

HEALTH

is the

Most Important

In buying food-products, several things are to be thought of—i. e., Economy, Results, Easy Handling, Reliability, but the most important is Health.

Health means everything. In buying clothes, shoes, hats, furniture, etc., if the buyer is deceived and gets an imitation the only harm is loss of money. In buying food-products, if imitations are supplied, there is not only a loss of money, but perhaps an injury to health—which is beyond price.

Remember these facts when buying baking powder.

ROYAL

BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE

HOPS

VERY QUIET

Prices Are Firm but Stocks In Hands of Growers Are Very Small

The local hop market is quiet, but prices are recovering from the recent dull spell. There are very few sales being made, as the stocks in the hands of the growers are small, and held by men who are not anxious to sell. Trading is confined almost entirely to dealers, growers having very little interest in present transactions. Bernhard Bing, the hop dealer of New York, Nuremberg and Sans, in a letter to The Journal, from Nuremberg, Germany, says of the situation in the hop business there, under date of February 13th:

Our market may be quoted exceedingly strong, with an advancing tendency. Stock of 1903 crop is on the point to be entirely cleared off. Inquiry for old and old old hops continues to be very active, with advancing prices. In case, weather for beer consumption should be favorable during next summer, we expect still high or prices, as breweries are not plentifully covered for their requirements. We pay today per 50 kilos, first cost:

First choice qualities	230-250
Good qualities	200-220
Medium and common	150-180

The condition of the hop market in New York is shown by the following from the Bulletin and Hop Reporter of that city, under date of February 26th:

No new developments of interest were reported in either the coast or local markets. Business was quite generally reported as slow, there being practically no demand from dealers, who, in turn, reported new business with brewers practically at a standstill. Before, however, the summer season sets in it is expected that brewers will have to resume buying, and as stocks are limited there is no pressure to sell, and prices are fairly well maintained.

The California Fruit Grower of February 20th says of hops: The advancing market and good prices for hops have encouraged growers to such an extent that considerable planting is being done in Sonoma county. It is reported that the acreage this year will exceed last by several hundred acres. There are very few hops left in the county.

Little Willie—What is the difference between character and reputation, pa? Pa—Character is a luxury my son, while reputation is a necessity.—Chicago Daily News.

ALEXIEFF

STRONGLY CONDEMNED

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has been nearest the hearts of those who hate the Jews.

Vladivostok is isolated. Tokio, March 3.—It is reported that a mile and a quarter of the branch

A RUSSIAN STATESMAN. Count Lamsdorff, Russia's minister of foreign affairs, is a veteran diplomat



COUNT LAMSDORFF, and has been very conspicuous in the negotiations between his country and Japan

line of the Trans-Siberian railway connecting Vladivostok and Harbin has been destroyed at a point outside of Min Guan, a town midway between the two terminals. The Japanese agents who performed this feat also removed the telegraph wire along the line, thus effectively isolating Vladivostok.

Fortifying Antung. Seoul, March 2.—The Russian forces at Antung are compelling the Koreans to supply them with rice, water and fuel. The Russians are fortifying Antung heavily, with the apparent intention of preventing the Japanese from crossing the Yalu.

Died of the Plague. Sacramento, March 2.—Secretary of the State Board of Health Foster was notified this morning of the death of a white woman from plague on a ranch in Contra Costa county. The food situation is improving, and the water is receding.

"What's all this fuss about?" asked the policeman, stepping up between the two young men. The one that had got the worst of it, and was wiping the blood from his nose, pointed to the other fellow. "He can tell you her name if he wants to," he said. "I won't."—Chicago Tribune.

It is a lucky man who is able to prove an alibi at his own funeral.

EVERY WOMAN DOESN'T WANT A HUSBAND

(By Helen Oldfield.)

From all parts of the country and from Great Britain comes the assertion that women are constantly becoming less and less inclined to marry. A husband is no longer accounted the one thing needful for a woman's happiness, nor is marriage regarded as the chief aim and object of her existence. Sweeping generalities are usually to be taken with a grain of salt. Undoubtedly women nowadays, as compared with their grandmothers, or even their mothers, are far better equipped to fight the battle of life single handed, and the number of those who can and do earn a comfortable living is continually increasing. Nevertheless the business of marrying and giving in marriage goes on increasingly, and statistics show no perceptible falling off in the number of marriage licenses granted yearly during the last decade. Wisdom and higher education are not impregnable barriers against love, and a university diploma cannot be counted upon to turn the shafts of the little blind god. The fact that a woman does not stand in urgent need of shelter by no means presupposes that she has no desire for a home, with all that it implies, and few women live who, when love comes in its might, are not ready to sacrifice the promise of a brilliant career for Love's sweet sake. Often, it is true, they follow the leading of their hearts hoping to find genius side by side with the light of love, but the hope is rarely realized, notwithstanding the larger number of married women who have achieved distinction in various walks of life. The successes stand forth, but the failures are hidden. "High hopes faint on a warm hearthstone," sings Kipling, and "Down to Gehenna or up to the thrones he travels the fastest who travels alone," is many times truer of women than of

men. A divided duty is not often well done, and she who worthily fills the role of wife and mother, yet does other work as well as to "hear the nations praising her far off," must have talent of the highest order, not to say genius. "Little children clinging to one's gown" hinder progress on the pathway of fame, and Elizabeth Stuart Phelps' story of the brilliant artist whose hand lost its cunning with the brush in the daily round of domestic drudgery is lifelike enough to have been drawn from the real thing. There was a wise old woman who used to say that the more brains a woman possessed the bigger fool she could make herself when love gained the mastery over her; a truism for which compensation may perhaps be found in the foibles, contending in their folly, are frequently happier than the wise with all their wisdom. Probably there never was or ever will be any woman, however gifted, who had or has any deep rooted aversion to marriage in the abstract, or who would not be willing to surrender her liberty for the sake of the man whom she loves, when he woos her as a lover should. The increasing independence of woman is that of the head, or that of the heart. Insensibility is no part of it, and it lowers its guard readily to the countersign of love. The tendency upon the part of the new woman to undervalue the holy estate of matrimony is probably only a phase, which, like other phases, will have its day and pass; and meanwhile, however much the effect of its unnatural philosophy may be deplored, it has proved the old proverb concerning "ill winds" in that it has brought into full prominence a truth which was formerly too often lost sight of—namely that a life of loneliness is better than a loveless marriage.

