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OUT IN THE SUGAR-BUSH.

It's romantic. Every time I see a newspaper allusion to the sugar-bush I want to move right out on a farm and rush around among the maples with a neck-yoke and a bucket dangling at either end. I've been right there. What I don't know about "sugaring off" isn't worth the syrup to sweeten it.

You first tap the trees. Maples are the best, but it doesn't do any harm to tap a few beech, ash, elm and oak trees, so as to brighten up the taste of your sugar. Twenty years ago anything was a sap-bucket that would hold sap, even down to the tea-kettle and butter-bowl. If there has been any improvement in this particular, so much the worse for romance.

The sugar-camp should be located near a black-ash swamp, in order to get the benefit of frog serenades and owl concerts. The arch of the fire should be laid up in such a manner that it will wave in or bulge out a dozen times during the season. The shanty should cost about 75 cents for lumber and \$12 for work. The more it leaks the more romantic the occupants will feel.

One season when I ran an Ohio sugar-bush on shares I added just one-half water to the sap before boiling. It may take a little longer to boil down, but the longer it takes the more time you have to boil eggs, gather chickens, roast potatoes and hunt squirrels.

Gathering up the sap has many sentimental episodes connected with it. There are always hill-sides to climb up or roll down, babbling creeks to drop into and swamps to gallop over, and where one owns his own sugar-bush he can lug two pauldrons at a time or make use of his plug hat. No man is called upon to break his back in order to produce maple sugar for the public at large.

"Sugaring off" was where the fun came in. After three or four days of gathering and toiling and copping and firing and taking care of a pair of smoke-stained eyes and a cold in the head, the contents of the sap-pan got down pretty thick. It hastens affairs somewhat to boil up a pound or two of fat pork, a dozen eggs and two or three handfuls of leaves and sticks. These things can be left out of the sugar if it is for home consumption, or left in it for general sale. I want to say right here that there is only one thing on earth to prevent the contents from boiling over, and that was a horse-shoe which was picked up in the road by a seventh son. I still have a large number on hand, and will furnish them to the trade at very low figures. Beware of the human hyena who wants to sell you a deer's horn, a sheep's foot, a colt's ear, or a pint of sunflower seeds in a bag.

The sugaring off is done in a small kettle. You can tell when it will wax by dropping some on the back of your hand. A clean piece of elm bark, or a big white chip, makes a boss platter, and a small chip makes a nice ladle. Yum! It's good! You sit down on a log and poke and stir and blow and eat. Strings of it hang down from your jaws, and more strings wind themselves along your vest and clutch your coat. Overhead are the budding trees. Behind you is the hillside. Off to the left is a pearly creek, and off to the right is a farmer trying to pull a cow along by the horns. The romance of the situation hits a person right between the eyes. There are also ticks and bugs around the old log. A school

ma'am who won't walk two miles in the mud, climb six fences, jump three creeks and tumble over a dozen roots to eat 3 cent's wort of warm sugar on a maple chip in a sugar-bush can't have the instruction of my children. She'd wear their noses right down sharp on the grindstone of reality. —M. Quad.

Old Customs in Thibet.

The principal food of the country is called jamba. To make it a quantity of powdered tea is cooked for several hours, after which it is poured into a churn, when salt and butter are added, and the whole is stirred until a complete mixture is effected. The broth is then divided among the hungry ones, each of whom gets his share in a wooden bowl, after which a sack of roasted barley meal is brought out. Everyone takes a handful of meal from the sack, puts it into the tea and mixes the mass into a shapely lump, and swallows his dough with a keen appetite. After the meal is over, the wooden bowls are licked clean with the tongue and worn on the breast next to the skin as something precious.

Polyandry is practised, not on account of any lack of women, for there is no such lack, but as a measure of economy. When the oldest son marries, his wife also becomes the wife of his brothers. The custom does not lead to so many difficulties as it might be supposed it would, and the chief trouble arising out of it concerns the fatherhood of the children. The housewife occupies rather a commanding than a subordinate position.

