Information Which Will Enable the House wife to Tell the Genuine From the Doctored Article-A Little Joke at the Butcher's Expense-Bogus Spices.

The adulteration of articles of food is by no means an invention of modern times, but was practiced by our classical ancestors. During the middle ages the cunning baker mixed his flour with lime, sand and gypsum, and on discovery was thrown into a prison cell and compelled to eat the product of his entire bakery, which cured him of the fraudulent habit.

The most important article of food in every household is the meat. The meat which comes from healthy animals is distinguished by a pleasant odor and fresh color, from a delicate pink to a deep carmine, according to the animal from which it comes. It must be elastic to the touch. The dent which is caused by pressing a finger on it must disappear when the pressure is removed. The fatty substance of the meat is a good indicator of its quality. In healthy animals the fat is yellow and elastic and has a pleasant odor. The fat in the meat from sick animals is pale, gray and smeary and has an unpleasant

Sausage offers a wide field for adulteration of the most dangerous kind, and in the pamphlets which vegetarians send broadcast over the land from time to time they give prominence to an anecdote which is as terse as it is illustrative of the esteem in which they hold the sausage. "A man saved the life of a butcher by endangering his own. The poor butcher, overcome with gratitude, cried out in a moment of self forgetfulness, 'Never in your life again,

my friend, eat sausage.' The adulterations in this line are manifold. To produce the fresh red color, so alluring in sausage, fuchsine is mixed with the ingredients instead of blood. It is a very common practice to put flour in sausage, and while a little of it is harmless, it nevertheless leads to early fermentation of the article in question. The buyer, however, is very much imposed upon when flour is added in large quantities, for it enables the sausage makers to add from 60 to 70 per cent of water, which is tant price for the use of money was paid for at the rate of meat. France such that the merchant determined nevhas lately put a stop to this fraud by er to borrow at such ruinous rates, and limiting the addition of flour to 3 per

Fish are adulterated in the same way by rubbing their gills with aniline, which gives them the appearance of freshness. The aniline is easily washed off and the fraud detected. In fresh fish the eyes are full and protruding, while in old fish they are opaque, dull and sunken. The best way to recognize an old fish is to watch the gills, which emit an odor of decay if the fish

Crawfish or crabs should always be bought alive. Crabs that are sold already cooked have usually been boiled after they were dead, and soon decay, generating a very dangerous poison. A crawfish that has been boiled alive will show a curled and twisted tail, while, on the other hand, one that was cooked after death has the tail perfectly

The best way to tell butter from oleomargarine is to put a piece of it on a hot potato which has been boiled in the jacket and freshly peeled. The taste of butter is more pronounced when eaten in this way than any other, and the fraud is detected. It is also the safest way to discover the age of dairy or creamery butter.

Lard is frequently adulterated with water to increase its weight, and mixed with cornstarch, salt, chalk, etc., to bind the water to the fat. This may be discovered by carefully melting the lard and setting it aside in a lukewarm place. The fat not only separates from the water, but collects at the bottom of the dish with all the other foreign ingredients.

To tell good eggs from bad ones it is only necessary to put them in a dish filled with water containing from 5 to 10 per cent of salt. Fresh eggs drop to the bottom, old ones swim on the surface, and those of medium quality sink half way down.

All spices suffer more or less adulteration, but most of all those which are sold in a pulverized state. Ground pepper is mixed with paprica, millet, bread, powdered olives, almond meal, dust, sand, gypsum. sawdust, spar, and almost the same ingredients are used for the adulteration of cinnamon. Pulverized ginger fares no better and is mixed with potato flour, wheat and cayenne peoper, while the sweet scented anise seed comes in for a share of earth, sand and little brown and black stones. Housekeepers will always be more or less cheated in buying powdered spices, which should be bought in their natural state and ground at home. The vanilla bean before the invention of the aritficial vanilline was deprived of its natural aroma and basted with

balm of Pern Coffee is adulterated in all forms and in every possible way. Machines have made from acorn flour and gum arabic, and a foot 15% inches from toe to heel. and these are mixed with the real coffee, and even the real beans are covered with poisonous chemicals if they twenty thousand families, with an avhave been damaged by sea water in erage income of \$968, pay 90 per cent transportation or the influence of the sun of the taxes in the United States. or time. Ground or roasted coffee offers the best opportunities, however, for

and deception cannot hold a candle to given to a debtor on Sunday. the Chinese, who are masters in the art of the adulteration of tea, which they dye, mix and prepare from leaves that aluminium to glass was Bradford M have but a bare resemblance to the real Gregor, a mechanical expert of Cincitea plant.-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Buffalo Express says, "Pack my box with four dozen liquor jugs" is the letter of the alphabet. Says the Rochester Post-Express, "Where's the letter

v in that sentence?" plied, "Probably they went to the man who sold the jugs."

