

GOOD OLD ARMY BEANS.

As Prepared by the Expert Military "Chef," They Are a Most Palatable Food.

"Beans are the soldiers' mainstay," says Thomas P. Dillon, a retired United States cavalry officer, according to the Philadelphia Record. "The American soldier, at a pinch, can equal the performance of an Arab on a handful of dried dates—he can ride and fight all day on a mere handful of beans, properly prepared. There is nothing to equal the army baked bean. Your celebrated 'Boston baked' are but a poor imitation of the succulent article turned out by a regular army cook. There's an art in cooking them that nobody but an army man can ever acquire. I've been on service when for a week at a time our menu consisted of beans for breakfast, beans for dinner and beans for supper; and did the troopers tire of the monotony? Not a bit of it. They sang for more, and in spite of hard work and lack of variety at mess the fellows actually got fat. That demonstrated to me the nutritive quality of beans, and I made it a point to get into the good graces of the cook and learn how to bake them. It isn't such an elaborate process, but there's a trick in doing it right. My friends are all fond of beans the way I cook them, and many a time I've been asked for the recipe, but that's a thing I don't give away to everyone. You see, people enjoy a dish all the better when they know it's something that not everybody can get up. It might take some of the zest away if they could say of my beans: 'I know how to make them.'"

KNOWLEDGE WAS POWER.

How Familiarity with the Chinese Language Made a Woman a Countess.

One of the unmarried women in diplomatic circles at Washington is Countess Marguerite Cassini, the accomplished niece of the Russian ambassador, who is a countess in her own right, not by heredity, but by special grace of the czar, and a curious story is told of the manner in which she won her title. It was when Count Cassini had his fateful conference with Li Hong Chang at Peking, long before the Boxer trouble. The count's interpreter was away, for Li's call was unexpected, and as the Chinese statesman could not speak Russian and the Russian diplomat did not understand Chinese the conference came to a deadlock. The count's niece, who had picked up something of the language, stepped into the breach and the affair was arranged to the satisfaction of both parties. The Chinese empress loaded her with presents, the czar's government made a note of the service performed, and when there was a question a couple of years ago of the young lady's precedence at Washington, where the count was then ambassador, the czar himself counfounded her rivals by making her a countess. This was something like rapid promotion for the lady.

CHINESE ARMY ROLLS.

They Include with the Soldiers, Their Horses and Every Article of Equipment.

Now that China has Russia for a near neighbor, it remains to be seen how successfully, or otherwise, the middle kingdom will continue to practice its favorite game of bluff. How it has reinforced its army is shown by the Swedish explorer, Herdin, says Youth's Companion.

The Chinese have a most extraordinary way of enumerating troops. They are not content with counting the soldiers only, but reckon in also their horses, rifles, shoes, breeches and so forth, so that the resultant total is a long way above what it ought to be.

They apparently go on the supposition that the rifle is at least as valuable as the man, and by an analogous train of reasoning they argue that a man is of little use if he has to travel on foot, that he cannot go about naked, and so on. Hence they count the whole kit, horse, rifle, breeches and all.

By this peculiar process of arithmetic they fancy they deceive the Russians into believing their garrisons much stronger than they are.

Giant Graves at Bosau.

Die Berliner Post publishes the following paragraph: "The cairns, or giant graves, at Bosau, near Eutin, are being excavated under the direction of Prof. Knorr, of the Kiel museum of antiquities. One grave has already been opened up, in which two urns and a gold bracelet, 12 centimeters in length, were found. A stone grave, three meters long and 170 centimeters wide, containing a skeleton supposed to be over 3,000 years old, was also laid bare. The work is to be continued, as it is supposed that an ancient cemetery or place of sacrifice existed there formerly."

Beecher's Prophecy.

I believe the time will come when men will have as much abhorrence of habits which carry them to unhealth as they have of maimings, torturings and distortions; and I think in that day there will be a banishment of alcoholic drinks and a total exclusion of tobacco, indulgence in which, beginning early, is wasteful all the way through life.—Henry Ward Beecher.

MINT IN THEIR COFFEE.

Mistake of a Society Leader Taken for the Real Thing by Ambitious Emulators.

