

Restaurant Cooks' Fees.

When a cook applies for a place in a restaurant, he says first: "What's the wages?" And after he has learned about the wages he goes on: "Includin' grease?" "Yes," is the answer, or else it is "No," whereupon he resumes: "Includin' bones?" An inquisitive person the other day heard a cook asking these strange questions of a restaurateur, and the inquisitive person inquired, "What on earth did that cook mean?" "He meant that he wished to know if he would get the grease and bones as perquisites," the restaurateur explained. "The waste grease and bones of a big eating house amount in the course of a month to a great deal, you know. Here we get monthly 3,700 pounds of bones, and they all go to the cook. He sells them at a half cent a pound, and thus they add \$4.50 a week to his salary."—Philadelphia Record.

Foods and Appetite.

In some good advice given in print by a physician the theory held by faddists in special foods, warranted to perform marvels of health and restoration, is exploded. "Don't," says this writer "imagine that you can grow strong or foods that you dislike. Better fried ham and chocolate cake with a good appetite than a health cereal with mill and disgust." One would hesitate, perhaps, to follow strictly the fried ham and chocolate cake dictum to the letter, but it is undoubtedly true that at the moment many persons almost starve themselves because they have no appetite for the various so called health foods, which alone they fancy they can eat. Above and beyond the choice of food is moderation in partaking of it and relish for what is eaten.—New York Post.

The East and the West.

A man from the west who was recently visiting Maine fell into conversation with a quiet old farmer on a train. He was full of the greatness of the west and talked about the big farms and big crops of his particular section and wound up by saying, "I suppose you do manage to pick up a living on these little Maine farms." The old Maine farmer smiled sadly and replied: "Yes, and a few years ago some of us invested money in your section, and it is there yet. It was a permanent investment, I guess." The western man changed the conversation.—New York Tribune.

A Poison Without an Antidote.

Some persons are advocating a substitute for death by electricity and hanging. They have advocated poisoning. Well, nothing could be more effective or painless than execution by means of a capsule filled with hydrocyanic acid. It might be served without the knowledge of the convict, and death would be so sudden and so certain that there could be no resurrection. A single drop placed on the tongue of a big dog causes instant death. A half teaspoonful taken by a man will cause him to drop as if struck by lightning. There is no antidote.

Truthful Debtor.

Long—Say, Short, I'd like to have that \$10 you borrowed of me three months ago.
Short—Sorry, old man, but I can't give it to you at the present writing.
Long—But you said you wanted it for a little while only.
Short—Well, I gave it to you straight. I didn't keep it half an hour.—Chicago News.

Milk and Crackers.

In the article on "Dietetics" in the Encyclopaedia Britannica, which was written by Dr. T. K. Chambers, an eminent authority, the information is given that Dr. Cheyne, a well known English physician, spent sixteen years in the prime of his life without suffering or loss of vigor, while he succeeded in preserving his health and strength, on a daily allowance of only three plates of milk and only six ounces of crackers. Through all those years he also kept up constantly the active practice of his laborious profession.

SHORT STORIES.

No less than 185 species of butterflies are found in Mexico and Central America.
Brooklyn's health department is going to stop the sale of dangerous "headache cures."
Paul Revere's house in Boston, from which he started on his famous ride, is now an Italian bank.

SUICIDE ON INCREASE.

Statistics Show That Self Destruction Is Growing in the World.

The mania for self destruction is on the increase. Life certainly presents in most countries many more agreeable features than it did a generation ago. Yet the desire to abandon it increases yearly. The total number of suicides is swelling enormously. Is it because of the greater prevalence of nervous diseases? An English alienist, Mr. Styles, has been at some pains to investigate this subject, with wholly discouraging results. The story of his discoveries may best be expressed in figures.

Some forty years ago the average number of suicides was in Sweden one to every 92,000 inhabitants, in Russia one to every 35,000 inhabitants, in the United States one to every 15,000 inhabitants and in the great cities, like London and St. Petersburg, one to every 21,000 inhabitants. It is plain that we made a dismal showing even then.

