

FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

Various Bits of Information Pertaining to Matters of Interest to the Housewife.

There are a few special points in greasing waffle irons that are well for the novice to bear in mind. Put the irons over the fire until hot on each side, then rub both griddles with a piece of salt pork or suet on a fork, or a bit of butter or sweet drippings tied in a clean cloth. The heat will melt the butter and let it run through the cloth. Close the griddles and reverse, which will allow the fat to run evenly over them. Put the batter into the center of the waffle iron over the fire, cover and cook a moment on one side, turn and cook a little longer on the other.

A bed of bright nasturtiums is a constant delight from various points of view. While always ornamental, the nasturtium leaves, blossoms and seeds are appetizingly edible as well. The leaves, sprinkled lightly with salt and spread between thin slices of bread and butter, are among the daintiest of sandwiches for the picnic basket or the afternoon tea. The blossoms are delicious in a salad with a French dressing, while the seeds, gathered when small and green, before the inner kernel has become hard, are admirable substitutes for capers or a welcome addition to any mixed pickle.

A brown or gray linen skirt that has become stained or spotted may be freshened and restored to eminent respectability by soaking for a few hours and washing in a decoction of hay tea. If the cured hay is not at hand, a few handfuls of grass cut from the lawn and dried may be used. Put it in a kettle of cold water, and steep for an hour on the back of the range. Strain and soak and wash the skirt. This may alter the original color a little, making it more the tint of the grass cloth, but it is pretty and effective in disposing of the spots and stains.

The pretty English fashion of hanging portraits all down the sides of the staircase is obtaining a following among Americans as well. One young American matron who has spent much time abroad, and who is a great admirer of the good English queen, has her staircase lined with 30 prints of her majesty, taken at varying ages. Whether a truly patriotic American would find equal pleasure in a row of the presidents of the United States is a question that admits of doubt from an esthetic standpoint at least.

It is customary with a real "Virginia" cook to boil a whole ham at a time until nearly tender, and then slice from that for broiling or frying to serve with eggs. Jams or strips of bacon that are to be kept on hand during the summer are rubbed all over outside with a thin coating of hickory ashes to prevent mold or rust.

In following recipes for the canning and preserving of fruit, it should be remembered that a quart of fruit must be measured in a quart measure, not in the tradesmen's baskets, which vary in size, but are never a full Scriptural quart. Fruits and vegetables should be sold here as they are abroad, by the weight, instead of by measure.

After a ham has been boiled, and before getting entirely cold, it will be found a good plan to wrap around it a long strip of thin, old muslin, tying it on with a string. This may be turned back as fast as the ham is sliced, while in the meanwhile it keeps the edible from the intrusion of would-be familiar flies.

To prepare nasturtium seeds for pickles or capers remove the stems and let them stand in salted water overnight. Pack in small bottles and cover with boiling vinegar. If preferred, spices and a little sugar may be added.

Ribbons and silks may be cleansed and freshened by washing in naphtha, while grease spots on the most delicate fabrics may be removed by sponging the spot in naphtha.—Washington Star.

Spanish-American Words. Many English words are taken directly from the Spanish. When you speak of a piccadillo collar you are not using slang. The "piccadillo" is a collar which at one time was worn by all men of position in Spain. A few years since many American cities boasted of companies of volunteer soldiers called grenadiers. The first grenadiers were in Grenada. Our marines, of whom we are especially proud just now, got their name by clipping the last syllable off "marineros," which is the equivalent Spanish word. Eye bread without caraway seeds would not be eye bread at all. Caraway is a purely Spanish word, derived from "Al-carra Hueya." The hammock on your veranda got its name from the Spanish "hamaca," although that is not purely a Spanish word. Columbus got it from the Indians 400 years ago. There are many other examples. "Banana," "apricot," "Canada," "duel" and "palavar" are all directly from the Spanish.—Chicago Dispatch.

The Queen Opposed to Divorce. The queen intimates that the pronouncement on the part of the prelates against divorce might have been written in stronger terms, as she is "totally averse to divorce under any circumstances whatever." Her majesty is willing to admit that in no institution are there more people wronged than in marriage; nevertheless, her belief is that an infinitely more satisfactory state would arise were marriage made indissoluble both by church and state. The queen adds that she has no objection to judicial separation, her strong disapproval of divorce being due to the liberty which it imparts to divorced people to marry again, and to the remarriage of divorced people, no matter what the grounds of divorce, she is "unalterably and most strongly opposed." This is the first official expression her majesty has given to her views on the subject.—Mainly About People.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

The average number of hours constituting a day's labor in North Carolina cotton mills is 11 1/2.

The Lancashire factories spin at least 150,000,000 miles of cotton thread on every full working day.

