



In every receipt that calls for cream of tartar and soda or other quick leavening agent use Royal Baking Powder. It will make the food of finer flavor, more digestible and wholesome.

**Trying to Buy Liner.**

New York, April 18.—Despite official denial the World's Hamburg correspondent asserts that negotiations are under way for the purchase of the great liner Deutschland, by the Russian government. The vessel, which is lying in at Krantsand, on the lower Elb, has been visited by a committee of Russian gentlemen, the correspondent adds, and examined particularly as to her engines and coal capacity.

**Would Poison Children.**

New York, April 18.—James Grubb, janitor of an apartment house in Amerstam avenue, is under arrest charged, on the word of his 14-year-old daughter, with hav-

ing attempted to poison his six children of whom she is the oldest. The daughter alleges that she saw Grubb put poison into the coffee, but she prevented him from giving it to the children.

**Not Tired of Marrying.**

New York, April 18.—In the presence of his son, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren, James Vanocourt, a rich resident of Mount Vernon, in his 86th year, and three times a widower, was married to Mrs. Louisa Pines, 40 years old. The wedding was solemnized at the home of his son, who is 57 years old and, like his father, has been married four times.

**A Gardening Bird.**

There is only one creature that we know of besides mankind which shows its appreciation of flowers and green foliage by adorning its home with them, and that is the "gardener bird" of New Guinea (Amblyornis inornatus), a member of the family of bower birds which are peculiar to the Guinea. Some naturalists place these bower birds among the birds of paradise. The first account of this singular appreciation of floral beauty by birds was given by Signor Beccari, who says that they build a hut about two feet in height, with a central support of a small tree growing in a glade or clearing in the dense forests. The roof, which slopes to the ground, is composed of the stems of the orchids placed in a radiating fashion. In the interior, access to which is by an angular opening, the central support is covered with moss in the form of a cone, so that a circular promenade is made between it and the sloping roof. But the extraordinary effort of this bird is evidenced outside this playhouse, for in front of it is laid out, with infinite care truly, a garden. Fresh moss is brought by the diligent occupants, and a verdant carpet, extending about six feet, is first prepared, on which are laid blossoms and berries of every variety in profusion to delight the eyes. As these wither or become unsightly they are removed and laid in a heap at the back of the hut, presumably out of sight of these ultrarefined little birds, and upon the mossy lawn are placed continually fresh blooms. As far as is known each of these habitations is occupied only by one pair of birds, and it is not certain whether the tasteful decorations are arranged by the male only; it would be pleasant to think that it was so—that all this refined effort was made but to show his devotion and to make some little reparation for his lack of beauty and dingy appearance.—Westminster Gazette.

**Water From Cactus.**

F. V. Coville, in the National Geographical Magazine for April (Washington, D. C.), gives an interesting account of how the Indians of the desert obtain drinking water from the barrel cactus. It was among the desert hills west of Torres, Mexico. The Indian cut the top from the plant about five feet high and with a blunt stake of palo verde pounded to a pulp the upper six or eight inches of white

lesh in the standing trunk. From this handful by handful, he squeezed the water into the bowl he had made in the top of the trunk, throwing the discarded pulp on the ground. By this process he secured two or three quarts of clear water, slightly salty and slightly bitter to the taste, but far better in quality than some of the water a desert traveler is occasionally compelled to use. The Papago, dipping this water up in his hands, drank it with evident pleasure, and said that his people were accustomed, not only to secure their drinking water in this way in times of excessive drought, but that they used it also to mix their meal preparatory to cooking it into bread.

**Advertised Letters.**

List of letters remaining unclaimed for 30 days at Astoria post office April 18, 1904.

- Batson, Wm. Mr.
- Blarr, Floyd Mr.
- Burrows, C. A. Mr.
- Buttler, Phil Mr.
- Canarea, Al Esq.
- Columbia River Door Co.
- Davidson John.
- Davis E. W.
- Dukehart J E Mr.
- Dwlin W G.
- Eodd Wm. Mr.
- Fredrickson Isaac M.
- Gan John Mr.
- Hamilton Frankie Miss
- Hillebrand Jacob Mr.
- Hubhard J. H. J.
- Inman J. T. Dr. J.
- Jansan Apusta Mrs.
- Larsen Annie.
- Lentherly Wm. Mr.
- Lofken C. Mr.
- Mahan Ed J.
- Marble Dealer Mr.
- Mean Lillian, Mrs.
- Olsson, Charles Mr.
- Olsson Olof.
- Olson Charles Mr.
- Pacific Cannery Co.
- Patch E. J. Mr.
- Pay H. R. Mrs.
- Renaldo G. Mr.
- Right E. D. Mr.
- Satterlund Osear.
- Sorensen Josephine Miss.
- Stewart Fannie Mrs.
- Stoddard T. A. Mr.
- Toientine G. Esq.
- Wiggin Mr.
- Wilson John J.

**Foreign Letters.**

- Ballen C. Mr.
- Satterlund Erik Mr.

**Persuasion.**

It deeply grieved Seno E. Payne, the republican floor leader, when Mr. Maddox of Georgia raised the point of no quorum last Saturday and thus threatened to prevent the house from passing a lot of bills. With a heavy sigh Mr. Payne arose, steered his portly form across to the democratic side and looked down on Mr. Maddox with a pained look.

"Maddox," said Payne in a seductive tone, "why do you ball things up this way just as we are getting along so nicely? You have some secret reason, Maddox. Tell me what it is."

"Mr. Payne," began Maddox with dignity.

"Confidentially," said Mr. Payne in a wheedling voice. "I won't breathe it to a soul."

"As I was about to say, Mr. Payne," resumed Mr. Maddox.

"Just among us girls," pleaded Mr. Payne.

The grizzled, lean bald-headed old confederate looked up at the large form and white head above him and gasped a couple of times. Then he arose.

**THE FAIR ROUTE.**

via Chicago or New Orleans to St. Louis, is one that gives you the most for your money, and the fact that the ILLINOIS CENTRAL offers unsurpassed service via these points to the WORLD'S FAIR, and in this connection to all points beyond, makes it to your advantage, in case you contemplate a trip to any point east, to write us before making final arrangements. We can offer the choice of at least a dozen different routes.

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**A THOUGHTFUL MAN.**

M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., knew what to do in the hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble, physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 25c at Charles Rogers' drug store.

"Mr. Speaker," said Mr. Maddox, "I withdraw the point."—Omaha Bee.

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, March 25th, 1904.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and discounts.....	\$358,887 41
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	4,349 01
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	12,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc.....	72,700 00
Other real estate owned.....	8,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	2,595 87
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	84,264 61
Due from approved reserve agents.....	119,139 66
Checks and other cash items.....	297 87
Notes of other National Banks.....	390 00
Nickles and Cents.....	168 74
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie.....	\$121,000 00
Legal tender notes.....	120 00 121,120 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury (8 per cent of Circulation).....	625 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$784,763 01</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund.....	60,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	19,848 77
National Bank notes outstanding.....	12,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	\$511,399 23
Demand certificates of deposit.....	141,042 94
Certified checks.....	57 00 652,399 24
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$784,763 01</b>

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. GORDON, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2d day of April, 1904.

V. BOELLING,  
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
G. C. FLAVEL,  
W. F. MCGREGOR,  
W. M. LADD,  
Directors.

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