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**Monmouth Meditations**

It is hard for a farmer to see anything to joke about in a wet spring.

We need organization for peace as much as we did for war work.

We surmise the glad hand in Polk county is due for a little warming up.

The man who buys when things are high and sells when prices are down never is able to buy or sell enough to cut much of a splurge in the financial world. Just now he is planning to get out of the prune business.

These damp days are very suitable for planning a clean up campaign. Eternal keeping at it is the price of a neat looking city but a day when everybody joins in the work is also necessary for the same result.

Mexico has a primitive but effective way of dealing with criminals. At Juarez recently the chief of police ordered the heads of all pickpockets shaved when released from prison.

We never think of the Indian as a pattern of industry, but a scientist recently located a Nevada Indian who had caught and dried a ton of caterpillars to be used for his winter's food.

The French, it appears, want to balance off the debt of money borrowed during the war for expense we caused them during the Revolutionary war. Possibly Great Britain may argue release from sums due us on the ground that we caused her expense during the Revolution. And we must plead guilty to the charge.

Doubtless many people have wondered why any one in full possession of his senses would wear red socks but a man in the east the other day who wore them, took them off to flag a train, saving life, etc. Thus is presented another proof of the song writer's assertion that "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform".

Bert Leston Taylor, probably the most popular "Column writer" in the country, died last week. His column "A Line of Type or Two" in the Chicago Tribune had a wide vogue. In its daily production he was aided by innumerable contributors all over the country who sent him clippings from country papers or original jingles or squibs, seeking to have the same published or "make the Line" as it was called. Taylor was better known as "B. L. T." that being his official signature and for a long time he made a joke of causing these initials to be at the bottom of his column, allowing contributors to try all sorts of fanciful schemes to beguile him into allowing their own signatures to be at the bottom of the column. But they never succeeded. At one time he printed every tenth epistle received in each morning's mail. He had a series of abbreviations that he used. Thus "The w. k. world" meant "The well known world". "I am e. to k.", interpreted as "I am curious to know". "b. p." stood for bread pudding. He pretended to a tremendous aversion to "b. p." He referred to column as "colmn". He conjured up a series of superlatives such as his idea of the height

of folly or the height of benevolence, etc. His idea of the height of luxury was to wear his best clothes every day and be shaved by a barber. He had a companion series of dislikes as, his idea of zero in waist coats, or his idea of zero in piety, etc. His idea of zero in architecture was a hen coop made out of an orange crate.



"Talk not with thy guest of his own affairs, for with those he is sufficiently acquainted; but discourse ever of thine own—of thy good luck and ill, of thy horses, thy servants, thy children and thy ailments. If thou dost not succeed thereby in making him feel at home thou mayst at least induce him to wish himself there."

**A DAY OF DATES.**

Dates are so generally well liked; so nutritious and wholesome that a few ways of serving them as food rather than a confection is worthy attention.

**Date Puffs**—Make a cream-puff mixture and fill the puffs with finely chopped dates and sweetened whipped cream, beaten together until the mixture becomes thick and light.

**Date Custard Pie**—Add one and one-half cupfuls of dates which have been washed in hot water, stoned and pressed through a coarse sieve to a custard pie filling and bake with one crust. This makes a large pie.

**Date Whip**—Cook one cupful of chopped stoned dates in boiling water until smooth; press through a sieve. Beat the whites of three eggs until stiff; add one-third of a cupful of sugar, one-half teaspoonful of salt and a tablespoonful of lemon juice. Fold in the date pulp, pile lightly in a buttered baking dish and bake in a slow oven 30 minutes. Serve with a custard or with whipped cream.

**Date and Apple Pie**—Line a pie plate with rich pastry and fill with a mixture of chopped dates and apples, sprinkled with cinnamon and sugar; cover with a crust and bake in a moderate oven an hour. Serve hot or cold with whipped cream.

**Date Sandwich**—This is especially good for the children's lunch. Spread buttered bread with a layer of cottage cheese, which has been moistened with cream; over this a layer of chopped dates. Cover with a slice of buttered bread.

**Jewel Biscuit**—Make a good rich biscuit dough. Roll out rather thin and cut with a small biscuit cutter. Dot with bits of butter and lay a teaspoonful of chopped dates on each and lap over as one would Parkerhouse rolls. Bake in a quick oven.

Add chopped dates with nuts to a boiled frosting for a cake filling. Add a tablespoonful of cream to the frosting used between the layers as that should be softer.

*Nellie Maxwell*  
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