

# CAP and BELLS



## STARED AT PROF. BRANEFOG

Absent-Minded Pedagogue Didn't Know Whether He Had Put Baby or Wife's Hat in Oven.

The people didn't merely look at Professor Branefog—they stared. He knew he was absent-minded at times, and he wondered whether he had rubbed his face with boot polish instead of cold cream after he had shaved, or whether he had forgotten to change his dressing-gown for his frock-coat.

But a kindly policeman put things right.

"Are you aware, sir, that you are carrying a joint of beef in your arms?" he asked.

"Goodness me!" said the professor. "I knew something was wrong. My wife told me to put her Sunday hat on the bed, to place this roast in the oven, and to take the baby and the dog for a walk."

"You've not put the baby in the oven, surely?" said the law's guardian.

"I put something in it," said Branefog; "but I don't know whether it was the baby or the dog."

With bated breath they hurried to the professor's house. Here, on the bed, lay the baby and the dog; but it was just as bad for Branefog. It was his wife's Sunday hat that was in the oven!

## FORCE OF HABIT.



Prospective Purchaser—Is that a good automobile?

Dealer (who used to sell horses)—Why, sir, that automobile is so gentle it will eat out of your hand.

## Have Us Bluffed.

"You give your opponent an advantage if you let him know you are afraid," remarked the moralizer.

"Perhaps," rejoined the demoralizer, "that is why the microbes find us such easy marks."

## Its Nature.

"It is a wonder that oil is such a big affair in the days' news."

"Why should it not be?"

"Because it is such a puerile matter."

## No Stint.

Miss Gabbles—Yes, I invariably weigh my words.

Mr. Blunt—Well, it's a safe bet that you have never been accused of giving short weight.

## Pessimistic.

"I think my boy will be a poet when he grows up."

"Oh, don't be pessimistic; he may turn out to be a useful citizen."

## Lack of Courtesy.

"Did the official in the case make an excuse to his convict client for not getting his release?"

"No excuse; didn't even beg his pardon."

## Choice of Evils.

"Don't you know," said the young widow, "that a bachelor is an object of public derision?"

"I have heard so," rejoined the old bachelor, "and I have also heard that a married man gets his at home."

## Obliging.

"Is this where John Jones lives?"

"No, this is his home; but you can come in and call up his club if you want to."

## DOCTOR MAKES A MISTAKE

Good Story Told of a Popular Physician Who Made Blunder in Sending Out Two Parcels.

A droll story is told of one of the most popular physicians in Vienna. He was not a little astonished at the contents of two letters which he received lately. They stated, in terms the reverse of flattering, that his drugs had not merely done no good, but had actually aggravated the troubles they were mentioned to cure.

The doctor consulted his notebook, and the truth at once dawned upon him. About six weeks ago, an actress, a brunette, then performing in the "Merry Widow," called upon him. Her beauty was of the Spanish type, and a perceptible down which shaded the finely formed upper lip of the actress had daily begun to grow darker. She timidly stated her case and besought the doctor to give her a remedy for the unwelcome growth. The doctor promised to send her a remedy with the utmost privacy.

Immediately after the actress had gone a young lieutenant came in to consult the physician. In grave tones he told his tale of woe. The faint indications of his mustache, in spite of all his efforts, would not develop as rapidly as he desired. The doctor laughingly undertook to help him out of his difficulty, and promised the young lieutenant, who was trying in vain to curl the ends of his mustache, to send the remedy to his address by a trusty messenger.

The scales now fell from the doctor's eyes. Either he himself or his messenger had exchanged the small parcels containing such opposite remedies—thence the bitter complaints and reproaches. The drugs had, the doctor found, acted most effectually. The actress was obliged to have recourse to soap and razor to get rid of the luxuriant growth on her upper lip, while the lieutenant was ready to tear out the hair of his head at the loss of the few straggling hairs of his mustache.

