat and alfalfa hay; good improvements. If sold at once can be purchased for \$14,500.00.

No. 6.—A modern 5-room house and lot 60x120, in a good location and on cash terms for \$2200.00.

No. 7.—Two lots on Fourth street, 4-room house, small barn, city water and good well. Can be sold on the installment plan for \$700.00.

No. 8.—For 1775.00, one of the best houses in Old Town; 7-room house, stone foundation. Two lots, a snap if taken at once.

No. 9.—Three room house and one lot on Jefferson st. House furnished, good well; wood shed on the alley,

## Scenic Theatre

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Two Shows every evening. Doors open at 7:15 and 8:45  
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all for the very low price of \$550.

No. 10.—A five room brick modern house, barn, wood shed, two lots, 124x124, small orchard, shade trees, all fenced for \$2000.00.  
 No. 11.—A four room cottage on "O" st., close in, two lots, city water, and wood shed. On easy terms at the remarkably low price of \$1400. I will be pleased to show you any of the above bargains at any time, whether you buy or not.  
 Yours respectfully,  
 C. J. BLACK, the Real Estate Man.