None seems to have seen that it was -Journal of Education.

THE DEATH OF MARLBOROUGH.

The sun shines on the chamber wall, The sun shines through the tree; Now, though unshaken by the wind, The leaves fall ceaselessly: The bells from Woodstock's steeple Shake Blenheim's fading bough. "This day you won Malplaquet' "Aye, something then, but now!"

They lead the old man to a chair, Vandering pale and weak; His thin lips move; so faint the sound You scarce can hear him speak. They lift a picture from the wall, Bold eyes and swelling brow. "Aye, something then, but now!"

They reach him down a rusty sword In faded velvet sheath; The old man drops the heavy blade And mutters 'tween his teeth. There's sorrow in his fading eye And pain upon his brow.
"With this you won Malplaquet"—
"Aye, something then, but now!"

Another year; a stream of lights Flows down the avenue; A mile of mourners, sable clad, Walk weeping two by two; The steward looks into the grave With sad and downcast brow. "This day he won Malplaquet"-

"Aye, something then, but now!" -Walter Thornbury in New York Ledger. Peter Cooper on Interest.

Peter Cooper was always a careful

and prudent business man. He was always opposed to the methods of many merchants, who launched out in extravagant enterprises on borrowed money. for which they paid exorbitant rates of interest. Once while talking about a project with an acquaintance the latter said he would have to borrow the money for six months, paying interest at the rate of 3 per cent. "Why do you borrow for so short a time?" Mr. Cooper asked. "Because the brokers will not negotiate bills for longer." "Well, if you wish," said Mr. Cooper, "I will discount your note at that rate for three years." "Are you in earnest?" asked the would be borrower. "Certainly I am. 1 will discount your note for \$10, 000 for three years at that rate. Will you do it?" "Of course I will," said the merchant. "Very well, " said Mr. Cooper, "just sign this note for \$10,-000, payable in three years, and give me your check for \$800, and the transaction is complete." "But where is the money for me?" asked the astonished merchant. "You don't get any money," was the reply. "Your interest for 36 months at 3 per cent per month amounts to 108 per cent, or \$10,800. Therefore your check for \$800 just makes us even. The force of this practical illustration of the folly of paying such an exorbihe frequently used to say that nothing could have so fully convinced him as this rather humorous proposal by Mr. Cooper.-New York Post,

An Evening With Andrew Lang. The spelling of the name of Miss Agnes Repplier and her singular felicity in epigram and phrase inevitably suggest her familiar name in Philadelphia, where she lives. This is the "replier." Her dinner conversation in this respect is celebrated among her friends. Miss Repparticular shrine, that of Andrew Lang. Last summer Miss Repplier was in England and had the anticipated good fortune to be asked to meet Andrew Lang at dinner. It would not have been human for Miss Repplier not to have made a mental toilet as she adorned her body to meet Mr. Lang. But a dinner, we are told, in England is a serious matter. Course after course passed unseasoned by joke, unspiced by epigram and without the grace of felicitous allusion. It at length came to an end. Nor did the conversation have any future. The great Andrew sat down on the floor and played for the rest of the evening with a kitten. -New York Sun.

Flagpoles,

With proper care a flagpole ought to last a great many years in spite of the incessant exposure to the elements. Of course the best preservative of word is paint, and a man who has a flagstaff which has cost him a good sum of money should see that it is painted at least once every 12 months. Flagpoles generally rot at the bottom first, and then have to be taken down to prevent them from falling of their own weight. The usual length of a pole on top of a high building is from 50 to 75 feet. It is not difficult to get a pole in one piece 50 feet long, but when a man wants to add 25 feet to that he has to do it by means of splicing .- Boston Herald,

Graduated From Heidelberg. The daughter of the late Professor Windscheid, the famous German authority on Roman law, has been graduated from the University of Heidelberg with the degree of Ph. D. Fraulein Windscheid is the first woman to be admitted to the old seat of learning with the privilege of taking her degree. She passed a brilliant examination. The university, it is said, will probably soon be opened to women. - Exchange.

J. Hippisley says that he has looked upon the whole range of the Swiss Alps while removed from them by a distance of 200 miles, and Sir W. Jones affirms that the Himalayas appeared to his view from a distance of 224 miles.

