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Home Interests.

Useful and Suggestive.

To Keep Gum Aratic.—Dissolve it in as little cold rain water as possible, then add alcohol. This preserves it.

HICKORY NUT-CAKE.—One pound of flour, one pound of sugar, three-quarters pound of butter, six eggs, two teaspoons of cream-tartar, one teaspoon of soda, one-half cup of sweet milk and half a pint of hickory nuts chopped fine.

The Philadelphia Medical Times calls the attention of its readers to the fact that glycerine may be used as a means of disguising medicines, such as castor-oil, turpentine, cod-liver oil, etc., more especially when one or two drops of oil of cinnamon or some other volatile oil has been added.

Corn meal, heated and placed in bags, is recommended as a substitute for hot water bottles and such like appliances for restoring warmth to the sick. It is said to weigh less, retain its heat longer, and does not chill when cold.

HORSERADISH IN PICKLE.—Horseradish grated and mixed with pickle will prevent mold forming on the top of jars. Leaves of horseradish laid over the top will answer the same purpose. It is said that this pungent root, if mixed and mixed with cider, and eaten with the food, will both prevent and cure paralysis.

WASHING RAG CARPETS.—A rag carpet should not be washed as long as it can be avoided. It soils much easier after being once washed, besides fading. If there are grease spots, a little hard soap rubbed on, then washed off with hot water and well rinsed, is a good way to remove them; or some aqua ammonia is equally as good.

COCONUT CAKE.—Two eggs; beat the whole to a stiff froth; one and a half cups of sugar; half a cup of butter; half a cup of sweet milk; one teaspoonful of cream tartar; one teaspoonful of soda; two and a quarter cups of flour; half a cup of coconut; flavor of lemon.

CUTLETS OF VEAL.—When the piece of veal is chosen divide each bone separately; break an egg and wet the pieces with it, then roll in bread crumbs, afterwards frying them in lard. Make a gravy with butter, pepper and salt, mixed with the bread crumbs. Any part of the veal, almost cut in small pieces, may be dressed in the same way. This dish must be thoroughly done to be good.

NUTRITIVE VALUE OF BLACK TEA.—Tea is not only to be considered as a stimulant, but also as nourishment. That people who use tea are able to live longer and do more work on an insufficient amount of food, than those who abstain from the beverage, is attributed to its power of preventing the waste of the body, and in the animal economy may be compared to the financial proposition that a penny saved is twice earned. From the large amount of nitrogen it contains, it may also be considered, to a certain extent, a direct means of nourishment. A Vogel has thought it worth his while to determine how much of this nitrogen is employed in the infusion. The tea examined gave 66 per cent. ash, and 25.5 of

extract, which was found to contain 2.8 per cent. nitrogen, while the partially exhausted leaves contain 3.58 per cent. From this it would seem that, unless we contrive to devour the whole leaf, we lose the larger portion of the nitrogen.

MELTED BUTTER TO SERVE WITH COB.—Mix three teaspoonfuls of flour and six cubes of butter smoothly together on a plate; put into a lined saucepan and pour in a pint of milk or sweet cream; keep stirring it one way over a sharp fire; let it boil for a minute or two, when add the chopped yolks and whites of three hardboiled eggs and serve in a sauce-bowl.

Scissorings.

An Ornithological Opera Troupe.

An extraordinary pulpit entertainment has been produced in Lima, Peru, by an Italian named Contarini, who proposes to carry his exhibition to Europe. He has taught and trained, by dint of great patience and perseverance, an opera company, made up of thirty parrots and "parrotines, who perform two of Bellini's operas, "Norma" and "Sonnambula," on a miniature stage, with full chorus and recitative. The director and manager accompany the artists on a piano-harmonium, and the perfection with which each bird sings his part and the excellence of the chorus are prodigious. The debut of the lyrics-ornithological company in "Norma" was attended by the wealth and fashion of Lima. When the parrot that sang the contralto finished the allegro in the "Salutation to the Moon," such was the enthusiasm, the shouting and applause at hearing a bird sing the Casta Diva, that the bird company, frightened, took flight and sought refuge among the side scenes. This interrupted the performance for fully quarter of an hour, and Signor Contarini had to tranquilize the "artists" by giving them bread soaked in wine. Thenceforth the expressions of approbation were moderated in order not to spoil the play. It appears that the bird artists have now become accustomed to the applause. The correctness and propriety with which they give certain parts of the opera are wonderful. The primo tenore possesses all the airs and graces of the school of Mario, and the ladies of Lima have named the prima donna Patti. At least this is the story as told by one of the Lima papers—people who have any imagination to spare will please accept this draft upon it.

A Sioux city (Iowa) man, noticing his wood-pile grow small and beautifully less, through the combined efforts of several of his neighbors, charged several sticks with blasting powder. In blissful ignorance his faithful spouse put two of those loaded sticks in the kitchen stove and commenced to prepare her dinner. In about two minutes she started out through the top of the house, attended by the griddle, frying pan, and part of the oven; to interview the moon. She is expected back the latter part of next week.

A GOOD SHOT.—The appended paragraph comes from California, March 1st: The Temperance ladies held another meeting in the Methodist Church yesterday afternoon, but no plan of action was decided upon. In the course of the discussion which the ladies held at this meeting, Mrs. W. Falk said her husband had informed her that there was a brand of whisky in the market called "Senator Whisky," named after Governor Booth, and sold by the house of which he was a member. She suggested that Governor and Senator-elect Booth would be as good a subject as could be selected upon which to initiate their temperance movement, and she hoped that feminine prayers might be peculiarly efficacious in that quarter.

