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**HOW TO COOK CARROTS.**  
Humble Vegetable Can Be Made Into Appetizing Dishes.  
The humble carrot has an especially good effect on the system at this time, and despite its strong taste it may be made into the most delicate dishes.  
Winter carrots are slightly boiled in three different waters to remove this rankness, but the new spring sort is dainty enough to require one water only. Spring carrots, which begin to appear in March, are delicious when boiled plainly and served with maitre d'hotel—clarified butter sauce. A dust of finely chopped fresh parsley on top gives them a new piquancy to those who tire of the carrot taste.  
Carrots served with cream are first boiled in plain water and then drained and warmed anew in the sauce that has been preparing. To make this sauce dilute a little of the boil water with two-thirds cream and thicken slightly with cornstarch; season with black pepper and salt and add a tablespoonful of butter.  
Carrot fritters are made with the cold boiled vegetable mashed up and mixed with breadcrumbs and egg; enough cream to make a thickish batter is used and the fritters are fried in oil. Oyster plant and parsnips are also delicious when served in fritter form, the various ingredients used giving the vegetables a most delicate taste.

**How to Roll Umbrella.**  
A badly rolled up umbrella, besides looking unsightly, does not wear half as long as it ought to. The process of rolling an umbrella up neatly is simple. The majority of people hold it by the handle and keep twisting the stick with one hand, while with the other they twist and roll the silk. Instead of this they should take hold of the umbrella just above the ribs of the cover. These points naturally lie evenly with the stick. They should be kept hold of and pressed tightly against the stick and then the cover should be rolled up. Holding the ribs thus prevents them from getting twisted out of place or bending out of shape, and the silk is bound to follow evenly and roll smooth and tight. If an umbrella is rolled in this fashion until it is old enough to look rusty it will look as if newly bought.

**How to Launder Black Clothes.**  
First, black clothes must never be washed in water that has been used for either washing or rinsing white things, as there is always fine lint in this water which sticks to the black, and no amount of after rinsing will get it off. Wash in hot, clean soapuds and rinse in the ordinary way. To starch, take a cupful of white cornmeal, place in a frying pan and set next the fire in the range. Burn this until it is a black, sticky mass, stirring it steadily. When all is black, pour in boiling water, stirring all the while. Then strain and you have a splendid starch. Iron on the wrong side, and your shirt waists will be beautifully fresh and sweet.

**How to Make Cleaning Compound.**  
Mix one ounce of borax and one ounce gum camphor with one quart boiling water. When cool add one pint of alcohol. Bottle and cork tightly. When wanted for use shake well and sponge the garments to be cleaned. This is an excellent mixture for cleaning soiled black cashmere and woolen dresses, coat collars and black felt hats.

**How to Amuse the Baby.**  
Put the youngster on a thick rug or blanket on the floor, dip his wee fingers in molasses and give him a feather taken from a pillow. He will sit contented and satisfied for hours trying to get the feather off his fingers. When one feather gets too sticky, substitute a fresh one and be rewarded by a smile of approval from his lordship.

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**REFERENDUM AND RECALL**  
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Agnes Winston was a very gentle person with no natural aptitude for leadership in those political movements which concern the woman of the present day. But she fell under the influence of Mrs. Montgomery Stone, who was greatly interested in the matter of obtaining votes for women, and that lady made a vigorous effort to infuse some of her own enthusiasm on the subject into Miss Winston. The process was like molding a statue of a soft material which would not harden. To describe Miss Winston in woman's parlance as a votes for woman advocate, she wouldn't "jell."

However, after her first interview with the stronger woman she considered herself converted to the cause and, being engaged to be married, believed it fitting that she should announce her conversion to her lover. She sent for him and said:  
"Harry, I deem it proper to announce to you that I am taking great interest in a matter of which I don't know that you approve. Since I expect to assume a position in the working out of a new idea—  
"Whose idea?"  
"Why, it's one of those ideas that don't belong to any particular person; it's for everybody—I mean for every woman."  
"Where did you get it?"  
"I don't see that that has anything to do with the matter. It is sufficient for me to tell you that I have joined the votes for women movement."  
"Oh, that's all right. I'm in favor of that too. I'll give you my vote right away. There are so many puzzling questions in our country's political status that my brain is in a whirl all the time trying to find out which way to vote upon them. I'd like mighty well to turn my duties as a citizen over to you."  
"Why, it's all very simple, isn't it?"  
"Simple! Not to me. There's the tariff, and the trusts, and the referendum, and the recall, and a lot of other things. It takes all my time to keep up even with what they mean."  
Agnes, who had heard Mrs. Stone rattle over these things as a cat would run over piano keys, said confidently:  
"Oh, I know what all these things mean."  
"What's the referendum?"  
"Why, when the governor of a state, for instance, doesn't exactly know what to do in a certain case he refers the matter to the people. He submits it at an election."  
"What's the recall?"  
"Why, when a judge doesn't decide a question right they take away his judgeship."  
"Splendid! I see that you have easily discovered the purport of these two novelties, over which I have been puzzling my poor brain ever since they were born. I can't make out whether a trust is an economic development or an assumption of monopolists treading on the people's rights. I have no idea whether we have too many voters already or too few. There are so many candidates for me to investigate before our election that I haven't the time for the work. I shall have to do our providing when married, and I think it will be better to turn my political duties over to you."  
"You couldn't, stupid. It's against the law for women to go to the polls to vote."  
"But you can tell me how to vote, and I'll go to the polls and vote as you say. Wouldn't that be the same thing?"  
"I suppose so in our case, but every woman couldn't do that with her fiance or her husband."  
"She might with her fiance."  
"That's it. When she's married her husband will wish to vote as he likes."  
"Well, suppose that he wishes to vote one way and the wife the other. In that case what's the use of either of them voting? The one is a stand off against the other."  
"I never thought of that."  
"In other words, they 'pair' as they do in legislative bodies when two members on opposite sides wish to be absent at the coming up of an important measure."  
"I think we'll pair," she said softly, feeling for her lover's hand.  
"And if a case of referendum comes up in our family I'll refer it to you."  
"That will be very nice."  
"As to the recall—But there's no recall in marriage, is there?"  
"Only divorce, and that's awful!"  
The dialogue was interrupted at this point by kisses and was never renewed till after their marriage. Then one day when the couple differed on some domestic subject the wife said:  
"What did you say, denier, when we were engaged, about matters of this kind occurring between us?"  
"I don't remember."  
"I do. You said, 'If a case of referendum comes up between us I'll refer it to you.'"  
"Did I say that?"  
"Yes; you did."  
"What did I say about the recall?"  
"The recall? I don't exactly remember that. Wasn't it something about a judge not deciding right and being taken off the bench?"  
"Yes. When we were engaged I told you that I would abide in all things by your decision, but now that we are married I find that you do not in all cases decide right. In this instance you are all wrong, and I feel it necessary to exercise the prerogative of recall."  
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