

HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

The Manners and Customs of Society in the Last Century. As to our dinners and cookery—a century ago merchants and the middle classes generally dined at three o'clock, "society" an hour later; but the artisan's chief meal still hung back at one o'clock. Where a Frenchman ate—and still eats—more bread than meat, the Englishman naturally gave himself greater, perhaps, because a more northerly latitude in the matter of flesh. Our strictly island cookery, then as now, was simpler, admitted of less disguise than the French; and few cosmopolitans will, even in these modern days of wide and electric travel, withhold the suffrage of their palates from the London chop or steak of the multiplying grid, or cry out at the roast beef of England, except, indeed, it be in the chorus of Fielding's song.

A ceremonious dinner rarely went beyond a couple of joints and some accessories volantes, presumably what we use to call side dishes, consisting of vegetables and (Yorkshire?) puddings; followed by a dessert of cheese or fruit, according to the season. The philanthropist praises, originally, the "whiteness of the butcher's meat," which was that was not so nutritive as that of Paris. Careme, no mean jockey, thought differently; but the so-much-vaunted roast beef, the idol of the English, was easier of digestion than the French, being less compact. What he wanted to express, no doubt, was that it was not so tough. The vegetables, fruit and salads were tasteless, and cabbages, turnips and spinach near London tasted of the coal smoke which filled the air. Game, too, although abundant at thirty miles distant from London, was eaten on the spot in the country; that of Picardy being preferred in the capital; and we can quite believe it when we see the way in which the English farmer of the present day still allows himself to be driven to the wall by the fowls, eggs, dairy produce and vegetables and fruits of the Continent.

Our dinner furniture included "round-handled, two-pronged steel forks" for carrying solid morsels to the mouth with the left hand, directly after each such morsel was cut with the right, which was constantly armed with a knife, and that knife broad and round-pointed, for use like a trowel, in taking up sauces, etc. For the Englishman did not ply his good knife and fork by awkwardly passing those weapons from hand to hand, like other nations, and could thus be detected anywhere in Europe before he opened his mouth, at all events, to speak. The constant use of knife in the right hand, however, suggests to the ethnologist milder social manners in race which could tolerate the custom without the apprehensions it would naturally evoke in a country where another and a lethal "use of the knife" was more common.—Westminster Review.

A LONG-HEADED BUILDER.

How He Proposed to Make His Operations Come Out Even. A number of mechanics were congregated about the stove of a certain rural store that sells every thing, from whisky to shoe-strings.

"How much are you charging a day, now?" asked Mr. Butternut of a carpenter. "Three dollars," replied the carpenter.

"If you will work for a dollar a day," said Mr. Butternut, "I shall be happy to engage you."

The carpenter did not reply in words, but opened one eye very wide, that Mr. Butternut might observe and study any thing of an emerald tone contained therein.

"What are you getting per day at present?" asked Mr. Butternut of a plumber who was smoking a corn-cob pipe, that couldn't freeze and burn on him.

"Four dollars!" responded the plumber, as he gave the pipe a facet twist, to screw it more firmly into the bowl.

"I will give you one dollar and thirty-three cents per diem," said Mr. Butternut.

"I must decline," replied the plumber. "I plumb for the health of my clients, never for my own. If I accepted your rates, I should certainly burst, like a four-dollar zinc boiler."

ANTIQUITY OF BAKING.

A Prehistoric Art Practiced by the Ancient Egyptians and Hebrews. The origin of baking precedes the period of history and is involved in the obscurity of the early ages of the human race. Excavations made in Switzerland gave evidence that the art of making bread was practiced by our prehistoric ancestors, as early as the stone period. From the shape of loaves it is thought that no ovens were used at that time, but the dough was rolled into small round cakes and laid on hot stones, being covered with glowing ashes. Bread is mentioned in the book of Genesis, where Abraham, wishing to entertain three angels, offered to "fetch a morsel of bread." Baking is again referred to where Sarah has instructions to "make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth."

Lot entertained two angels by giving them unleavened bread. The mere mention of unleavened bread shows that there were two kinds of bread made even at that time. The art of baking was carried to a high perfection among the Egyptians, who are said to have baked cakes in many fantastic shapes, using several kinds of flour. The Romans took up the art of baking and public bakeries were numerous on the streets of Rome. In England the business of the baker was considered to be one so closely affecting the interests of the public that in 1265 an act of Parliament was passed regarding the prices to be charged for bread. This regulation continued in operation until 1822 in London, and until 1836 in the rest of the country. The art of making bread has not yet reached some countries in Europe and Asia. In the rural parts of Sweden no bread is made, but rye cakes that are baked twice a year and are as hard as flint. It is less than a century ago that bread was used in Scotland, the Scotch people of every class living on barley bannocks and oat cakes, owing to the fact that bread is sold very cheaply in Great Britain, the bakers of that country are a poorly paid class of laborers. For years the employers made use of child labor to such an extent that parliament in 1863 passed a law making it a criminal offense to employ a young person under the age of eighteen years to work in a bakehouse between the hours of nine p. m. and five a. m. As most of the work done by bakers is in the night, this statutory law in Great Britain virtually prohibits child labor in bakeries. In all countries of the world wheat flour is the principal material for making bread, although rye is used largely among the peasantry in some parts of Europe. The price of bread has always followed the market price of wheat very closely, and a recent rise in wheat advanced the price of a pound loaf in Chicago 25 per cent.—Chicago News.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