That the advice, "Watch how others do and then do likewise," is not always good to social aspirants, was illustrated the other evening at a dinner given by a young matron in honor of a guest of acknowledged social standing, relates the Chicago Tribune.

When coffee was served, and with it the indispensable chocolate mints, the guest was seen to take one of the sweets and toy with it gracefully over her coffee cup. Instantly every woman at the table did likewise. Evidently some new wrinkle of fashion was about to be exhibited. Every eye was on the guest and on the mint drop. Determination to follow the leader and give no sign that they were not in the habit of doing this new trick every day was written on every face. The sudden calm caused the guest to look up, and as she did so she inadvertently dropped her mint into the tiny cup. To her surprise a series of clicks ran around the table as each of the rural ones followed her mistake.

Appreciating the situation, the guest hastily gulped down her coffee to hide her mirth.

Later in the evening she heard one woman remark to another:

"I don't care if it is swell, I don't like mint in my coffee."

"Oh, dear," replied the other, loftily, "it is really delicious. I never think of taking my demitasse without it."

THE COUNTRY NEGRO.

Some of the Advantages He Enjoys Which Are Denied to His City Brother.

The average city negro grows up in the shade. He is completely overshadowed by his overtowering environment. As one walks along the streets of our great cities and views the massive buildings and sky-reaching structures, he finds no status for the negro above the cellar floor. The city negro of education and culture is forced into menial employment because higher forms of occupation are preempted by the more favored class. There are a dozen competitors for every dollar in sight, and in the great majority of cases, the negro is handicapped by his color, says the Southern Workman.

The country negro, on the contrary, is on terms of equality with his environment. He is not confronted by suggestions of inequality at every turn. Nature is a mother who is equally kind and beneficent to all of her children. An acre of ground will yield as much for the black as for the white tiller. The markets are colorblind. No one inquires into the color of the producer of the best produce in the market, except as a matter of idle curiosity. No labor organization has yet placed a boycott upon negro farm labor. The farm offers for the negro the only really unhampered field which is open to him on an unlimited scale.

LETTER FROM JEFFERSON.

Oklahoma Indians Have Treasured Document Written by President of the United States.

An autograph letter from Thomas Jefferson, written 100 years ago to the Indians of the Louisiana purchase, has recently been unearthed from the archives of the Sac and Fox Indians in Oklahoma, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. The Indians in whose possession the document as been for a century have not known its value, but intuitively they have carefully kept the letter during all their migrations.

The letter, which is quite long, reveals Mr. Jefferson's astuteness in dealing with the Indians. At his invitation several powerful chiefs journeyed from west of the Mississippi river to Washington and were entertained at the nation's capitol. When they started on their journey home they carried the president's letter. In the letter Mr. Jefferson called attention to the long journey they had made through the white man's territory and to how the white men had improved the land during the short while they had been in possession of it. The letter tactfully showed to the Indians how hopeless would be a contest against the whites. Jefferson in the letter called the Indians his children and advised against tribal wars.

Canal Systems of France.

Few who have not traveled in southern and central France know of her vast systems of canals and canalized rivers. Many persons spend months or years in Paris and know nothing of the great basins in that city from which canals radiate, binding all parts of France to the great heart of the capital. These canals run into rivers connecting those of the watersheds north, south and west. Through many of these small streams you will see little tow boats puffing, grunting and lifting up a heavy chain from the canalized river bed, winding it round a drum and thus towing long lines of barges with a most economical expenditure of power.

Great Fortune For Gems.

According to the compilation of the government officials diamonds and other precious stones of a value exceeding \$30,000,000 were brought into the United States last year. This is taken as an indication of the industrial prosperity of our country. The best indication of the popularity of the famous Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the fact that more people are taking it today than ever before. Its great curative properties are being recognized more and more every day by people who have been persuaded to try it, and as a result thousands have been restored to perfect health, many of them willingly testifying to the fact. If you suffer from insomnia, poor appetite, indigestion, dyspepsia, liver or kidney ills, or malaria, fever and ague, the Bitters will surely cure you. Try it and see for yourself.

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Morrow county has thousands of head of sheep, horses and cattle. The wool production for 1904 was 2,500,000 pounds. Alfalfa and fruit growing are profitable industries, rapidly growing in importance. The county has also a great coal field, soon to be developed.

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