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A novel idea for a church entertainment is a supper in which all the courses are of bread in some form or have the staff of life as an important factor in their composition.
For a recent function of the kind invitations were issued in the following form:
"The Ladies Aid society of St. John's church cordially request your presence at a staff of life supper on (such a date) at 7 p. m. (price 75 cents)."
Perhaps I cannot give a better idea of how to conduct such a merrymaking than to describe the supper for which these cards were issued.
The table was effectively and at the same time most economically decorated. The centerpiece was a huge sandwich loaf hollowed out to form a boat and filled with paper flowers. Smaller loaves also scooped out and lined with paraffine paper held the olives and salted nuts.
The first course was a delicious cream toast served in place of soup. This was followed by bread fritters with a substantial course of veal loaf, and green peas in little boxes of hollowed out bread browned in the oven. Instead of a salad they had excellent club sandwiches and for desert French pancakes rolled in powdered sugar. Coffee and cake came last of all.
The place cards found at each cover bore on one side the names of the guests as usual and on the reverse each had a question relating to bread in history, legend, etc. Between courses these queries were read aloud and the answers searched for. It helped to pass the time merrily.
Here are a few of the questions as examples of the series:
What real person when told that the poor were dying for want of bread is reported to have said, "Why don't they eat cake?" Marie Antoinette.
Who first called bread the "staff of life?" Jonathan Swift.
What marvelous bread saved many lives? The manna that fell in the desert.
After supper the frolic assumed the general character of a sociable, with several merry contests in which bread played a part. For instance, a table was rolled upon the scene upon which several kinds of loaves were heaped up and players were called on to give each its proper name, as New England loaf, etc. All those who succeeded in writing out complete lists drew for a prize in the form of a pretty bread plate.

IMPROVES DRYING METHODS
Oregon Man Invents New Process Which Will Revolutionize Industry.
A feature which created great interest not only among growers, but the general public at large, at the apple show given under the auspices of the Oregon State Horticultural society at Portland, was a display of dried fruits and vegetables made by Professor W. H. Swett, of that city. Professor Swett had on display about one hundred and thirty varieties of fruits and vegetables which he had prepared by his method of evaporation.
Unusual interest was attached to this display, not in the fact that these products were dried, but in the claim that by a process of evaporation which Professor Swett employs, only the water is eliminated, and that therefore these products are always the same, as far as food values and flavors are concerned, as they were before being evaporated, only the addition, by absorption, of the percentage of water extracted being necessary to return them to their fresh state. Professor Swett's products and the machine which he employs has been on display in Portland at his home for the past year and is attracting widespread attention.

Likfresh Dinner.
In order that these products should receive a practical test, for "the proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof" a six-course dinner composed of these products, was prepared by Mrs. Geo. K. Rogers and served to the judges and officials of the apple show. The following was the menu:
Soup—Clam broth. Fish—Fried smelts, codfish balls with tomato sauce. Meat—Stewed beef. Vegetables—Mashed potatoes, green peas, string beans, corn on cob. Salad—Vegetable salad with French dressing, salad consisted of beets, apples, beans, peas, onions and tomatoes. Deserts—Berry jelly, consisting of blackberries, black raspberries, strawberries, cherries and nuts. Strawberry shortcake; loganberry and apple pies; cherry raisins. Coffee.

The entire meal including clam broth, fish and meat consisted of Oregon Likfresh products, except bread, butter, nuts and coffee.
Among those present at the dinner were: Honorable Homer C. Atwell and Frank W. Power, president and secretary respectively of the Oregon State Horticultural society; Professor H. E. Van Dieman, horticultural expert from Washington D. C., official judge of the apple show; Professor C. I. Lewis, head of the horticultural department, Oregon Agricultural college and Professor W. H. Swett, the inventor of the Likfresh system of food preservation.

Here was given a practical demonstration of this remarkable invention. Those who partook of this dinner state that in no case could they have told that these foods from the fresh products. What this invention means to the agricultural and horticultural districts of the country is beyond the power of the imagination to portray. The loss that is being sustained by fruit and vegetable growers because of their inability to economically care for their products, and inability to obtain a market during the glutted season, runs into hundreds of thousands of dollars annually on the Pacific Coast alone. Not only can these losses now be conserved but an even greater loss can also be avoided. That which is now being wasted is a portion of what the ground produces but there are in every fruit and vegetable growing district, vacant tracts, lots and city blocks which can be thrown into cultivation and the products therefrom taken care of by this system. These vacant lands represent a complete financial loss to the several communities. The conserving of present waste and the bringing into use of idle lands will add tremendously to the population of the fruit and vegetable producing districts of the country and will in turn have an enormous influence on land values.
To the residents of arid lands or far-away barren countries; to the armies and navies and merchant marine and also for the city resident, this invention opens up tremendous advantages. When the products and lands now wasted are conserved, these consumers may have, not inferior canned or old-style dried products, and also not only each fruit and vegetable during its particular season, but every variety of fruit and vegetable which mankind consumes, throughout the year. Hence it is that Professor Swett's discovery and invention is attracting a tremendous interest not only here, but in distant states and promises to rank among the highest of the great discoveries which this age has presented to mankind.

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