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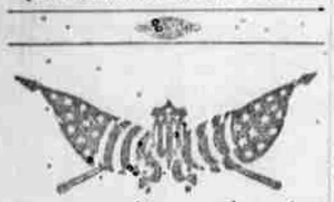

"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

New Source of Food Supply, Possible.

Dr. Ethan Allen Andrews, who is professor of zoology in John Hopkins University, ate a handful of locusts the other day. And he liked them. He says the flavor is pleasant, and they taste like shrimp.

He and some other experts have been studying the insects with regard to their habits—which are admittedly bad—and their possible utilization as food. All of them seem to be enthusiastic about the food possibilities.

"If there were a scarcity of other foods," says Professor Andrews, "persons who had tasted them would probably think nothing of eating them in larger quantities. Those of us who have eaten them find them agreeable and nourishing. It is important, of course, to pick them just after they have come out of their shell, while they are still white and tender. After a few days they become hard, and would be unsatisfactory as food."

The professor is not the first man to eat locusts, of course. There is the familiar example of John the Baptist, who lived on locusts and wild honey. But it has never occurred to most people that John might have adopted that diet from choice.

Unfortunately Professor Andrews does not tell exactly how he went about his gustatory experiment. Did he "eat 'em alive," or fry the locusts in butter, or dip them in honey, after the biblical example, or bake them, or make a salad of them, or what?

In the absence of dependable details, any man is free to experiment for himself. It may take courage; but did it not take courage to eat the first shrimp?

A Movement to Be Sustained.

Everybody knows how the Boy Scouts stood the test of war. They turned their fine principles to practice, and showed their loyalty and value in a thousand ways. Their organization had been thought of previously as meant only for the pleasure and improvement of the boys themselves. It took the war to show how the character and skill gained in their scouting work could be turned to valuable public service.

It is only a slight recompense for what the lads did during the past two years to help them now in their campaign for larger effectiveness. And in helping them, the nation really helps itself; because any gain in their resources will become an additional national asset.

The Scouts, now numbering more than half a million, want more boys to join them, and boys are coming in at the rate of 1000 or more a day. More than that, they want adults to join as the associate members—a round million of them, helping a little with their membership dues, and still more with their intelligent interest and support.

There ought to be no question of getting the million. Nobody objects to the Boy Scouts any more. Everybody approves them. The movement is endorsed alike by Christian and Jew, Protestant and Catholic, and just as warmly by those who profess no religion whatever. It stands for good health, good morals, good sense and good citizenship.

Be a "good scout" and join.

Save One Third of a Cent Each Day.

The Bureau of Salvage and Shop was established by the Pacific Division of the Red Cross in February, 1918. This bureau has now become a regularly established commercial business.

The basic principle of salvage and shop work is that many articles and materials of no value whatever in the small quantities in which they are thrown out by individuals may be collected and used to advantage in large quantities. The tinfoil collected is one item.

The bureau has taken for its slogan, "One-third of a cent a day," reminding the country that if each person in the United States saved material worth even as little as that, the Red Cross would have, from this source alone, practically $125,000,000 a year to spend for relief work.

The expenses of operation so far have been kept to a minimum. A great deal of the work is done by volunteers. There is no attempt to compete with merchants in any way. The bureau makes no requests for funds.

Not only does the work of this bureau supply an increasing income for relief work, but it also serves as a means of education in conservation and thrift. So valuable has its work become in making worn materials and used garments that many local organizations are glad to co-operate with the salvage and shop committee, thus avoiding duplication of effort.

Now that the war is over, many are inclined to forget the lessons in thrift, learned so cheerfully and practised so patriotically a year ago. It is well to be reminded of the value of these small things, so long as they are kept in their place as aid and steps to bigger and better works.

These substitute drinks haven't any "kick" in them. The patron is expected to furnish the kick.

HIT AND MISS

Pay as you go, but save enough to go back on.

Many a man who is sure he is right lacks the energy to go ahead.

Men who drink to drown their troubles meet misfortune with a smile.

The girl who is popular with the men is apt to be unpopular with the girls.

A girl's idea of a ringleader is the first man who arrives with a solitaire.

Nothing pleases the average girl more than to be mistaken for an actress.

Occasionally the world loves a lover, but more often it sympathizes with him.

Some men decline to look upon the wine when it is red because they prefer another color.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The romance of a spinster is apt to be one-sided.

The right kind of a doctor leaves well enough alone.

Speech that is too flowery should be nipped in the bud.

Blunt language is often used in making sharp retorts.

We can die only once—much to the regret of the undertakers.

Women seldom or never admire the life work of Father time.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder. The wise young man goes home early.

Many an untimely grave has been filled by the emptying of the wrong bottle.

It takes more than an eye-opener to make the toper see the error of his ways.

It's easy to please a woman after you find out what she wants—but there's the rub.

