

The Inquisitive Barber.
No doubt many readers have heard of the austere disposition of America's greatest living actor, Richard Mansfield. Perhaps the following conversation, which took place in one of Boston's leading hotels, better illustrates the satirical nature of the player. Entering the barber's shop one morning, he was immediately recognized as Richard Mansfield by the barber.
"Good morning," said the barber affably.
A grunt was the only reply.
"Well, how was things over at the house last night?"
"What house?" answered the actor ironically.
"The Hollis," said the barber.
"What do you mean, sir?"
"Why, are you not Richard Mansfield?" the barber asked.
"Oh, no, indeed," replied Mr. Mansfield. "I just got out of jail this morning."
"What! You're not Richard Mansfield; and you just got out of jail this morning! What for, pray?"
"For assaulting inquisitive barbers," was the response.

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There were some phases of country life with which the little city girl had as yet only one day's acquaintance, but the rights of property-owners and property-renters were firmly fixed in her mind.
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HOUSEHOLD TALKS

Cream Caramels.
Moisten two cups of granulated sugar with enough milk to dissolve it and a quarter of a teaspoonful of cream of tartar and put into a saucepan. Set where the contents will simmer gently. Stir all the time until a little dropped into cold water is about as stiff as putty. Pour into a shallow pan, set aside until so stiff that the pressure of the finger leaves a dent on the candy and the dent remains. Work to a soft mass, kneading it upon a powdered sugar-strewn board. Roll out into a sheet and cut into squares. You may add vanilla if you wish just before taking from the fire.

Chestnut Croquettes.
Take two cups of large chestnuts, sort carefully, and, after shelling and boiling, skin and rub through a colander. Mix in with them well a tablespoonful of butter, a pinch of salt, another of paprika, and a few drops of lemon juice; then place in a double saucepan and heat. After setting aside until cool, form the chestnuts into croquettes, roll in egg and then in cracker dust as in the case of ordinary croquettes, and set in the refrigerator for an hour until time to fry them in a deep pan of fat, which should be boiling before the croquettes are placed in it.

Oyster Salad.
Scald oysters until they are plump, and then put them in cold water while they are boiling hot, so as to make them firm; put them on one side and boil five eggs hard; take off the whites and chop fine; lay a bed of white lettuce in a long dish; place the oysters in this; cover them with a mayonnaise dressing; over them place the yolks of the eggs, which have been mashed fine, and lastly the chopped whites of the eggs. Do not let it stand long before serving. If you do the oysters and mayonnaise will become watery. Be sure the lettuce is thoroughly dried.

Fried Tomatoes with Green Gravy.
Cut tomatoes which are not too ripe in inch slices, dust with salt, pepper and flour; brown quickly on both sides in hot butter, then pour over them thin cream to nearly cover, and simmer five minutes. Lift the slices carefully on a platter, and thicken the gravy with the beaten yolk of an egg stirred into a half cup of cold cream or rich milk; do not let it quite boil; pour over the tomatoes as soon as it thickens and serve hot. This is a favorite dish.

Pickled Oysters.
Simmer about 200 oysters in their own liquor for five minutes, drain them well and place in jars, pouring off from time to time any liquid that may accumulate. Place on the fire in a saucepan one quart of elder vinegar, half an ounce each of whole cloves and pounded mace, a level teaspoon of salt, a saltspoon of cayenne pepper and a tablespoon of white mustard seed. Boil three minutes, then cool and pour over the oysters.

Cold Catsup.
One and a half pints of vinegar, one-half teacup salt, one-half cup grated horseradish, two teaspoonfuls black pepper, one-half cup of mustard seed, two green peppers, two onions chopped fine, one teaspoonful celery seed, one teaspoonful cloves, two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, one cup sugar, one peck ripe tomatoes chopped fine; remove all seeds and juice. Put all in the vinegar and seal in jars or cans.

Corn Pie.
Cut the kernels from ears as for stewing. Make a rich pie paste, line a deep baking dish with it as for oyster pie and put into it alternate layers of cut corn and little blocks of dough. Dot each layer with bits of butter and season to taste. Cover all with a very liberal quantity of milk. Put on a top cover of pastry and bake until a rich brown.

Polish Bouillon of Beets.
Chop two bunches of beets fine, cover with two quarts of cold water and boil for two hours. Strain, put in two tablespoonfuls of vinegar, one-half tablespoonful of sugar and one teaspoonful of salt. Set aside to cool. Beat one egg with one-fourth pint of cream. When the soup is cold pour the egg and cream mixture into it and serve.

Quick Muffins.
Sift two cups of flour with a level tablespoon of sugar, two level teaspoons of baking powder and a saltspoon of salt. Beat two eggs, add one cup of milk. Rub one level teaspoon each of lard and butter into the flour and pour in the egg and milk. Beat and bake in well-greased muffin tin.

SKIN DISEASES

ACNE, TETTER, ECZEMA, PSORIASIS, SALT RHEUM.

There is nothing more distressing than an itching, burning skin disease, and upon the return of warm weather those who are afflicted with skin troubles find the symptoms appearing and know that they will be tormented through the hot summer months. The blood is heated with humors and acrid matter, and as they are forced to the surface the skin seems to be on fire. The treatment of skin diseases with external applications is all wrong, because they do not reach the trouble which is in the blood. The most such treatment can be expected to do is, allay the itching and burning and cover up the trouble for awhile, but as soon as it is left off the disease returns.

All food taken into the body contains, in some form, the elements necessary to sustain the different parts. One portion is used for the making of blood, another for muscle, one for bone, still another for fat, and so on. After these different properties are extracted from the food there still remains a portion that is useless, or waste matter, which is intended to be disposed of through the natural channels of bodily waste, the Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. At this season of the year, however, these organs become torpid, dull and sluggish, and fail to perform this duty, and these accumulations remain in the system and are absorbed by the blood to ferment and sour, producing burning acids and acrid humors. The blood cannot properly nourish the system while in this impure condition, and begins to throw off these acids through the pores and glands of the skin, producing Acne, Eczema, Tetter, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum and skin diseases of every description.

ECZEMA appears usually with a slight redness of the skin, followed by pustules from which there flows a sticky fluid that dries and forms a crust, and the itching is intense. It is generally on the back, breast, arms, legs and face, though other parts of the body may be afflicted. In **TETTER** the skin dries, cracks and bleeds, and is often very painful. The acid in the blood drives up the natural oils of the skin, causing a dry, feverish, hardened condition and giving it a leathery appearance. **ACNE** makes its appearance on the face in the form of pimples and black-heads, and is particularly disagreeable because of its unsightly appearance, while **PSORIASIS**, a scaly disease, comes in patches on different parts of the body. One of the worst forms of skin disease is **SALT RHEUM**. It discharges a watery fluid, forming sores and producing intense itching. The head and face are the parts usually affected, and sometimes the hair falls out and a mass of sores forms on the scalp.

These and all skin diseases are due to the same cause—burning acids and humors in the blood, and until this vital fluid is cleansed and made pure they will continue. The best treatment for all skin diseases is S. S. S., a remedy that is purely vegetable, being made entirely from roots, herbs and barks, and acts directly on the blood with a cleansing, healing effect. It neutralizes the acids and purifies the blood so that the skin, instead of being blistered and burned by the fiery fluids, is nourished by a supply of cooling, healthy blood. It goes down into the circulation and forces out every particle of waste or foreign matter, builds up the blood and cures all skin diseases promptly and permanently. S. S. S. does not leave the least particle of the poison for future outbreaks, but entirely rids the blood of the cause for all skin diseases.

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