In France, chosen for illustration because it offers the most startling revelations, Mr. Styles found for every 100,000 inhabitants during the years 1841 to 1845 9 suicides, from 1846 to 1850 10 suicides, from 1851 to 1870 13 suicides, from 1871 to 1875 15 suicides, from 1876 to 1880 17 suicides, in 1889 21 suicides, in 1893 22 and in 1894 26. From 1826 to 1890 the proportion of suicides in Belgium has augmented 72 per cent, Prussia 411 per cent, in Austria 238 per cent, in Sweden and Denmark 72 per cent and 35 per cent respectively and in France 31 per cent.—St. Louis Star.

Lightning Never Strikes the Sea.

Professor John Trowbridge of Harvard has lately made a series of experiments with electric sparks six feet in length which, he thinks, show that lightning never strikes the surface of the ocean. His experiments were undertaken with a view to volatilizing water for the purpose of obtaining a strong spectrum of water vapor. But he found that his sparks, of high electromotive force and as far as possible resembling lightning, always refused to strike the surface of water and passed instead to the edges of the vessel containing it. He also found it extremely difficult to pass powerful sparks from one stream of water to another. An interesting conclusion which he draws is that "it does not seem probable that lightning discharges pass through regions in the air of heavy rainfall."

Three Great Rivers' Sources.

One of the puzzles of geography has been the question of the situation of the sources and upper portions of the three great rivers Hoangho, Yangtze and Mekong, all of which start from the lofty plateau of Tibet. Two of the rivers traverse China; the Mekong makes its way to the sea between Annam and Siam. This puzzle has been partially cleared up by the explorations of the Russian Captain Kozloff during 1900 and 1901. He found that the three rivers flow on the surface of the great plateau, 12,000 feet above sea level, and are separated from one another by parallel ranges of mountains rising about 3,000 feet above the plateau and running in a northwest and southeast direction.

The Hermit Crab.

Gently crack the shell of the whelk, for you will find it almost impossible to extract the occupant alive otherwise, and you will see what you may be pardoned for supposing a miniature lobster, but which in reality belongs to another distinct species—namely, the hermit crab, Pagurus bernhardus. Whether he has obtained occupancy by force of arms or merely through decease of the original tenant is a moot point, but the first supposition is highly probable, as he is a most belligerent little customer.

An amusing scene may be witnessed by placing several hermit crabs deprived of their shells in an ordinary soup plate, with a little sea water and some empty shells—fewer shells than crabs. The fighting and struggling to secure houses is ludicrous in the extreme. One may be seen almost successful in mooring himself within a shell, which, by the way, is effected by means of the shelly plates at the extremity of his soft and twisted tail, when another seizes him by the nape of the neck, as it were, and he is dragged reluctantly forth. The evictor still holds him struggling at claws' length, and not until he himself is safely ensconced does he relinquish his grasp.—Chambers' Journal.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, June 23, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before W. U. Douglas, U. S. Commissioner, at Marshfield, Oregon, on August 11, 1902, viz: REUBEN M. WIEDER, on H. E. No. 9776, for the SE 1/4, Sec. 26, Tp. 26 S., R. 10 W.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, June 17th, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

ROYAL F. CUMPTON, of Cleveland, County of Douglas, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2747 for the purchase of the NW 1/4 of Section 8, Township 26 South, Range 10 West, Willamette Meridian, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday the 15 day of October, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Hiram A. Sheldon, Eugene M. Wood, Wilbur F. Hatch, of Cleveland, Oregon, Charles Thom, of Roseburg, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 15 day of October, 1902.

J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, April 26, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

EDWARD PALMER, of Minneapolis, county of Hennepin, state of Minnesota, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2296, for the purchase of the North half of the South half, Section No. 24, in Township No. 26 S., Range No. 10 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Saturday, the 9th day of August, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Harry Thomas, Avon E. Frost, of Roseburg, Oregon; Charles Thom, John Thom, of Cleveland, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 9th day of August, 1902.

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