There may be more truth in the charge of growing disinclination towards marriage upon the part of men. A century ago or thereabouts the first step which young men ordinarily took towards establishing themselves in life was to find each a good wife as helpmeet in the struggle. Now most men who pride themselves upon being long headed wait to make their own foothold stable before they attempt to carry weight and give hostages to fortune. Waiting thus, a man is apt to grow more and more accustomed to standing alone, and to conclude that, after all, he is better without a wife than he might be with one. This, of course, provided he does not fall in love, and whistles prudence and selfishness down the wind, after the usual manner of lovers; whereafter his repentance, or the contrary, depends upon his choice of a wife. This last paragraph applies chiefly to men of society with the big S. Those who are out of its world can afford to disregard its criticisms and neglect its requirements. They may dare to be happy in their own way, and reap the reward of their courage. One of the greatest obstacles to contentment is the desire to live up to other people's expectations, and to conform to their standards, however false they may be.

Such men as these are in the great minority, and the fact that they wait to make their fortunes before they take wives unto themselves does not lessen the marriage rate in any appreciable degree. By far the greater number of men marry, sooner or later, and these usually do so late in life. But it is reacting upon the present generation of society women in that many of them no longer marry while young or, if they do, frequently become the girl wives of elderly or middle aged men, a result which goes far to subvert the fundamental theory of marriage, which is that of unity and identity of interests, sentiments, and tastes. A life of ease and selfishness is not that best calculated to develop true manliness in men and true womanhood in woman. Life has great responsibilities and serious duties, it is, at its best, a long struggle, the outcome of which we cannot see, however earnestly we may strive for it. They who marry do well, but they who do not marry do better, taught St. Paul the apostle, whose own marriage, traditions tell us, was an unhappy one. Nevertheless, "male and female created he them," and so long as men are men and women are women the human race is likely to multiply and increase faster than scientists and philosophers approve. Theorizing on marriage is at best a thankless office. Love laughs at other trades as well as at locksmiths, and sets the most careful laid schemes, the most logically thought out rules altogether at defiance. None is too wise or too foolish to fall his victim, and no one can tell how soon or how severely he or she may be stricken with the fever, neither predict what may be its after effects. "Marriage," says David Christie Murray, "is an egg which either hatches or hatches, according to circumstances. When once the egg is added it is done for. When it is hatched it brings forth the bird. Peace, whose heartstrings are a lute, and who hath the sweetest of all God's creatures; and this bird, making his nest in the heart, sings there continually. And this song is satisfying." To girls, especially, nothing is less calculated to lead to the goal of a happy marriage than the constant looking out for a husband, which is itself, moreover, is apt to frighten the men away. Therefore she is wisest who does not regard marriage as the sole purpose of her life, nor yet look forward to it as a means of emancipation from the duties of the present.

Messenger Boys Scrappy.

Chicago, March 3.—The Western Union will seek the enforcement of a federal injunction against the striking messengers, on account of assaults by the boys on the men non-union messengers. One of the latter was slashed across the face this morning, and kicked and beaten by a crowd of Mercuries.

Will Make a Cardinal.

Rome, March 3.—The pope informed an intimate friend today that there would not be time at the first consistory this year to appoint an American cardinal, but at the next he will make such an appointment.

Johnny Got His Gun.

Bloomfield, Mo., March 3.—While playing with a shotgun, Johnnie Tyne accidentally killed his cousin, Mahel Miller, aged 10 years. A year ago, while playing sheriff, Johnnie shot and killed a playmate.

Spanish Sailors Desert.

Madrid, March 3.—A hundred blue jackets deserted the Spanish warship Pelayo at Ferrol, on account of the discipline of the commander. Many were captured and severe punishment inflicted.

That Tiresome Dreyfus.

Paris, March 3.—The court of cassation today began consideration of the Dreyfus appeal for a revision of his trial.

Even when a girl proposes to a man she is just smart enough to make him think he is doing it.



NICHOLAS II., CZAR OF RUSSIA.

An Appeal.

The transcript on appeal in the case of J. H. Moser against the Union Light & Power Co., from Silverton, was filed in the circuit court today. The plaintiff in the case secured a judgment for \$249.50, and from this judgment the appeal was taken.

This is Touching.

London, March 3.—On account of contracting a severe cold, the king didn't go to the horse show today, the queen attending without his majesty.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, March 3.—Wheat took a slump today, due to liquidation, May breaking 3%. Old July 95 1/4; new 94 1/4 @ 92 1/4. July corn 54 1/4 @ 51 1/4.

When a man claims to have discovered a process of making gold out of baser metals it is generally for the purpose of making coin out of credulous mortals.

When a man runs up against prospective mother-in-law, who thinks he will not do, he is apt to doubt if it is so very many years since the last glacial period.

The man who thinks that he could keep money if he had it does not know how many people live just by taking money away from folks who think that way.

When a wise man is in love he will let his rival take the girl out when she wants to learn how to skate.

There may be honor among thieves, but the victims do not think so.

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