# Baking

CRADLE SONG.

The crickets in the corner sing, O'er farm and field the shadows creep, Their homeward way the swallows wing, The sun is setting in the deep,
The squirrels seek their leafy hold,
The fox is in his hollow tree,
And, huddled in their silent fold, The downy lambkins sleeping be, The little bird within his nest Hath hid his little head in rest,

And soon, oh, soon
The dreamy moon
Will sail along the fleecy west.
The day is done,
The night begun; To sleep, my drowsy little one.

But when at break of day we see The spider weaving at his loom, The searing lark above the lea, The bee amid the clover bloom, When frisking baby squirrels wake And sip the leaves of morning dew, When baby foxes from the brake Do prowl the thorny hedges through, When on the meadow sweet with hay The white and curly lambkins play,

And, sweet and cool, O'er plain and pool, Bloweth the breeze of coming day, Thou, too, shalt rise To sunny skies,

And open wide thy baby eyes.

—Rowan Stevens in Youth's Companion

NO GOOSEBERRY PIE FOR HER.

The Old Lady Had a Dinner That Surprised the Knowing Gamblers.

The old lady entered a restaurant which, rightly or wrongly, is known as the resort of the gay and careless. She was typically countrified in appearance, her spectacles resting on the bridge of her nose, her hat being old fashioned and her gait and general attitude those of one fresh from the little farmhouse.

Without, however, any sign of halting confidence that was to be expected of a stranger to city ways, she sat down at the most conspicuous table in the room. A surly looking short card player, who, although it was 6 o'clock in the afternoon, was just getting his breakfast, stared at her with curiosity. Two dejected turf gamblers, prevented from attending the races on that day by bad luck on the day before, who were solacing themselves with strong waters and who hadn't spoken to each other for half an hour, observed her with slight smiles.

"Well, now," said one, "that's a funny old girl to see in here. I remember seeing her kind in country towns when I was in the show business. I'll gamble on what she'll order. She'll have gooseberry pre and milk, and she'll eat the pie with her knife. They don't

have no forks where she comes from." But the other would not bet. He said merely and not unkindly, "She doesn't seem to fit this place.'

They could not hear what she ordered, but they could see that there was nothing flippant in the attitude of the waiter who went to her. She ate with deliberation and then departed. One of the two unsuccessful patrons of the turf called the waiter and asked, "What did that old lady order?"

"Why, le's see," answered the wait-"I think she had pigeon and a pint of fizz. She's very fond of both."

The gamblers looked surprised. "Who is she?" asked one.

"Why, don't you know her?" queried the waiter. "That's Mlle. Lanconi, the head dancer in this new burlesque at the Jupiter theater. "-New York World.

# Home Thrust.

It is said that the saying, "Much may be done with a Scotchman if he be caught young," which has passed into a historical witticism, was first spoken by Dr. Johnson in reference to Lord Mansfield. An amusing little incident is said to have given rise to the remark.

Lord Mansfield, having received his education entirely in England, always considered himself an Englishman, but the fact that he was born in Scotland was once referred to with great effect.

General Sabine, governor of Gibraltar at the time, having failed in his attempts to extort money from a Jew. sent him back by force to Tetuan, in Marocco, from whence he had come to Gibraltar. The Jew afterward went to England and sued the governor for damages.

Lord Mansfield, who was then known as Mr. Murray, was counsel for the governor. In the course of his defense before the jury he said:

"True, the Jew was banished. But where? Why, to the place of his nativity! Where is the cruelty, where the hardship, where the injustice of banishing a man to his own country?"

Mr. Nowell, counsel for the Jew, retorted: "Since my learned friend thinks so lightly of the matter, I ask him to suppose the case his own. Would he like to be banished to his native land?"

The court rang with peals of laughter, in which Murray himself joined with a right good will.-Youth's Companion.