The "Cardiff Giant," the famous stone man hoax of 20 years ago, was 10 been invented and large factories erect-feet 2½ inches in length; had a nose ed, where artificial coffee beans are 6 inches long, a mouth 4 inches wide

Eleven million six hundred and

According to a decree rendered by the British courts of law, payment can-But all these perpetrators of fraud not legally be enforced for any order

The first man to succeed in welding

The Last "Lion Sermon." The last annual "lion sermon" has been preached in the city, and the legshortest sentence which contains every acy, left for the purpose 21/2 centuries ago, will in future be devoted to other uses. Sir Richard Guyer, who subse. quently became lord mayor, so the story To which the Rochester Herald re- runs, while traveling in Arabia was attacked by a lion. He fell upon his months he has not met any one who has knees and vowed to devote his life to understood his language, and he cannot charity if spared from the lion's jaws, speak English. His hands and feet probably originally "five dozen," etc. The lion thereupon walked quietly are frozen. He is being taken care of away. - London Tit-Bits.

THE ANGLER FISH.

It Secures Its Prey Like an Artist, With Regular Strategy. There is a fish that secures its prey like an artist, with regular strategy, and, strange to relate, nature has fur-

nished it with a full equipment for the purpose, rod, line and bait. The angler, as it is called, is by no means a beauty. It is about a yard long and has a huge, toadlike head, an enormons, gaping mouth and a formidable array of teeth. The first dorsal, or back fin. is almost wholly wanting, its place being occupied by two or three long, slender, movable spines which are fastened to the body by means of joints. One is attached by a hinge, which permits of only backward and forward mo-

The first spine is connected by a regular ring and staple and admits of movement in all directions, as it is pulled this way or that by the muscles. This is the angler's pole, which continues into a fine filament or line, and at the end there is a loose, shining slip of membrane, which plays the part of a

The angler fish is a slow swimmer, and it would have but little success if it had chase the swift, active fishes upon which it feeds, so it snares them. Partially hiding itself in the mud or sand, it waves its long filaments with their glittering tips. As is well known, fishes are attracted by glistening objects moved about in the water. The neighboring fishes, following the instincts of their inquisitive nature, come to examine the curious object, and suddenly they find themselves snapped up in the wide jaws of their hidden foe.

The angler is a very voracious creature, and on several occasions it has been known to seize a fish that had been hooked and was being drawn to the surface. In one such case the angler seized a codfish and would not loosen its grip until it was struck on the head with a boathook. On another occasion the fish fell a victim to its own gluttony, for having dashed at a conger eel that had just been hooked, and having taken it into its mouth, the eel contrived to escape through one of the gill apertures, and thus it was the unconscious means of involving its captor in

Even the cork floats on lines and nets have been swallowed by the greedy fish, and when taken in a net it devonrs its fellow prisoners with perfect unconcern.-Mary M. Friend in Philadelphia Times.

A Slag Steam Generator. A slag steam generator, for utilizing the waste heat contained in the furnace slag for the production of steam for motive power purposes, has been designed by an Australian inventor. The machine consists of a steel shell in the form of a strong egg ended receiver. having flattened faces on the top and bottom, and through these flat portions a number of Galloway tubes arranged in two rows and tapered from 5 inches at the top to 10 inches at the bottom are passed, secured to the shell by flanges. The lower or larger end of each tube is closed by means of a cast iron door manipulated by means of a convenient lever, and the upper end of each tube is provided with a funnel for conveving the slag into the tubes, a pair of iron rails also passing across the upper face of the boiler and all the funnels thus serving as a track for the slag pots. At each end of the boiler a bin is provided, into which the skin of the slag is dumped, which always sets on the cast iron pots from which it is poured, and this redhot material lying against the ends of the boiler plates

Asafetida Seasoning.

At a lecture in New York a popular cookery teacher hesitated perceptibly while dictating the recipe for her delicious lobster Columbus.

serves to conserve the heat .- New York

"I know I may expect a groan from the bottom of all your hearts, but really the dish will be twice as fine if you will only have the courage to add a penknife's point of powdered asafetida. It smells horribly, I know, but there is nothing that gives such a flavor to made

"Do you ever use it on beefsteak,"

asked a pupil. "Indeed I do! And isn't it delicious! I never dare to put it into my books, but when I find an audience that can appreciate it I always give them the benefit of my experience. You will find asafetida in my recipe for catsup, for women are used to putting little messes into catsup and pickles that they would never think of putting into anything-directly for the table. I always give those other recipes privately to those who ask for them."—Boston Globe.

An Intelligent Bird.

A species of woodpecker inhabits the driest parts of Mexico, where during the droughts it must die of starvation unless it made a store. To prevent this it selects the hollow stem of a species of aloe, the bore of which is just large enough to hold a nut. The woodpecker drills holes at interval in the stem, and fills it from bottom to top with the nuts, the separate holes being apparently made for convenience of access to the column of nuts within.