Gen. Louis H. Wigfall is lecturing in Texas on the objects and value of the Southern Historical Society.

How the Porcupine Uses Its Quills.

A correspondent of Forest and Stream (New York) writes: To meet the constantly recurring question, "How does the porcupine throw its quills?" I send you an account of an occurrence in the Central Park Zoological collection. The director, Mr. Conklin, who has kindly furnished me these facts, had occasion to enter the large aviary, where, as a matter of present convenience, he had placed some specimens of the white-haired porcupine (Erethacus dorsatus). Here he also placed a young hare. The latter immediately sought cover in the corner of an open box. Mr. Conklin and his assistant "Mike" became at once solicitous, as a porcupine lay curled within the same enclosure. It is well known that the latter animal is as thick as a hare, and in this instance, true to its nature, the creature hugged the floor, presenting his back and tail, but securely concealing his head and feet. Both animals in a box of less than three feet length were ensconced closely each in its own manner, at opposite corners. Mike, who swears he "hadn't his eyes off 'em," says that "Porky" shot off a complete shower of quills at the hare; for," says he, "we picked out over a hundred from him." "True," says Mr. Conklin; "but the most singular circumstance is that the hare was literally covered by the quills; that is, they were plunged into the nose, ears, feet, body, and, too, on both sides." Nothing will convince Mike that the quills were not shot off like so many barbed javelins by some inherent propelling power. The porcupine, whose spines are not very conspicuous ordinarily, when aroused for defense, throws up the mask which conceals his battery, and by the long hairs of his back have been fitted from a shield-like patch, which is closely beset with short quills. The short tail also bears a large share of the weapons. These quills are very finely pointed and barbed; they are also set so loosely in the skin that the slightest plunge into the enemy suffices to fix them, where they remain not only to tease the victim, but to create a dangerous irritation. The habit of the creature when aroused will show how he discharges the quills. He crouches closely to conceal the vulnerable parts, and then, presenting the quills toward the enemy, unthinkingly strikes them in by quickly repeated sideblows from the tail. So rapidly does he thrust and recover his weapon, the action is not readily noticed; the effects are, however, most palpable. I think that naturalists have usually regarded this as the true explanation of the habit. We may add this as a fresh instance which may meet the eye of some one who is inclined to ask: "Does the porcupine shoot its quills?"

"ASKING PAPA" AD INFINITUM.

The following pretty good and very amusing thing is told through the newspapers: It is said that Sir Walter Campbell, who was lately in a mercantile firm in New York, wished to marry an American lady of good position in the Empire State. Upon his applying to the young lady's father, the parent stated that he always referred all those questions to his wife. The mother in her turn stated that she must refer it to the Duke of Argyle. The Duke pleaded that, considering his connection with royalty, he must consult his eldest son. The Marquis could do nothing without the Queen's consent. Her Majesty felt that the issue must be referred to the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, as head of the family. The Duke rejoined that, since the recent changes in Germany, he looked upon the Emperor William as his sovereign, and must look to his advice. The Emperor said he could do nothing without Prince Bismarck's opinion; and Prince Bismarck debated he had no opinion at all, one way or the other; and so the question—to marry or not to marry—was brought to a dead-lock.

A dispatch from New York, March 1st, gives the annexed:

The Herald to-day publishes the following interesting facts in reference to the subject of the relief now being grafted to the poor of New York, showing in part the destitution existing in this city: There are now in operation twelve soup houses, at which 13,000 persons were yesterday furnished with soup, 2,600 gallons of which are distributed daily at these establishments. The Herald publishes numerous instances where poor people who were almost in a starving condition have been relieved by the charitable societies with money, clothing, fuel and provisions. It is believed that the efforts made to relieve the destitute of New York have been the means of saving many lives.

The following is a dispatch from Providence, Rhode Island, March 4th: In the Legislature yesterday the Woman Suffrage presented a minority report, recommending the admission to the people of the following as an amendment to the Constitution: Men and women, lawfully and legally shall be subject to equal duties and disabilities.

A CALL.

To the Tax-Payers and Laboring Men of all Classes of Linn County.

WHEREAS, Through political leaders and rings, comprising both parties, the Agricultural, Mechanical and Laboring interests of Linn county have been criminally neglected and outrageously taxed, and the will of the people, through petition and otherwise expressed, shamefully disregarded, their treasury exhausted, and heavy obligations contracted, in open disregard of just economy and in direct violation of the constitution and law; therefore, be it

Resolved, That, as Farmers, Mechanics and Laboring Men, we cut ourselves loose from all party obligations in local affairs, and rally under a banner broad enough to embrace all who favor just laws and oppose extravagance, rings, combinations of monopolies, extravagance, and disregard of economy in County, State and Nation.

Therefore, as Farmers, Mechanics, and Laboring men of all classes, we call upon the Tax-payers of Linn county to meet in their respective precincts on SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1874, to elect delegates to attend a County Convention, to be held in Albany,

on Saturday, April 4, 1874, to select from the Tax-payers, irrespective of party, Candidates for all County Offices. Each precinct will be entitled to one delegate for every twenty-five votes. Also, to elect ELEVEN Delegates to attend an Independent State Convention, to be held at Salem, on Wednesday, April 15, 1874.

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