# A Big Brained Major.

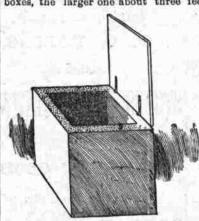
An amusing incident occurred while a company of a certain battalion stationed in one of our garrison towns were going through their musketry training. Owing to a strong wind blowing from the right, the bullets kept falling to the left of the target. An old major, who was in charge at the ranges, came over to the color sergeant and inquired the cause of the bad shooting. On being told that there was too much wind blowing from the right, causing the shots to fall wide, he astonished the miles, 8 cents; 90 miles, 10 cents; 150 sergeant by asking, "Wouldn't it be a good idea if the targets were moved more to the left?" The color sergeant barely restrained a smile.-London Tit-

AN INEXPENSIVE ICEBOX.

It Can Be Made at Home Very Easily and Will Cost Only \$1

Refrigerators and their plebeian cousins, plain iceboxes, are now sold in the stores at prices that are within the proverbial "reach of all," so to speak, but there are some people, nevertheless, that find it advisible, if not convenient, to make one at home. For their possible benefit the accompanying cut is printed, with a detailed description of how to make the box therein shown.

The arrangement consists of two boxes, the larger one about three feet



square and the smaller one just enough smaller to allow a space of about three inches between the two around the four sides and also at the bottom. This space should be filled closely with sawdust or with fine charcoal.

Line the inside of the inner box with zine, and through the bottom bore a hole that will admit a half inch lead pipe. A hole should also be bored in the bottom of the larger box right under that in the smaller one, and the lead pipe must be long enough to go through both holes and carry off the water that will come from the ice. The latter may lie upon the bottom of the box without support of any kind.

This box will be found a good preserver of ice, and it should not exceed \$1 in cost if made at home. If shelves are desired, hang strips of tin over the edge of the inner box, with cleats attached on which the shelves may rest. -Philadelphia Times.

#### What Is a "Lady?"

It would never enter into my head to think a person of great wealth and possessed of a fine establishment a lady, if she could turn in her own house from a beaming recognition of some star of contemporaneous fashion to bestow a frozen greeting upon a social makeweight or a poor friend of other days who had not kept pace with her in progress up the ladder of society, writes Mrs. Burton Harrison in an interesting discussion of the proper usage of the terms "woman" "lady" in The Ladies' Home Jour-

To lay down a law for the use of the word in the present condition of American society would, I think, puzzle the thrust forward, the half coils below it most ingenious makers of social codes. For the time it must remain a matter of intuition when and where to apply the graceful courtesy title of "lady.

# Today's Woman.

Dublin has a new paper called Today's Woman. It is edited and written by a group of talented women, many of whom are university graduates. Its leading article is by Sir Charles Cameron on "Scientific Professions For Women." Progress in England has been along different grooves from what it has been in America. Here women have entered law, medicine, dentistry, the pulpit, chemistry, pharmacy and architecture, while in England they have seemingly avoided these fields and have gone into geology, mineralogy, botany, zoology, paleontology and higher mathematics. Today's Woman argues the adoption of the American system and the broadening of the British system.

# Battle Creek's League.

In Battle Creek, Mich., March 6, a woman's league was organized. Its object is the promotion of all literary, musical, scientific, philanthropic, educational, artistic and social movements in which women are interested. It is proposed to make it auxiliary to the League of All Women Societies now in the city. The officers elected are: President. Mrs. Eugene Glass; vice president. Mrs. C. M. Ranger, Mrs. L. A. Dudley; secretary, Mrs. Frank Dunning; treasurer, Miss Cora Leon; also a board of managers. The league starts out with a membership of over 300 prominent wo-

# A Useful Dog.

"You say that I'm not altogether objectionable to your parents," he said ruefully.
"No," she replied, "father and moth-

er both speak very highly of you." "Then why does that big dog assault me every time I come near and chew a

piece out of my clothes?" "Oh, you mustn't mind Brutus. He's trained to do that. Aunty has gotten almost enough samples from him to make a lovely patchwork quilt."-

#### Washington Star. Old Time Postage Rates.

In 1813 postage rates in the United States were: Single letters by land, 40 miles, 121/2 cents; 300 miles, 17 cents; 500 miles, 20 cents; over 500 miles, 25 cents. Double letters, twice the single rates, one ounce at the rate of four single letters.

