

A Snake that Swallowed Eggs.
The hydrae yeti is a native of South Africa, and, taken all around, he is a curiosity in the reptile line. Unlike the regulation snake, he has no teeth in his mouth, but has a full set of grinders in his stomach. These dental wonders grow from the center of each vertebra. They pass through the walls of the stomach, and are each crowned with enamel. Hydrae is the champion egg sucker, and the teeth in the stomach appear to be nature's provision for breaking the shell of the egg without running the risk of losing the precious contents. When the egg lands in the stomach and the serpent's instinct tells it that everything is all right, the abdominal walls contract, and the egg is crushed against the long row of vertebral teeth.

Air Tore His Face.
After he stepped out of his machine at Ormond, Friday, two miles beyond the finish, Marriott said:

"The pressure of the air fairly tore my face. My eyes felt as though they were melting, even under my wind glasses.

"I gripped the steering wheel like the last thread of life, crouched so that nothing but my goggles were above the top of the hooded car, and clung there till I thought it was over. I didn't see the finish or hear the crack of the pistol. My ears were stricken numb for the time being, and all senses but one—to hold the steering wheel steady—left me.

"Toward the end it seemed as though the top of my head would be taken away."—New York World.

Couldn't Afford It.
About a year ago Sewell Ford became a resident of Rye, N. Y. He had lived there only a short time before he discovered that one of his neighbors was Simeon Ford. The revelation was made over the telephone.

"Hello!" said a voice, "is this Sewell Ford?"

The author of "Shorty" admitted that it was.

"Well," went on the voice, "this is Simeon Ford. Someone's sent me your meat bill."

"Good! Why don't you pay it?"

"I will if you'll pay mine," said Simeon.

At last accounts the bargain had not been concluded. Simeon runs a hotel.—Exchange.

The rate at which the Zulus can run in an emergency is astonishing. Some will cover as much as fifty miles in six hours. Eight miles an hour is common.



How to Clean Fish.

Do not wash fish too much, as by so doing you lose some of the flavor. Some fish are cut open before being emptied, others have the insides drawn out. Be careful not to disfigure the fish. Clean it thoroughly and see that no blood is left on the bone. If the fish feels slimy, rub it well with a little salt. Scales should be scraped off with a knife, scraping from the tail upward, and the fish well rinsed afterward. In cutting off the fins cut from the tail upward. In taking out the eyes, if the skin over them is tough, cut it first with a pair of scissors, and then the eye can easily be pulled out, or pushed out from the inside. Fish that have a strong, muddy flavor should be soaked in salt and water before being cooked. Thorough cleaning of fish is essential to its wholesomeness.

Braised Mutton.

Slice in the bottom of a baking pan an onion, a carrot and a turnip; sprinkle them with bits of parsley, four cloves, a bay leaf and a stalk of celery cut in lengths and a teaspoonful of salt. Wipe the meat with a damp cloth and lay on these; pour in a quart of stock or water. Cover with another pan or lid and cook fifteen minutes for every pound in a quick oven. Take out meat on a hot dish. Thicken the gravy with a tablespoonful each of flour and butter rubbed together. Stir till it boils; add a tablespoonful each of Worcestershire sauce and tomato catsup, salt and pepper to taste. Pour this around the meat.

English Meat Pie.

This is the way to make an English meat pie: Take finely chopped cold beef, put in a deep baking dish a layer of the meat, sprinkle with bread crumbs seasoned highly with salt, pepper and onion if liked; repeat the process until the dish is full, pour over it a cup of stock or gravy, or, lacking these, a cup of hot water in which a teaspoonful of butter has been melted. Place on top a good layer of bread crumbs seasoned and dusted with butter; cover and bake thirty minutes, remove the cover and brown.

Apple Dumplings.

Sift a quart of flour three times with one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder and two saltspoonfuls of salt. Chop into the flour two table-spoonfuls of butter or one of butter and one of lard. Add about a pint of milk, or enough to make a soft dough. Roll into a sheet a half inch thick and cut into squares five inches across. Peel and core apples and put one in the center of each square of pastry. Fill the hollow left by the core with granulated sugar, fold the corners of the pastry over the apple, pinch them together and bake in a good oven to a light brown.

Tomato Cream Soup.

To make a delicious tomato cream soup place a cupful of tomatoes over the fire to heat, adding a pinch of soda and a little water. When heated through strain carefully to remove every seed and add to one pint of boiling milk that has been thickened slightly with flour and butter rubbed together until smooth. Boil up once, season with salt and paprika and serve with croutons.

Hot Chocolate.

Rub six table-spoonfuls of chocolate smooth with a little cold water, then pour upon it gradually a generous cup of boiling water. Stir until smooth and free from lumps and bring to a boil. Add two cups of milk and cook in a double boiler for five minutes. Sweeten to taste and serve with a spoonful of whipped cream on the surface of each cup of the beverage.

Eggless Cookies.

One cup of sugar rubbed to a cream with a half-cup of butter or lard; one-half cup of sour milk; one-half teaspoonful of baking soda; flour enough to make a dough that can be rolled out. Add any flavor wished and roll out, cut and bake quickly.

Wheat Cakes.

Sift two cups of flour with a teaspoonful of baking powder and a generous pinch of salt. Beat one egg light, add a pint of sweet milk and beat the prepared flour gradually into this liquid. Cook at once on a soapstone griddle, if you have one.

Delicate Pudding.

One cup of granulated sugar, one-half cup of sweet milk, one egg beaten light, butter the size of an egg, one cup of seeded raisins, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, flour to make of the consistency of cake batter. Steam for one hour.

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"The last time she sent for the doctor he lost patience with her. As she was telling him how she was suffering from rheumatism, sore throat, nervous indigestion, heartburn, pains in the back of the head and what not, he interrupted her.

"Ah," he said, in an admiring tone, "what splendid health you must have in order to be able to stand all these complaints."—The Washington Star.

How the Engagement Was Broken.
She (having nothing else to say)—It's funny how we ever came to think so much of each other.

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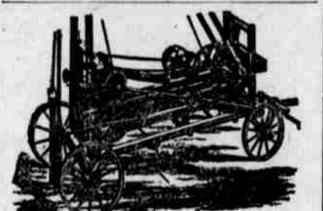
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