An engineer declares that 50,000 people now do the work with the aid of machinery which needed 10,000,000 persons to do a few years ago.

Collectors of skins have almost exterminated monkeys in the African gold coast. In one year the exports amounted to 108,000 skins, valued at over \$200,000.

A Hamburg chemist has succeeded with the aid of oxide of aluminum in creating a heat of up to 30,000 degrees. Pure chrome and manganese can now be made easily and on a large scale.

A garbage plant is to be established in the City of Mexico. The heat evolved by the crematories will be utilized for steam purposes and a number of factories will be erected in their immediate vicinity.

Indiana possesses half of the window-glass producing facilities of the nation, produces over one-third of the plate-glass and a fourth of the flint and green glass, and stands first among the 17 glass-producing states of the union.

The Russian meteorologist Prof. Woetkof calls attention to the almost uninterrupted sunshine that prevails in the Irkutsk region of Siberia. He thinks it would be an ideal place for consumptives and for raising plants under glass.

A discovery of coal has been made near Sloggett bay, on the island of Tierra del Fuego, by Commander Nunez, of the Argentine navy. He reports extensive outcrops, indicating the existence of a thick seam. Analyses and tests of the coal show it to be of much better quality than the lignite heretofore found in Argentina.

DAWN OF LIBERTY IN CUBA.

Gen. Wood's Proclamation of Independence to the People of Santiago.

Gen. Leonard Wood, military governor pro tempore of the department of Santiago, on the 21st of October issued a proclamation, in ten sections, which is a sort of provisional declaration of independence.

The first article guarantees to the people the right of assembly for the common good and to apply to those in power by petition or remonstrance for the redress of grievances.

The second section guarantees the right to worship God according to individual conscience, provided there is no interference with any existing form of worship.

The third section directs that courts of justice shall be open to all and that no private property shall be taken by the government without compensation.

The fourth section, dealing with criminal trials, invests the accused person with the right to be heard himself or by counsel and to have compulsory process to secure the attendance of a witness in his behalf.

The fifth section says that no person accused of crime shall be compelled to give evidence against himself.

The sixth section declares that no such person who is once acquitted of the charge brought against him shall be tried for the same offense.

The seventh section provides that all persons charged with crime shall be entitled to bail, except in cases of capital offense, and that the writ of habeas corpus may not be suspended except the commanding general of the department deems it advisable.

The eighth section says that excessive bail shall not be required, and that no excessive fine nor cruel or unusual punishment shall be inflicted.

The ninth section provides that in order to secure the people against unreasonable search there shall first be established under oath a presumption of guilt.

The tenth section guarantees to all the right to write or print freely on any matter, subject to responsibility for abuse of the right.

The municipal laws are to be administered in accordance with these declarations of rights, subject to modifications which, in the judgment of the commanding general, would be beneficial and promote the principles of enlightened civilization.—N. Y. Tribune.

His Thanks. The court looked severe, and after there had been an ominous silence of about a minute's duration said: "Prisoner, this is the forty-fifth time I have fined you for being drunk."

Mr. O'Fallon looked up suddenly and a glad light appeared in his bearded eyes as he put a hand against his breast and said: "Thanks, judge."

"What do you mean by thanking me?" the court imperiously demanded. With an expression of childlike innocence upon what had once been his face Mr. O'Fallon replied: "O! had losht thr-rack of th' number of toimes it was meshtf and O! fiah had a curiosity to know how many it was."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Not Yet. Great Picture Buyer (to artist)—What do you think of the artist who painted cobwebs on the ceiling so truthfully that the servant went herself into an attack of nervous prostration trying to sweep them down?

Hostess (a woman of experience)—There may have been such an artist, but there never was such a servant.—Illustrated American.

The Cornfield Philosopher. "In my studies of mankind, likewise womankind," said the cornfield philosopher, "I have noticed that a wife beater never has any trouble in making a second marriage."—Indianapolis Journal.

WESTERN WOMAN'S WIFE.

How She Succeeds in Getting the Most for Her Money When She Goes to Market.

It is not strange that dress has a wonderful influence on the average masculine heart. A pretty woman living in the west always depends upon getting the most for her money at the corner grocery, according as she is gowned, says the Rochester Post Express. In the morning, perhaps, she slides into the place sacred to the breakfast bacon, and the green stuff and other edibles, rigged out in a shirt waist and plain skirt. The grocer advances to wait upon her and is calm but courteous. There is no gleam of joy in his eye, no tendency to give an ounce as a complimentary to the roast or steak. He is firm in his stand over the price of his wares and makes no concessions.