# THE RATTLESNAKE.

COMMON ERRORS REGARDING ITS FIGHTING ABILITIES.

Doesn't Have to Coil Before Striking and Kills by a Blow-Quickly Replaces Lost Fangs-He Will Not Go Out of His Way to Attack Anything.

"Nobody was ever bitten by a rattle-make, and bobody ever will be," said a man who has studied them. "And the reason is the best that could possibly be. A rattlesnake can't bite. It isn't likely that any creature that lives and is provided with teeth and jaws has less power of biting. The snake's jaws are not hinged. They are attached to each other by an elastic cartilage. Thus the snake has no leverage whatever in closing one jaw against the other, and if it attempted to inflict injury by biting it couldn't so much as pierce the skin. The fangs of a rattlesnake are driven into the flesh by a stroke, not a bite, as is well shown by the fact that punctures are made only by the armament of the upper jaw. The lower jaw has nothing to do with the act. A man striking a boat hook into a log is an exact representation of the manner in which the rattlesnake bites. So whenever any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlesnake bet him it isn't so. You'll win. It is an impossibility for a rattlesnake to bite. "But although the rattlesnake can't

bite, if you're fooling around in a country where he is spending the summer, you want to keep your eye peeled. And there is one particular thing you don't want to forget. It is a common and widespread fallacy that a rattlesnake is entirely harmless, so long as he is uncoiled. I believed that once and found out by a startling personal experience that it wasn't so. It is true that when a rattlesnake is stretched at full length, with the muscles extended to the ntmost, he could not strike an inch forward, but from that position he can strike backward his full length and with lightninglike velocity. One day I dropped a big stone on the head of a big rattler that lay in this position, crushing the head, the stone lying partly on the head. After gazing for some time at the quivering reptile so suddenly taken from life, I stooped down to remove his rattles. I had no sooner touched his tail than his mutilated head flew back, and almost grazing my cheek struck the sleeve of my coat just below the shoulder, where both fangs were buried, pulling out of the jaw and remaining in the sleeve as the snake fell back to the ground. They had not missed my cheek by more than a hair's breadth. With precaution I have made that test of a rattlesnake's capacity of striking in that way many times since then, and the snake always struck. The instinct is so strong in this reptile that I have known a rattler two hours after its head was severed from its body to strike back fiercely with its bleeding

stump the instant its tail was touched. "But the typical position of the rattlesnake when intent on deadly assault is the coil. This is not always a symmetrical spiral, but the body is massed in more or less regular folds, the muscles are contracted, and the reptile is literally an animate set spring. From this position the rattler can spring from one-half to two-thirds of his length. Before the stroke the mouth is opened wide, the fangs falling down from their sockets in the upper jaw and standing being straightened out to lengthen the neck and to give power to the strike. There is no preliminary motion. The stab is made with abrupt swiftness that defies escape of the victim. There is but one strike. The snake passes back into its coil again with the same swiftness that it threw itself out. As the fangs enter the flesh the venom is injected. If the thing struck at is beyond the rattler's reach, the snake has the power of squirting its venom in jets, which it can do to a distance of four feet or more.

"Sometimes a rattlesnake loses its fangs in the flesh of the object it strikes, but that does only temporary damage to its deadly armory. There are plenty of incipient fangs lying in the jaw, only waiting for a chance like that to come forward and be in line for business They grow very fast, and in the course of two or three days a rattlesnake that has lost its fangs is refitted with a brand new pair. This is a good thing to remember, for it is the popular belief that a rattler is made harmless by extracting its venom fangs. The only way to render one of these reptiles harmless, besides killing it, is to appty redhot iron to the cavities left by the fangs. This will destroy all the vitality of these dangerous parts, and new fangs

will not come in. "The rattlesnake never pursues his prey; he waits. He will not go out of his way to attack anything. He will invariably keep on his course if not cornered or teased. You may step within four inches of a rattlesnake and will not be disturbed by it if you keep right on your way. If you stop, the snake at once will take it for a challenge and hit you only too quick. It is said, as if by authority, that the rattlesnake never sounds his rattle until he has coiled. If that is so, rattlesnakes that I have seen must have been freaks, for they have rattled when lying at full length and even when moving, as well as in their coils. The rattler, when traveling, will cross lakes and streams, and he swims with his head and his rattles raised well above the water. The force with which a rattlesnake can strike is such that I once teased one into striking at a piece of belting at least a quarter of an inch thick, and he sent his fangs clear through it."-New York Sun.