## Outdoor Life Necessary.

The longest-lived men are those engaged in healthy outdoor occupations, such as farming, simply because they lead an active, muscular life in the open air.

Bodily active keeps at bay the diseases of sedentary middle life. Gout and rheumatism lie in wait for the man who does not walk five miles in the week, who hates games and believes that golf and tennis are silly and a waste of time.

It is the active, busy woman who keeps her complexion when she is past forty years of age, and girls twenty years her junior grow sallow and anaemic for lack of outdoor exercise.

You must live a sedentary life, you say? We don't believe it. Even if your day is spent in an office or a shop, you have the early morning for a cold bath, and twenty minutes with dumb-bells. You have your evenings, and you have your week-ends.

## He Got a Permanent Cure.

The various rulings of the commissions and departments at Washington are oftentimes thought to be arbitrary and unnecessary. No less a personage than David Starr Jordan joked about the laws of the International Fisheries commission.

"The fish there have no chance," he lamented; "they have as hard a time of it as the whites in the interior of China."

"A druggist there said to his clerk one day:

"Didn't I see a foreign devil come out of here as I came down the street?"

"Yes, sir," the clerk meekly responded. "He wanted a permanent cure for headache."

"And you sold him—"

"Rat poison, sir."—From "Affairs at Washington," by Joe Mitchell Chapole, in the National Magazine.

## Babes Couldn't See the Point.

Wells got an idea the other day, and, calling his children around him, he said:

"Now, my babes, I want to ask you a question, to see how smart you are, for I want you to grow up smart business men."

"Propound, old gent," said the eldest.

"That's disrespectful," said Wells; "but here's the question: What is the greatest grain elevator in the country?"

His babes scratched their heads, examined their toes, and finally "gav it up."

"Why, yeast, you blockheads, you! Humph! it's queer I can't have smart young uns like other people!"—Exchange.

## The Wisdom of Solomon.

"I don't see any sense in referring to the wisdom of Solomon," said the man smartly. "He had a thousand wives."

"Yes," answered the woman tartly, "he learned his wisdom from them."

## Just as He Said.

"When you sold me that family horse you said he would eat anything."

"Well, doesn't he?"

"He does more. He eats everything."

## TO VARY THE MENU

SOME SIMPLE DAINTIES THAT ARE EASILY PREPARED.

Ice Cream That Takes But Little Time to Get Ready for the Table—Rice Water Jelly—For Lincoln Pie.

Fine Ice Cream.—One pint milk one cup sugar, two tablespoons flour, one saltspoon salt, one egg, one pint to one quart cream (or milk), one-half to one cup sugar, one tablespoon flavor; boil the milk, mix the sugar, flour, salt and egg and cook 20 minutes after egg, sugar, flour and salt are added to the boiling milk. This is cheap and fine.

Fowl in Batter.—Take the remains of a cold fowl, divide into neat joints, remove all skin, dip each piece into seasoned flour, rub over with a little salad oil and set aside. Prepare a good frying batter, dip each piece of fowl into it and fry in deep fat. Serve round a pile of peas or French beans.

Rice Water Jelly.—Wash two and a half tablespoonfuls of rice in several waters and cook in a quart of water for one hour, or until the rice is entirely dissolved. Add a pinch of salt. Sweeten to taste. Stir in the juice of one or two lemons. Strain into a mold and when cold serve with sugar and cream. This is an excellent dish for children and invalids.

Lincoln Pie.—One pint stewed sour apples, sifted; butter size of an egg, two tablespoons flour, grated rind and juice of a lemon, yolks of three eggs, beaten. Sweeten to taste. Bake with lower crust, and when done spread a meringue of the whites of three eggs, beaten with three table-spoons sugar over the top, and brown in oven.

Quince Honey.—Pare and grate three large quinces. Make a syrup of three pints of sugar and 1½ pints of water. Boil together about twenty minutes.

