

SNAILS AS FOOD.

Where the Molluscs Are Considered a Delicacious Article of Diet.

A Wiltshire correspondent writes us in some amazement, says the London Standard, that only last week he found a man searching for snails, not as zoological specimens, but as articles of food. Still more extraordinary, he actually praised them. Simply roasted on the bars of the grate and eaten with pepper and vinegar they are declared to be toothsome. Soaked in salt and water and then cooked and served after the fashion of whelks and periwinkles they are still better. In winter the land shells, like snails, are hibernating in holes, under leaves, and in the hollows of trees. As all the species in a torpid state lay on a load of fat before retiring for the winter, the snail seeker, though possibly he did not quite understand the reason why, was of the opinion that it was only at this period of the year that the molluscs are fit for human consumption. Here, in fact, likely, he was wrong. But at all events, in snipping freely on such dainty bits, the Wiltshire gourmet has proved himself a great deal more sensible than many people who may be inclined to call him hard names, and then proceed to swallow a dozen raw oysters and a piece of cheese so swarming with parasites that if the latter were unanimous it would walk off the table.

Wiltshire is, however, not singular in possessing a man above the prejudices of his neighbors. In several parts of England snails are regularly eaten—not, it is true, as an ordinary article of diet, but at stated feasts. For instance, the Newcastle glass men were famous for their taste in that direction. Every year they held a sort of gastronomic festival, at which snails figured as the principal dish. Whether the custom has since fallen into decay is a question on which, no doubt, local information is to be had.

But we believe that the iron-pudders in some parts of the Black country are wise enough to still indulge in the same dainty, and it is by no means uncommon to hear of snails boiled in milk being prescribed, like the viper broth of Carolean times, for patients far gone in consumption. It is less agreeable to know that at one time they were employed in the manufacture of imitation cream and that in spite of analysts and acts of Parliament they are even yet brewed and stewed in milk to form one of the tolerably palatable articles which pass under that name.

In the neighborhood of Dixon a small farmer has been known to clear \$1,500 per annum from snails, the vine-growers keeping them in dry cellars or in trenches under coverings of leaves and earth, and from certain "escargotieres" near Uim, in Wurtemberg, no fewer than 10,000,000 of the vineyard snails are sent every year to other gardens to be fattened before they are dispatched for the use of the Austrian converts during lent. From Troyes it has been calculated that snails to the value of \$100,000—the wholesale price being 4s per 100—are forwarded to the Paris markets. Packed in casks they are also exported in a small way to the United States.

A WOMAN'S ADVICE.

She Tells Her Sisters How to Fascinate Their Husbands.

Many women lose the love of their husbands because they are too ignorant or too indifferent to keep it, observes a female writer in the Louisville Courier-Journal. Ask any of your friends how they captured their other half, and they will tell you frankly: "I don't know." A man's heart is captured by a pretty hand, nice teeth, a round low voice, frank eyes, beautiful hair; by the way a girl waits, talks, plays, rides, puns; by her gifts, her smiles, her amiability, good taste, generosity, or the very manner in which she greets, fascinates or abuses him. She may not know how she won him, but if she doesn't know how to keep him, the best thing for her to do is to find out. There are many things we know by intuition, the rest have to be learned by experience. Conscious of her abilities and inabilities as a wife, a wise woman will learn how to keep a husband just as she learns how to keep house, to make chicken croquettes, chocolate cream, bread, beds or lemonade, and if she doesn't, why, some siren will for all time relieve her of the trouble. Men like to preach down extravagance, and style, and dress; but the woman who bangs her hair, hides a blotch or scar under a piece of court-plaster, who wears pretty gloves and stockings, trim slippers, perfumes, balms, cold creams, finger curls and fancy notions to increase her charms, is the woman who is admired by them all. Common sense and ugliness may be morally wholesome, but they're not alluring, and art is apt to triumph over nature unadorned. If a man is fond of flattery, let him have it. If he has ambitions or schemes, listen to him with open eyes of wonder, and no matter what the occasion is, never permit your knowledge to exceed his. Men despise smart women, but have no fault to find when their talent is large enough to appreciate his greatness. Men like to be looked up at, depended on, quoted and referred to. An ugly temper is a trial that few women are able to endure. The only cure is silence. You can't kiss a furious man; it only makes him worse. The thing to do is to keep still, let him cool, and let the matter drop. He will repress your sense and come to terms of his own accord. To be born a woman is to be born a martyr, but the husband that is worth wedding is worth keeping; and if a little artifice, a pleasant smile, a contented heart, forbearance, devotion and tact will hold him, by all means let him be held. Men must be taken as they are, not as they should be; they improve under the refining influence of mutual interest and love, and he is a very wretched specimen of humanity who can not be contented to shield his wife from the buffets of the world and be an anchor for her when youth and beauty have proved unfaithful.

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