Perhaps she finds she needs something later on in the day and goes over on her way down street shopping. She wears a hat trimmed with roses, an organdie gown with roses all over it, and a bewitching parasol which forms a background for her face. He melts, slowly as an iceberg, but all the same he melts. As he puts the fruit she buys into a basket he throws in several extra ones—he ignores her as she goes around nibbling from one cracker box or barrel and then to the fruit stands—he waxes playful, and finally hands her a package of tulu.

But it is at night she sweeps out the store. She comes around to leave an order for the following morning, and this time she is melted and poured into a white gown trimmed with lace inserting. The grocer comes to the door and leans against it in a beautiful way as she tells what she wishes. He picks up a stick of candy instead of a pencil to write the items down, while a glorious, sweet smile floods his face and trickles over his chin. At that moment money is no object—what is he running that store for save to oblige that lovely woman? He gazes wistfully after her as she trips off, and the next day—he stares at the figure at which he sold those goods last night and calls himself a business donkey with flap ears.

TO BASE HIS ACHING HEART.

That Was the Reason Why the Count of Turin Paid a Visit to America.

According to "Evelyn," a London correspondent who reports European gossip for the Philadelphia Record, the recent visit of the count of Turin, son of the Italian king, to this country, and who has been so entertained by swell society here, was taken to seek relief for an aching heart. In fact, it is Romeo and Juliet over again. It is said, and authoritatively, that the count, who is only two removes from the throne of Italy, is deeply in love with the daughter of Prince Ruspoli. She is all that heart of man or necessities of royalty can demand. A princess in her own right, her name is one of the noblest and most unsullied in Europe, she is neither married nor betrothed; nor does the king object, but the house of Savoy, the king of Italy and their political adherents are known as the "Whites"; the vatican party, the old Italian party of which the pope is the political head, is called the "Blacks"; between these two there can be no friendliness, political nor private. Prince Ruspoli, father of the count's love, is a most uncompromising "Black." For him to hold communion with a follower of the house of Savoy would be considered treason. "Blacks" and "Whites" do not even visit each other's houses. A case in point is the Colonnas. One branch is for the king, the other for the church, and they are as estranged as lifelong enemies.

EGG TESTERS BECOME BLIND.

They Sit in a Dark Room All Day Long with No Light But a Tall, Low, Candle.

Few people have any idea of the care taken to see that eggs reach the retail market in good condition. Many a citizen perhaps thinks his breakfast egg comes straight from the farmer to the grocer or to the hotel keeper. As a matter of fact, every wholesale dealer in eggs has a "dark room," in which a man sits all day passing eggs between his eyes and the flame of a tall candle. This dark room is usually in the cellar.

The cellar is itself dark, but the corner in which the "candler" sits is curtained off with heavy canvas that shuts out every ray of sunlight. Around the "candler" are great piles of egg crates. He works so fast, taking up three eggs at a time, that almost a continuous line of eggs is passing before his eyes in an unbroken chain. If an egg is found to contain any dark substance, indicating that it is not fresh, it is laid aside and another one placed in the crate, which is nearly filled with ones that have already been candled. An expert "candler" will handle in a day 25 crates of eggs, each containing 30 dozen. For his labor he receives \$2.50 per day for actual days employed. The "candler's" work is such that ere long his eyesight gives way and many of them have become blind.

Disparity of the Sexes.

A feature of the population statistics of western Australia is the large proportion of males to females. The disparity is maintained in the arrivals by sea. At present there are 45 females to every 100 males.

Where Moses Stood.

One of the stations of the railway which is to be built from the Red sea to the top of Mount Sinai will be on the spot where it is supposed Moses stood when he received the tables of the law.

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A CONSIDERATE MOTHER. She Realized She Was in No Position to Give Matrimonial Advice Herself. I had taken a very toothsome but not highly finished dinner at the mountain farmhouse, and when I started on my way at one o'clock in the afternoon the daughter, who had looked after my wants at the table, informed me that if I had no objections she would "ride a piece" with me. As she was a good-looking, ruddy mountain maid, unlike the majority of her kind, I gave an immediate and unanimous consent, and we were presently jogging along toward the Cumberland river, which we could see lying like a silver thread across the green valley far below us.

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Presbyterian Church—Rev. A. Haberly, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. U. E. 6:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor Society at 3:30 p. m. Sunday Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Baptist church—G. N. Ames, pastor. Worship and preaching every Sunday morning and evening at usual hours for church service. Covenant meeting on Saturday at 2 o'clock preceding each first Sunday. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. Baptist Young Peoples Union meets at 6:30 on Sunday evening. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Christian church—Corner of Sixth and I streets. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m.; Y. P. S. U. E. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. Ladies' Missionary Auxiliary to C. W. H. E. G. T. U. every Friday at 7:30 p. m. Choral Union every Friday at 7:30 p. m. The people welcome. O. J. Gist pastor. Resides at the church.

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