The intelligence which not only constructs a special storehouse, but teaches the woodpecker to lay by only the nuts, which will keep, and not the insects, which would decay, is perhaps the highest form of bird reasoning which has yet been observed .- London Spectator.

He Married Her.

He (after the honeymoon)-Why did you use to talk so much about being afraid that some one would marry you for money?

She (a smart woman)-Because if any one did marry me for money, it would be such a terrible mistake, you know, because I haven't any. He-Oh-um-yes, yes, of course.-

New York Weekly.

A Long Tramp. Boneta Rosalis, a Mexican, has arrived here, having walked all the way from Vera Cruz. He traveled up the coast to British Columbia and then followed the Canadian Pacific railroad to Manitoba, where he struck north into the woods. During the past sixth in jail.-Winnipeg Special.

FLEET FOOTED ZEBRAS.

Their Dash of Speed When Alarmed by the Whiz of a Rifle Ball. The rapidity with which the different zebras have been exterminated, owing to the advance of civilization in South Africa, is shown by reference to such works as that of Sir Cornwallis Harris. written in 1840, in which the author tells us that the quagga was at the time found in "interminable herds," bands of many hundreds being frequently seen, while he describes Burchell's zebra as congregating in herds of 80 or 100, and abounding to a great extent, but now, after the expiration of but 50 years, the one species is extinct or practically so, while the other has been driven much farther afield and its numbers are yearly being reduced.

This author's description of the common zebra is well worth repeating. He says: "Seeking the wildest and most sequestered spots, haughty troops are exceedingly difficult to approach, as well on account of their extreme agility and fleetness of foot as from the abrupt and inaccessible nature of their highland abode. Under the special charge of a sentinel, so posted on some adjacent crag as to command a view of every avenue of approach, the checkered herd whom 'painted skins adorn' is to be viewed perambulating some rocky ledge, on which the rifle ball alone can reach them. No sooner has the note of alarm been sounded by the vedette, than, pricking their long ears, the whole flock hurry forward to ascertain the nature of the approaching danger, and having gazed a moment at the advancing hunter, whisking their brindled tails aloft, helter skelter away they thunder, down craggy precipices and over yawning ravines, where no less agile foot could dare to follow them."

Of Burchell's zebra he says, "Fierce, strong, fleet and surpassingly beautiful, there is perhaps no quadruped in the creation, not even excepting the mountain zebra, more splendidly attired or presenting a picture of more singularly attractive beauty." Zebras are by no means amiable animals, and though many of the stories told of their ferocity are doubtless much exaggerated they have so far not proved themselves amenable to domestication.—Saturday Review.

Dumb Luck.

I saw a case of luck awhile ago that nearly made me crazy. I was in a poolroom down in Baltimore, and I was playing close to the cushion. Nothing came my way, and I had but a few dollars between me and the touching of some friend for a stake. I saw a little fellow come in there with a \$2 bill and get out with \$1,402 in cash. I wasn't next, and I didn't get a cent of it. After it was all over he told us his system, and it almost made me daffy to think that any such fool scheme would go through.

"There were five races that afternoon, and he played them all. He parleyed his money, and \$1,402 is what he pulled out. If he'd had a good sized roll when he started, he'd have broken the room sure, and every other room in the city. And what do you think his system was? You couldn't guess in a thousand years. He placed the seventh horse in every race. He started at the top and counted down to the seventh. and she won. Then in the next race there were but four horses, and he counted one, two, three, four and then started at the top again and counted five, six, seven. He played that horse and won. That was his scheme. His pick won every race. And what do you think made him do it? His girl told him to. Luck? Why, some people have it to burn, and he was one of that kind. Not again in 67,000,000 years would that scheme work. I tried it for a week, and I know."—Buffalo Express.

Court Martial Witnesses.

All court martial witnesses who are Protestants are sworn by laying their right hand, ungloved, on the Bible, closed or open, while the oath is recited. Kissing the book is frequently required in addition to the laying on of the hand. Raising the right hand and keeping it raised during the recital of the oath is also a form adopted by a number. There are many who prefer to affirm rather than to swear, and those are accommodated by saying: "You do solemnly affirm," instead of "solemnly swear," the right hand being raised or placed on the Bible as before. Form erly it was required to place the right hand on the open Evangelists.