# Heavy Freight.

Landlord (apologetically)-This elevator seems to run a little slow just

Guest-Oh, that's all right. There's a clerk on board with one of the guest's bills. - Chicago Record.

# SOME NEW TRICK ELEPHANTS.

They Understand English and Weep When Reprimanded.

Some trained elephants are now being exhibited in New York by a Scotch traveler named Lockhart, who has educated them himself, and, unlike many trainers, says that affection and confidence are the secrets of controlling this most interesting of beasts. Lockhart is a dapper little man; has large and kindly black eyes and dresses in the plainest manner possible. He does not carry a gold headed cane, nor does he wear a diamond cross. But as an elephant trainer he is a genius of the first water.

"The secret of my success, I believe," said Mr. Lockhart, "lies in constant attention, kindness, and when necessary absolute firmness. On arriving at a new town I invariably see my elephants comfortably stowed away and fed before I go to my own hotel. Except for the early breakfast I am always present at their meals. I bring them sweetmeats, buns, knots of sugar, and when they are sick I attend to them carefully. Then they look to me for everything. They know every word I say and do everything I wish so far as they can. I treat them just as I would children. Indeed I am much more careful of them than I am of my own children, because while I have to support my children the elephants, in point of fact, support me." "What is your mode of punishment?"

"Well, really, the animals are so fond of me and so tractable that beyond a stern look and an occasional harsh word little is needed. Of course I can always cut off supplies-that is, reduce their food, and this they feel very strongly. A few nights ago Molly was somewhat slow at her tricks on the stage, and as I passed her one time I gave her a fierce scowl and growled between my teeth: 'This is very bad. I shall not be friends with you.' Molly is the most tender hearted of the three and was very much cut up. When the curtain fell, she followed me to the stable with great tears rolling down her cheeks, and it was not until I had made friends and told her that she was forgiven that she became herself again."

'How long does it take to teach them trick or a point in the performance,

whatever you may term it?' "Well, that all depends. Of course, Boney is the cleverest, and picks up things quicker than the others, and, in fact, she helps to teach them. Some trifling movements which you have seen on the stage have cost me two years' assiduous labor. A single movement I have made them repeat from 50 to 200 times a day. But, once they have it, I can rely upon them. I have only to give the sign and they are there. One of the most difficult things was to get Boney to understand that she must keep time, regular time, in playing the organ. But, now she understands it, her timekeeping is that of a born musician. As for the tricycle, it was more difficult to design a machine than to teach Boney to ride. She took to it without any great difficulty, and, in spite of some accidents, she has always shown wonderful intelligence in steering."

"What were the accidents?"

"Well, on one occasion, on a somewhat small and sloping stage when we were in France, Boney could not make the turn in time and ran into the orchestra. The players fortunately foresaw the avalanche and got out of the way, but the machine was ruined. On another occasion, on a small stage at Budapest, Molly overbalanced herself while standing on her head on a barrel, and toppled over on the big drum, doing damage which cost me \$30 to repair. As a rule, however, they are wonderful. The manner in which their business is carried on on the stage proves how thoroughly they are in touch with me. I have only to give them the word and the thing is done."-New York Letter in Springfield Republican.

The Wife's Separate Property. Where the husband uses the separate property of the wife in the support of their family she may recover it in the

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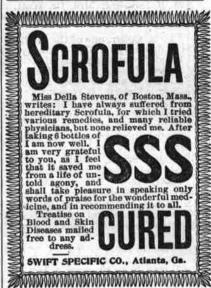
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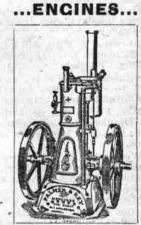
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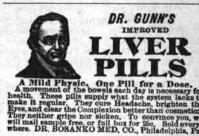
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