It's a safe bet that a girl doesn't enjoy the first kiss she gets from a certain young man unless she pretends she doesn't.—Chicago News.

FLASHLIGHTS

Nobody ever was so wonderful as some men think themselves to be.

Nobody ever thinks it worth while to save a dime out of his last dollar.

The trouble with the spendthrift is that he thinks it is never going to rain on him.

When you waste a man's time you are not only wasting his money, but you are costing yourself a friend.

LAKE PARK OPENS

The Wallowa Lake Amusement Park opened [illegible] June 14, with a big dance Saturday evening. The Kolar orchestra will furnish the music [illegible] the dancers [illegible] pleasure seekers [illegible] the lake [illegible] one of the best dance [illegible] in the county [illegible] young set from Wallowa [illegible] in the [illegible].—Wallowa Sun.

A WANT AD will do [illegible]

RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS

Front and Center!

All members are requested to be present at meeting Tuesday evening 7:30 at Y. M. C. A. building.

C. R. HARDING, President

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MILL FLUME FALLS

Friday night the residents of Barton Heights were startled by a loud crashing noise. Upon investigation it was found that the flume at the Dawson mill had fallen in. The accident occurred about [illegible] o'clock. The mill is [illegible] off while the [illegible] repaired.—Joseph Herald.

FOUR PICTURES ARE EXHIBITED

Water Colour Studies By M. Alvarez Selected By Rev. Clark in Marseilles.

Four small pictures on exhibition in the windows of Harry [illegible] are attracting much attention. The pictures are water colours from the studio of M. Alvarez in Marseilles and are the property of Mrs. Geo. L. Clark of this city, and were selected for her by her husband, while he was in France.

The Observer is indebted to Mrs. Mossman for a critical analysis of these works of art, who states that M. Alvarez belongs to the class of modern painters called Synchromists (with colour).

"While the older painters," says Mrs. Mossman, "constructed in black and white and then applied the pigments to decorate the drawing, the moderns reverse the plan and by the use of colour construct the design, and out of colour grows all the qualities of the picture. But the real subject of the pictures is always the atmosphere. It is the atmosphere that is painted and whatever else is seen in the picture exists only through the medium of the atmosphere.

"These artists use only the seven primary colours. Contrary to the old methods these colours are not mixed on the palette but are placed in juxtaposition on the canvas and depend on the individual rays blending in the eye of the beholder at a distance from the picture.

"These pictures of M. Alvarez on exhibition are excellent examples of this method of the Moderns. Nowhere could Alvarez find a more interestingly colourful atmosphere than in the deserts of Egypt. Here he spent many years translating with his brush the most dazzling atmospheric harmonies. We are not to examine the objects of these pictures at too close a range or we, too, will exclaim 'Who ever saw a camel drawn like that?' The spectator is not supposed to be viewing the camel at close range, as he would a wooden one in the nursery or even a live one in the circus. But he sees the camel moving in, the distance through a translucent veil of light, which by its vibrations devours or confuses the outlines of the figures. The Sphinx at close view seems to rise out of the plane like some prehistoric animal, but viewed from a proper distance crouches in the sand still smiling over its secret.

"These pictures are well chosen, representing the atmosphere under the subtle effects of changing hours."

The four scenes are: "Early Sunset," "Late Sunset," "Afterglow" and "Night."

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THE QUALITY STORE

SMALL SIZE SALE OF GREY AND GREY TOP SHOES $4.90

Just in!--By Express

La France Silk Hose

The hose we have been waiting for since early in the spring. The first shipment is here, and only a limited amount, so we advise wearers of La France to lay in a supply now. Black, white, medium, grey, silver, Taupe and brown.

Every pair is taken as odds from among our stock and include every grey top shoe in stock from size 3 to 4½, inclusive. If you have a small foot, you'll find a bargain here.

A few all-grey medium heel, cloth tops, and black vamps with grey cloth tops, in medium and high heels; your choice all this week at $4.90.

ADVANCE FALL STYLES—

We have just received a small shipment of ARMSTRONG'S fall shoes. A black and a brown Cuban heel, lace shoe; a new and very dressy last, long narrow vamps.

Although these are advanced in style and season, we invite you to inspect them at any time. We are always glad to show you the new.

New Georgette Waists

Just unpacked and put on display—a limited number of those waists we've been expecting for so long. Call early and look them over. Flesh and white, with embroidery trimming.

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AGENT

Both Phones—

Home, Ind. [illegible] County, [illegible]

West-Jackson building.

What Expert Designers Are Making

The advantage of leaving the designing of children's clothes to specialists in that line of work is apparent. They are less apt to make mistakes than other people are, and only the efforts in which they are successful get beyond the designers' room and into the workrooms of manufacturers of children's frocks and other garments. Early in July the advance models of the new styles for fall make their appearance in the large shops and department stores, and mothers with foresight investigate them, willing to buy for the coming autumn or to become familiar with whatever new style features are introduced.