In swearing Roman Catholics, the Bible is closed and has marked on the outer cover a cross, generally cut out of white paper and pasted on. Sometimes a crucifix is placed upon it, which the witness, after the oath is recited, kisses when there is any suspicion in the mind of the president of the court martial, or in that of any of its members. The witness, if a Roman Catholic, after kissing the cross, is frequently directed to cross himself.—New York Times.

The Lamp Rock of Asia. On the shores of Lake Rangkul, in the Cashgar mountains, in central Asia, stands the famous Lamp Rock of Asia, which is so called from a cave in its side from which a constant stream of pale, greenish light is emitted. Ney Elias, the English adventurer, who passed it in 1885, thinks it possible that the light is due to some phosphorescent mineral in the sides of the cavern near its opening. The natives of that section have never attempted to investigate the matter, each seeming content with the story told by his father, which is this: The cave is the dwelling place of a demon, who guards vast treasures stored there, and the light is from a diamond worn in a band around his forehead." Elias' explanation of the mystery is probably the true one .- St. Louis Re-

Helping Her Out. Mr. Wayback-Great Scott! What you got the hired man plowin up the

front yard for? Mrs. Wayback-Our darter says that the first pictur' she takes with her new camera will be the house, and her book of instruction says she must break up the foreground, but of course she can't do that herself.-Lowell Times.

o close when it's time for sister's com

any to go home.-Good News.

Modern Conveniences. Little Dick-I could lift our front shutters off the hinges myself. What good is they anyhow? Little Dot-Oh, they is just for pape

This is not a very remarkable story, stitions which still live, and who asked him if he believed there was anything

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THREE OLD DEATH SIGNS.

A Case Where Their Application Furnishe

Food For the Superstitious. Do you believe in the superstitions connected with the house of death? The contributor confesses that he has always been skeptical about them, but here are three old signs which prophesied death in a Waterbury home, which are almost remarkable in their coincidence, if not in supernatural signifi-

A group of people were sitting in a pleasant room one evening in one of the suburbs of Waterbury, where neighborly intercourse is often freer than in the city itself. There was a knock at the door, and another neighbor came in on an errand. Another knock and another neighbor, and then a third. Then some one remarked: "Three knocks and three callers. The next will come in without knocking, and death will come in after him." The next incomer opened the door without a knock, and it was a neighbor's boy, as strong and healthy a lad as one is likely to see anywhere. And death was behind him, though they did not see him nor think much of

what had been said. This boy's mother has always been disturbed by an extraordinary anxiety and restlessnes at the approach of death to any of her relatives. It has happened several times that she has been pursued, as it seemed, through the house from garret to cellar and through all the rooms, by an incorporeal something which she tried to escape. No one this intangible fear and began her per-

could stop her or quiet her for a long time. A day or two after the mysterious fourth call at the neighbor's door, this mother, who had heard nothing about that incident, was seized with plexed wanderings through the house. In and out, up and down, she walked, with a frightened air, trying to escape -what? She did not know, but they agreed that death was pursuing some member of the family. One day not long after, the boy who was the fourth caller and whose mother

had had this premonition was sick. Not very, but a little. His father was sent for in the city to come home. He was detained and walked home in the early evening. A strange cat followed him home, crossing his track and winding its way in and out of his along the road. At home was another strange cat which had followed a sister home. They were stopped at the door and soon were joined by two more. The four stood there on guard all night and all next day with a dreadful nationce and persistence, craving admittance with signs of horrid appetite, dodging into the house whenever the door was opened, and kept at a distance only by great difficulty. They might have been stoned or shot, but that is not the way the old superstition reads. The boy inside grew worse and died the next day. but it made a good deal of an impres sion on the contributor as it was told to him by a member of the family who knew that those things had happened in just this way, that they were old super-

in it.-Waterbury (Conn.) Republican Another Wisconsin Diamond. Recently a young son of Charles Devine, who resides on a farm 21/2 miles southwest of the village of Oregon, Dane county, Wis., found a brilliant little stone in a pebbly clay bank and carried it home as a curiosity. The father submitted it to William H. Hobbs, professor of mineralogy and metallurgy in the University of Wisconsin, and he'said that it was a genuine diamond. It measures three-eighths of an inch in diameter, weighs four carats, and is a rhombic dodecahedron. with its 12 faces slightly rounded, one of the signs of a good stone. It was in the glacial drift and came of course from the north, where geologists have long insisted conditions exist favorable to diamond discoveries. This specimen is of good color and is worth perhaps

This find recalls the big diamond found at Waukesha in 1884, which sold for \$1,000, and about which extensive litigation occurred. Both finds are in the same drift. The Oregon diamond bed is among the Sugar river pearl fisheries of southern Dane county .- Milwaukee Sentinel.

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