## Swiss Dumplings.

One pound sausage bought at a German delicatessen store, as the others will not do. Remove from skins and to it add one egg, salt and pepper, tablespoon of flour and one-quarter loaf of bread which has been soaked in milk and then pressed thoroughly till quite dry. Mix well together and form in balls about the size of large marbles. Drop in boiling water, salted, and cook until they float. Now remove to a dish and make a butter sauce. Melt a piece of butter size of an egg and add a tablespoon of flour. When well blended, add slowly, stirring all the time, clear beef stock or the liquid the dumplings were boiled in, enough to just cover them. When the consistency of cream, put in dumplings and reheat. A little boiled cauliflower added is very nice.

## Red Pepper Sweet Pickle.

Soak the peppers in boiling water about twenty minutes, then lay in cold brine over night to draw out the crude juices of the vegetable. Cut in thin slices, discarding all the seeds and stringy pulp, and make into a sweet pickle, precisely as pears, apples or peaches are pickled. A standard formula for this is three pounds of sugar, a pint of elder vinegar, two tablespoons each of whole cloves, allspice and cinnamon. Scald all together and cook until the pepper is tender. Remove the peppers and cook the syrup long enough to thicken slightly, then pour over the sliced pepper. This is an excellent relish with roast m-eat.

## Ham Sandwiches.

Half a cupful of ham minced fine with several pickles. Add three sardines which have been carefully skinned and boned, a teaspoonful of mustard, salt and pepper to taste and a teaspoonful or more of vinegar as desired. Spread on thin slices of buttered bread.

## Cauliflower Pudding.

Break a cauliflower into sprigs and soak in cold salted water for half an hour, then drain. Cover with sweet milk and boil until tender. Drain, add one cupful of bread crumbs, one-half cupful of the milk, the same of thick sweet cream, the well beaten yolks of four eggs, one-half teaspoonful of salt, a pinch of ground mace and a dash of cayenne, two tablespoonfuls of soft butter and the juice of half a lemon. Mix well, pour into a buttered pudding dish and bake in a slow oven until firm.

## Sweet Apples With Cider.

Pare, core and slice sweet apples and stew slowly in sweet cider. I also add good cup of sugar and some stick cinnamon to every gallon of cider. Resembles quince sauce and is delicious. I am somewhat slow sending you a recipe, but sure, nevertheless.

## Popcorn Pudding.

Roll 1 pint of freshly popped corn. Add to it 1½ pints milk, ¼ cup sugar, 3 eggs, well-beaten, and a little salt and nutmeg. Bake like a custard about 20 minutes.

## A Doubtful Member.

In Miss Wood's kindergarten class there were eight pupils, four girls and four boys. One of the boys, however had not yet reached the estate of kilts not to mention trousers. Accordingly when little Susan Phelps was asked by a visitor to tell how many boys and how many girls there were, her confused reasoning went as follows:

"There's eight, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, Miss Elliott," she replied. "And if he's a girl"—she pointed at one who wore dresses in stead of manly garb—"why, there's five girls, and one, two, three boys. But if she's a boy, there's one, two, three, four girls, and one, two—four boys. She's really a boy, you know Miss Elliott," she confided, in conclusion.—Youth's Companion.

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## Patriotism.

"I know a fellow," remarked the man on the car, "who says that every time he hears a band play 'Yankee Doodle' he can feel the goose pimples creeping all over him, and yet it takes a precinct committeeman to drag him to polls on registration day."

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## Discontent and Progress.

The pessimist who refuses to believe in any advance is quite as wrong as the optimist who denies that there is any necessity for a forward movement. Now, as always, discontent is a duty, for it is condition precedent to progress. It is not discontent that throws the dynamite bomb; it is despair.—Brander Matthews.

## A Contemporary Opinion of Byron.

These poems ("Hours of Idleness") completely prove, that although George Gordon, Lord Byron, a minor, whose portrait we give, may be a gentleman, an orator, or a statesman, unless he improves wonderfully, he can never be a poet.—From the Satirist, London, 1807.

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