Three ways of burying the dead prevail. The poor sink their dead in one of the mountain streams; those of the better class hang their bodies upon a tree, where they are consumed by birds, and the bones are afterwards thrown into the river; the rich cut the bodies up into small pieces, pound the bones and mix them with jamba, and then carry the remains to the mountains, where they are left for the birds. These are old customs and have no connection with religion.

Ocean Freights.

According to the San Francisco Journal of Commerce the wheat fleet of 1881-2 was the greatest ever known in the history of the state. It consists of 550 vessels carrying wheat and flour and nine carrying flour alone. There were at one period of the year too few vessels for the wheat that came to hand and freights were forced up to unusual figures, reaching in one instance £4 10d per ton. This was the climax. But the freight ruled high most of the year. Towards the close, from the threatened railroad competition and other causes, it declined. The lowest rate of the year was £2 to Australia. The rate that the largest number of vessels paid was £3 10s for 54. The next largest was £8 5s, which the shippers on 53 vessels paid. By far the larger portion of vessels that cleared early in the year were paid over £3. The value in dollars of the freight paid on wheat, not including flour, has been for the harvest year \$16,069,789.86 4-5 nearly, over sixteen millions of dollars. The number of long tons of wheat carried was 980,711, and the average rate per ton £3 6s 10 4-5d nearly, or in American coin \$16.27 84 1-100 nearly, about 83 1/2 cents per cental.

In a healthy body is a healthy spirit. Be healthy by cleansing your blood with a few bottles of Pfander's Oregon Blood Purifier, and thus purify your spirit.

Growth of the Opium Habit.

The growth of the opium habit in this country is strikingly presented by an article in the Catholic World. The number of opium eaters in the United States is estimated at a quarter of a million, fully four-fifths of whom are women. The increase in the use of the drug in the city of Albany, N. Y., is a fair sample of the spread of the habit. Twenty-five years ago, with a population of 57,600, the annual sales of opium in Albany amounted to only 439 pounds and 365 ounces of morphia. Now with a population of 91,000, 3,500 pounds of opium and 5,500 ounces of morphia are sold annually in that city. It is true that most of these drugs are sold for medical use, but the suggestive fact remains that the increase in the population of Albany has been but 59, while the increase in the sale of opium has been 900 per cent. One of the druggists of Albany is quoted as saying that where, 25 years ago, he made laudanum by the gallon he now prepares it by the barrel. Unfortunately, what is true of Albany in this respect seems to be true of the rest of the country, and there is force in the writer's suggestion that it is time to regulate and limit the sales of opium by legislative enactment. "Let it alone," and he fears that opium may, ere many years, be used as extensively in America as in China.

Yesterday, says a late issue of the San Francisco Stock Report, Superintendent Taylor had to turn away 165 children from the doors of the Lincoln school, and this morning some fifty more. Some of the parents were very importunate, but it was no use. "But I must get my children in," said one resolute mother. "But, my good woman," said Superintendent Taylor, "you can't get them in; I tell you there is no room." "I must get them in," she persisted; "here I have reared in this city seven children without any father, and I think I am entitled to get them into the schools." "Under such circumstances, madam," answered Mr. Taylor, "I certainly think you are. You shall have the first chance."

San Francisco consumes daily 86,000 crabs, paying therefor to the fishermen 75 cents per dozen, or about \$75,000 annually. Of shrimps she consumes a ton and a half or 3,000 lbs. per day, for which the fishermen receive about \$15,000 per month—180,000 per annum at 3 cts. per pound. The wholesalers get 15 cents per pound, delivered to restaurants and lard counters. San Francisco bay is the only locality where any attention is paid to catching them. The industry there employs 500 persons and 40 boats. A large portion of the total catch is dried for shipment to China, 15 pounds of the fresh making one of the dried, which brings the drier 5 to 8 cents per pound.

A California school girl who took a prize of \$20 given to the graduate who should wear the cheapest dress on commencement day, has put the money in the bank with ten dollars given her by uncle for leaving off chewing gum, and five more given her by her grandmother for reading the Bible through, and is going for seal-skin saccue next winter.

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