

Avoid alum and alum phosphate baking powders. The label law requires that all the ingredients be named on the labels. Look out for the alum compounds.

NOTE.—Safety lies in buying only Royal Baking Powder, which is a pure, cream of tartar baking powder, and the best that can be made.

HARKING BACK TO BOYHOOD'S HAPPY DAYS

"Turn Backward O Time in Your Flight and Make Me a Child Once Again."

Yes, sir! Boyhood's happy days, of course. We know about that. We haven't forgotten the joy of sleeping in an unfinished loft in Winter when our breath froze to the bedding and we had to thaw us out with a hot flatiron every morning.

Morning, too! We got up at 4 a. m., pitch dark, 84 below zero and still going down! We had to get up, hustle out and feed and milk the lowing herd, carry the rear elevation of the family mule, wake the rooster up to crow, thaw out the pump, chop four cords of wood and shovel away the snow to make room for the sun to rise!

Sometimes we went to school in the Winter—not often. Only on the days when it was too cold and stormy to go outdoors. Then we sat on a nice, cool board about 50 feet away from the stove and gayly blew at our fingers and picked icicles from our hair. And, as we sat, we listened to a wooden image with a teacher's license as he handed us misinformation and permanently crippled our intellects.

Then came the merry Springtime! Rise at 3:30 a. m. More lowing herd! The herd, owing to the supply of fodder being low. Then the hired man, who had hibernated in the forest, came forth seeking whom he might make happy with his presence. And we, being in need of extra joy, were allowed to sleep with this wooly hireling, who snored like the boom of the sea waves. He was a good fellow, this hired man. He taught us to chew tobacco and swear. These gentle pastimes procured us more

violent lickings than any other joy in our whole young life.

No memory is more loaded with joy germs than the Spring crop working. Can we ever forget the plowing? How we held the plow when we had to reach up with a pite pole to get the handles, how we drove the old plug team, with the lines round our neck; how, when the clevis broke the mare walked away with our frail body dragging behind by the ears? When darkness came we stabled the plows and went forth to milk the brindle heifer. The heifer kicked us across the barn floor and an old cow obligingly kicked us back again. Then when the milking was over, what fun to turn in and teach a fool calf to drink! This acting as dry nurse to a bandy-legged calf was one of the most unmixed joys of all. We tied the calf short, set the bucket in front of him, got astraddle of his neck, stuck two fingers in his mouth and with the other hand jammed his head into the pail. And all the time we were emptying out abuse on calves in general and this lop-eared idiot in particular. This went on until dad came in and with loving patience horsewhipped us all about the place.

Then when we had carried in the wood, brought 40 gallons of water from the spring and eaten about eight pounds of solid food we went joyfully upstairs—and came down again immediately to breakfast.

We often dream and wake to weep for the days gone by when the hay was ripe. We recall the old swamp that always had to be cut by hand. We recall little stones that we rasped the edge of our blades on. We recall the pretty snakes we stepped on with our bare feet. We remember it all with solemn gladness.

Well, well! How it all comes back to us!—From the Sunday Oregonian.

That's It!!!

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IN ANCIENT TIMES**

Indians Had One for Generations Says One Who Has Investigated.

"Archaeological research reveals many important details of the domestic economy of ancient times, but practically nothing that indicates the character or even the existence of what are today regarded as vital branches of an adequate public service" says Frank Abial Flower in Records of the Past. "Perhaps there were no such branches in those times, and perhaps there were many of which we have no inkling, because they were organized, like an afternoon reception, in such form that they could and actually did disappear without leaving palpable traces behind.

"The general delivery of private information from house to house, theoretically at public expense, and actually under government regulation, is supposed to have been unknown to the ancients of all periods; but I can state that one of the most effective as well as one of the most interesting systems of rural free delivery ever conceived was in use for untold generations by the Indians on the north shore of Lake Superior, especially the Pillagers, and (I suppose prior to the demoralization wrought by the advent of the Caucasian) by the Indians of other localities.

"Under the tribal law, every person who travels over the trail must examine the contents of each post office that he passes for the purpose of forwarding any messages which are deliverable in the direction that he is pursuing. If the first person who passes the cache or post office in which I have deposited my letters knows my family or where they live, and expects to see them, he must take the message to them. If he intends to go only a portion of the way, he copies my message, leaves the original as he found it, and deposits his copy in the last post office that he passes on his journey toward my wigwam.

"If another person comes into the trail on the hither side of this copy, he must repeat the operation described, delivering the copy to my family or his own copy into the last cache on the road he travels in their direction.

"I asked the civil chief of the Pillagers how long his people had used this beautiful and effective free-delivery system, and he replied, 'always.'

"As the Pillagers claim to be the aboriginal natives of the soil where the remnant of their tribes is now located, and as the tepee of the present hereditary chief overlooks the graves of more than 30 generations of his ancestors, the term 'always' in this case must mean, at the lowest, many, many centuries."

A Miraculous Cure.

The following statement by H. M. Adams and wife, Henrietta, Pa., will interest parents and others: A miraculous cure has taken place in our home. Our child had eczema 5 years and was pronounced incurable, when we read about Electric Bitters, and concluded to try it. Before the second bottle was all taken we noticed a change for the better, and after taking seven bottles he was completely cured. It's the up-to-date blood medicine and body building tonic. Guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00 at all druggists.

S. P. Co. Surveyors Retracing

A Wedderburn press dispatch says: The Southern Pacific survey party, which has been working in Curry county for the past few months, retracing the lines of the old Cooper survey, the field notes of which were destroyed in the San Francisco fire, has completed its work in the southern part of this county and has been called to San Francisco.

The understanding is that the party will start and work south of Eureka to the city, as all of the surveys for Oregon have been completed. From members of the party returning through this place it is learned that they expect to go over the lines in the Spring and set the grade stakes.

What's

worth doing is worth doing well. If you wish to be cured of Rheumatism use Ballard's Snow Liniment and you will be "well cured." A positive cure for Sprains, Neuralgia, Bruises, Contracted Muscles and all the ills that flesh is heir to. A. G. M. Williams, Navasota, Texas, writes: "I have used Snow Liniment for sprained ankle and it gave the best of satisfaction. I always keep it in the house." For sale by National Drug Co., and Rotermond.

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