Constant and Rapid Growth of the People Using It. In an article, "The Future of the English-Speaking races," Mr. Gladstone computes that the habitual speakers of English have increased from 15,000,000 to 105,000,000 during the last one hundred years, that they will number 120,000,000 by the year 1900, and at the rate of increase, seven times in a century, they will include 840,000,000 of people by the year 2000.

SELECTING TURKEYS.

How to Pick Out Fat and Tender Birds. Experienced marketmen know that prime food of all kinds looks well while uncooked; this is especially the case with poultry; it is carefully plucked without defacing the skin, which looks soft and clean, and shows layers of yellowish fat and light-colored or whitish flesh beneath.

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MOISTURE IN HOUSES.

How Thousands of Dollars Worth of Wall Papers, Etc., Are Ruined. It is stated that the sudden change of the weather recently from cold to warm and damp, has caused thousands of dollars of damage to wall papers and other articles in houses. Of course it has, and it is so simple because many people do not study the plainest common sense principles in aiding their houses.

One evening lately, people went to bed with a hunt for extra blankets because of the sudden and severe chill in the atmosphere. When they rose in the morning their bedrooms, parlors, dining rooms, etc., were yet chilly from the cold of the previous day, while the outside atmosphere had suddenly become not only warm, but hot and oppressive with dampness.

Inconscient people open their windows and doors because the weather was warm, forgetting the excessive moisture in the atmosphere would rush in with the warm air and swiftly deposit itself on the cold walls, furniture, etc., and penetrate wall papers, curtains, bedding, and every thing within reach that presented a surface colder than the air that carried it into the house.

Of course the moisture loosened and discolored paper; made curtains as limp as a water rag; made beds damp and musty, and generally spoiled every thing that water could spoil; but all could have been avoided by following the plain common-sense rule of not opening houses suddenly to suddenly changed atmosphere, carrying an excessive quantity of moisture.

A pitcher filled with cold water and placed in a room in summer will "sweat"—at least that is what it is commonly called. The pitcher does not sweat, but the cold water inside of it chills the outer surface, and as soon as the outer surface of the pitcher becomes cooler than the atmosphere in the room, the moisture of the air will be precipitated upon the pitcher in drops.

This simple illustration should teach all housewives to avoid suddenly opening rooms in a house when the outside atmosphere is warmer than the temperature of the rooms and full of moisture. In all such cases the wall paper, furniture, etc., being cooler than the outside air will speedily favor the moisture of the atmosphere precipitated upon them, and it will require days to restore the house to the dry condition that is essential to health.

There are no arbitrary freaks in the laws which govern the atmosphere surrounding us, and there is nothing absurd in mastering them. Warm, damp air will ever precipitate its moisture in houses or elsewhere whenever it comes in contact with any thing that is the cooler atmosphere, and that is the whole story. The only thing to be added is, that when people have thus ignorantly or negligently allowed their houses to become damp, they should light fires and dry them as promptly as possible.—Philadelphia Times.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER.

MOST PERFECT MADE. Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is used by the United States Government, and is the best in the world. It is made from the purest ingredients, and is free from all impurities. It is the only baking powder that will not become rancid, and it is the only one that will not lose its strength.

It is wiser to prevent a quarrel beforehand than to amend it afterward.

A Tremendous Sensation would have been created one hundred years ago by the sight of one of our modern express trains gliding along at the rate of sixty miles an hour. Just think how our grandfathers would have stared at such a spectacle! It takes a good deal to astonish people now-a-days, but some of the marvelous cases of consumption, wrought out by Herber's Medical Discovery, have created wide-awake amazement. Consumption is at last acknowledged curable. The "Golden Medical Discovery" is the only known remedy for it. If taken at the right time—which, bear in mind, is not when the lungs are nearly gone—it will go right to the seat of the disease and accomplish its work as nothing else in the world can.

Nothing keeps a man from being rich like thinking he has enough; nothing from knowing edge and wisdom like thinking he has both.—Lester.

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FLEMING BROS., PITTSBURG, PA. Times go by turns, and chances change by course; from fair to better, from better to worse.—Southwell.

"Had Been Worried 15 Years." It should have read "married," but the proof-reader observed that it amounted to about the same thing, and did not draw his blue pencil through the error. Unfortunately there was considerable truth in his observation. Thousands of us are constantly worried almost to despair by the ill health that afflicts those who neglect their health and happiness. There is but one safe and sure way to change this state of affairs, and that is to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

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