

## U. S. Government Baking Powder Tests.

The report of the analyses of Baking Powders, made by the U. S. Government (Chemical Division, Ag'l Dep't), shows the Royal superior to all other powders, and gives its leavening strength and the strength of each of the other cream of tartar powders tested as follows:

ROYAL, Absolutely Pure,	13.06	160.6
12.58	151.1	
11.13	133.6	
10.26	123.2	
9.53	114.	
9.29	111.6	
8.03	96.5	
7.28	87.4	
4.98	65.5	

Royal Baking Powder is absolutely pure, and of greater leavening power than any other powder.

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Our readers will serve themselves by noticing the remarkable offerings advertised in another column by the Sherwood Hall Nursery Co. of Menlo Park and San Francisco, who are leaders on the coast in furnishing everything for the farm and garden.

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10 Years,  
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TENNYSON.

Beyond the sunset he hath gone at last;  
I finished the poem, silent the silver tongue,  
Finished the tender, tearful songs he sang.  
The martial note that like a bugle rung,  
Whose echoes sound from out a fading past.  
O cruel years! O years that sped so fast,  
Taking the choicest and the best of ours,  
Stealing life's summers and its sweet heart's  
flow'rs,  
Crushing the pearls that are before us cast;  
Thus from our century, ere we turn the page,  
A spirit goeth, one who moved our moods  
From Crimean charges to the peace which  
breathes.

—Howard James in Kate Field's Washington

Clever Catches.

A young lady was once talking with a very young and very smart man, who was inclined to air his knowledge of the languages a little beyond what she felt that modesty required. She therefore said to him, with an air of deference to his superior attainments:

"You are a Latin scholar. I wish you would tell me how to pronounce the word 'so-met-i-mes'."

The youth, with an air of kindly patronage, replied, "I have not met the word in my Latin reading, but I should have no hesitation in saying that it should be pronounced 'so-met-i-mes'" (giving it in four syllables, the accent on the second).

"Thank you for telling me," replied the girl demurely. "I have always heard it pronounced sometimes, but if you say the other way, that must be right."

This is similar to the perhaps familiar catch of the pronunciation of "bae-kae-hi," which will often surprise the uninformed by proving to be only backache. It also reminds one of a question printed some years since, as to the way of spelling "need"—to need bread. The average person will reply "k-n-e-a-d" of course," but the answer will be, "that is the way to spell knead dough, but not to need bread."

—Harper's Young People.

The Wonder of All Wonders.

Sarah Jessop, of this place, was one of the most wonderful of Georgia's many natural freaks. She was a colored woman, and when I saw her last had a 2-inch iron cylinder passing through her breast. When Sarah was very small this passage appeared as a simple dent or cicatrice. At the age of six years it was sufficiently large to admit the thumb of an adult and extended entirely through the child's body. At a later period—about the age of thirteen, I believe—a local physician inserted a metal tube as a protection to the girl's internal anatomy. When the size of the cavity or passage increased the cylinders loosened and dropped out, whereupon larger ones were regularly inserted. When Sarah died (from other causes), at the age of twenty-three, the cylinder was a fraction over two inches in diameter and passed through her breast between the lungs, coming out at the junction of the shoulder blades.—Augusta (Ga.) Cor. St. Louis Republic.

A Big Blunder.

Some years ago Willie Blair, the "queen's fiddler," was playing at a ball which the Prince of Wales had given to the domestics connected with Aberdeggie castle. The dancers had been rather exacting in their demands upon the musician, and Willie was in no very amiable mood when the prince himself entered the room uninvited by the fiddler, and stepping up looking round, and thinking it was one of the servants, growled in response, "Aye, an I wish you were a'droned in it!" The prince laughed as heartily as anybody at the mistake—a good deal more so than the fiddler.—Scottish American.

The Chinese Way.

In its war with England and France in 1856-60 China was easily conquered and brought to a humiliating peace. The Peking Gazette, the official organ of the government, however, reported the following concerning that treaty of peace:

As the western barbarians have admitted their wrongs and humbly solicited for peace, the emperor in his infinite goodness has granted their prayer, and, moreover, has made them a present of a large sum of money (indemnity of war) to enable them to begin an honest life, so that they may not again be driven to murder and rapine.

—Detroit Free Press.

**White Animals Among the Japanese.**  
A white fox is often mentioned in the Japanese fables, and a white serpent appears in their pictures of Benten, the goddess of fortune. Among the Japanese, as among the ancient Greeks and Scythians, white horses were dedicated to the gods, and are still attached to the larger temples of the country. The milk and butter of white cows were formerly prized as a medicine.—London Globe.

Breathing of Insects.

Insects generally breathe through special pores in various parts of their body, and if these pores are closed by oil they are suffocated. Any one may test this by dropping sweet oil on the thorax or back of a wasp. It very soon dies. For this reason oil has been found one of the best things to use for the destruction of insects.—London Tit-Bits.

An Abbreviation Explained.

The origin of the symbol "ewi." for hundredweight is as follows: C is the initial letter of the Latin word "centum," meaning a hundred, and wt are the first and last letters of the word "weight" and are used as a contraction for it.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Diphtheria and Smokers.

It may not be generally known that four men in every six use tobacco; yet a medical man in Vienna asserts that diphtheria is as prevalent among smokers as those who deny themselves the luxury of the weed.—Chambers' Journal.

The Paris Jardin des Plantes owes its origin to a florist, who, in the time of Henry IV, grew all sorts of native and imported plants, to sell flowers as models to the manufacturers of embroideries andlaces.

The glowworm lays eggs which are themselves luminous; however, the young hatched from them are not possessed of the peculiar properties until after the first transformation.

Emphasis is laid upon the necessity of watching closely for the first fluttering of the pulse in diphtheria. Such a fluttering predicts dangerous heart failure.

The cry of a young seal when wounded or about to be attacked resembles that of a child in distress, and tears flow from its eyes.

The knife, though very old, had not come into common use as a table utensil in the Tenth century.

The bluejay is a practical joker. It is his habit to conceal himself in a mass of leaves near the spot where small birds are accustomed to gather, and when they are enjoying themselves in their own fashion will suddenly frighten them almost to death by screaming out like a hawk. Of course they scatter in every direction, and when they do so the mischievous rascal gives vent to a cackle that sounds very much like a laugh.—Yankee Blade.

TENNYSON.

NATURE'S SUREST ALLY.

If nature did not struggle against disease, even in weakly constitutions, swift indeed would be the course of a malady to its fatal terminus. While nature thus strong let us not use base help, and her aid with medicinal help. Experience must be our guide in battles with disease and that "Clamp to our feet" indicates Houston's Stomach Bitters as a safe, tried and thoroughly sly of nature. It may be well to add that the bitters are inactive if the stomach fall in except impurities of which they are the natural outlet, a course of the bitters is the surest reliance of the sufferer, one, moreover, that is sanctioned by practice and testimony and use for many a century. An old and noted remedy has earned greater distinction as a remedy for and preventive of chronic liver complaint, strata, constipation, kidney and rheumatism.

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