Some who have their children's clothes made at home can gather from [illegible] the [illegible] question of economy is [illegible] that the [illegible] for her [illegible]. The simplest cotton dresses can probably be bought ready made as cheaply as they can be made at home, but the better grades of cotton or wool or silk are considerably higher in price than for several seasons past and the chances are that there is a considerable saving in making them at home.

The pretty model pictured above, for a girl of eight to twelve or thirteen years, is suited to any of the materials used for the dressy frocks for little girls. It has single box plaits across the front and back of the skirt with pockets at each side on the unplaited portions. The bodice simulates a little jacket with tabs at the front that extend over the flat plain belt. This belt is in a contrasting color and might be made of silk [illegible]. A little embroidery in the simplest design embellishes the collar, cuffs, pockets and tabs [illegible] the color of the belt. Flat silk buttons [illegible] with cord loops [illegible] decorative feature.

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MRS. RUTH ACKLES CATES

Former Resident of La Grande Passed Away in Portland

Portland papers announce the death of Mrs. Ruth Ackles Cates at the Good Samaritan hospital on May 13. Death was due to complications following pneumonia. She was taken sick at the time of the death of her mother, Mrs. Alice Kirk Ackles, in April, whose funeral was deferred several days on account of the daughter's illness. Mrs. Cates was twenty-two years of age and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ackles, for many years residents of La Grande. The deceased leaves besides her husband a three months old babe, her father, a sister, Mrs. [illegible] H. Hayes, an an aunt, Mrs. Vera Little, all of whom live in Portland.

ASKS AN INCREASE

Union County Telephone Company Seeks Fifty-cent Flat Rate Advance

A flat increase of 50 cents per month on all classes of service is declared by the Union County Telephone company of La Grande to be necessary to the maintenance of its system on a paying basis, in an application for an increase filed with the state public service commission at Salem Saturday afternoon. The company also asks permission to make connections with both the Pacific and Home Telephone companies at La Grande.

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HAS INDUSTRIOUS PULLET

G. W. Nelson, who keeps a little chicken yard at his home in Adams avenue, read in a Portland paper the other day the story of a man who had spring chickens that had already started laying. Mr. Nelson promptly telephoned the Observer to give the information that the other fellow's birds are not ahead of his. He has a number of pullets that were hatched [illegible] February, and one of them at least has [illegible] the Nelsons keep down the high cost of living.

The Observer furnishes and prints Butter Wrappers.

WALLOWA BOOSTERS MEET

Fred Falconer Resigns as President of the Commercial Club

The Chamber of Commerce met [illegible] evening in the office of the secretary [illegible] again [illegible] the Reporter. The first business of the evening was the election of a president to take the place of Fred Falconer, who resigned. Mr. Falconer's many business interests prevented him from taking any part in the activities of the club since it was organized.

Fred Savage was elected president for the unexpired term.

The Chamber went on record as favoring the installing of a clock in the court house tower by the county and the erection of a memorial monument to the boys who gave their lives to their country, from this county. It is proposed that this monument be erected by popular subscription. There was considerable discussion of local road work and a committee appointed to investigate for the organization.

Suitable quarters for the club and [illegible] for the secretary will probably be provided at the next meeting and in the meantime a determined effort will be made to have every business man and other citizens interested in its growth to join the organization. The membership fee is only $5 and the dues 50 cents per month.

A RETIRED FARMER TALKS

A retired farmer writes as follows: "When I read in the papers and hear speakers tell that retired farmers are no good I get pretty mad. Maybe we are no good on the farm. The young folks don't want us around in the way. What are you going to do with us? I suppose that we should be 'Osterized.' Maybe we wouldn't be any good in Heaven and possibly we would be too green to be of any good in the other place. What makes your towns? You say your railroads, your factories, your merchants. Let me tell you. First, we old fellows (we weren't so old then) came into the prairies and into the timber, broke the sod, cleared, built the houses, barns and school houses, rode in lumber wagons, lived on almost nothing, working 16 hours a day and saved our money. Then the railroad came. Towns were built up because we needed them. Factories were started. Everything prospered but we pioneers opened the way. Now we are crippled up with rheumatism, neither can't ride 6 or 8 miles to town. We are going to sit in the park and hear the band play, watch the people go by and be just as lazy as we want to. We are going to sit down at the business places, when not in the way all day if we care to. Maybe we will get fat and die in a few years. A year or two doesn't make much difference with us. Our usefulness anywhere, in town or out in the country, is about over. We worked hard, suffered privations, saved up what little we have gotten and we are not keen to let it go. Rubber plantations, mining stock or automobiles do not appeal to us.

"We pay our own way, and it seems we are safe if we are not [illegible] [illegible] a factory [illegible] here for the [illegible] and remember that old people do not change their ways as readily as young ones. But they are just as sensitive to slights and slurs [illegible]