About the ....House

SELECTED RECIPES.

Vanilla Wafers.—Cream one-third cup of butter; add one cup of sugar, one well-beaten egg, one-half cup of milk, and two teaspoonfuls of vanilla. Mix and sift two and one-half cups of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a pinch of salt. Mix all well and set out to chill thoroughly for a couple of hours. Lay one-quarter of the mixture on a board, adding flour to prevent sticking; roll thin and bake in moderate oven. These look well cut into heart or fancy shapes.

Indian Pudding.—An ideal dessert to serve with roast pork is baked Indian pudding. This recipe will be found delicious. Take one pint of milk scald it and pour it over two heaping tablespoonfuls of Indian meal, in which a saltspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-quarter of a whole nutmeg grated, have been blended. Stir briskly, and when perfectly smooth add one-third cup of chopped suet, one-third cup of molasses; when this is well mixed add one pint of cold milk. Beat well, turn into a greased dish, set it in another containing warm water and bake three hours in a moderate oven. Serve hot with hard sauce. This pudding will look as if it had cream and eggs in it, and it should be stirred gently three times during the first hour and a half.

Rumbled eggs.—Beat up three eggs with two ounces of fresh butter; add a teaspoonful of cream or new milk. Put all in a saucepan and stir over the fire for about five minutes, or, until it rises up, when it should be immediately dished on buttered toast.

Shirred eggs.—Beat the eggs thoroughly and season with butter, pepper and salt; may be baked in one dish, or in separate dishes for each person. The dishes should be buttered before the eggs are put into them.

Creamed Eggs.—Boil the eggs for twenty minutes. Make a cream sauce. Prepare on a hot dish a slice of toast for each egg and pour the sauce upon it, placing thereon part of the whites of the eggs cut in thin narrow strips, and on this rub part of the yolks through a sieve. Repeat this and finish with a third layer of sauce. Garnish with parsley.

Swiss Style.—Cover the bottom of a dish with two ounces of fresh butter and on this scatter grated cheese; drop the eggs upon the cheese without breaking the yolks; season to taste. Pour over the eggs a little cream and sprinkle with about two ounces of grated cheese; set in a moderate oven for about fifteen minutes.

Scrambled Eggs.—Break the eggs into a warm, buttered spider, being careful to avoid breaking the yolks; add a little salt and butter or cream, as soon as they begin to whiten stir carefully from the bottom until they are cooked as desired.

Potato Pie—One cup hot mashed potato, 2 cups rich milk, ½ teaspoon salt, 2 eggs well beaten, 1 tablespoon butter, 2 tablespoons sugar, ½ teaspoon nutmeg or cinnamon. Bake with one crust.

Rice Pudding Without eggs.—One-half cup of rice, nearly one cup of sugar, one cup of raisins, and two quarts of milk. Stir frequently while baking, but do not let it get too stiff.

Scalloped Salmon.—About one-half pound of cold cooked salmon, one-half pint white sauce, one teaspoonful of anchovy essence, browned crumbs. Remove all skin and bone from the salmon and break it into flakes. Butter some china fish shells or scallop shells, and put in a tablespoonful of the sauce which has been flavored with the anchovy essence. Then put in some flaked fish and cover again with the sauce. Shake browned bread crumbs over all Put for eight minutes in a moderate oven. Serve hot. For the sauce, take one ounce of butter, three-quarters of an ounce of flour, one-half pint of milk. Melt the butter, stir in the flour smoothly, add the milk and stir until it boils. Season and use. If preferred, the salmon may be served in one dish instead of shells.

Chocolate Cream Pie.—Line a deep pie plate with a good pastry, pricking it in several places to let the air out and prevent blisters, and bake a delicate brown. For the filling, put over the fire in a double boiler one coffee-cupful of milk. Stir together one-half cup granulated sugar, a piece of butter the size of a walnut, two tablespoonfuls flour mixed with one tablespoonful of cold milk, the well-beaten yolks of two eggs and one-quarter cake of grated chocolate. Mix thoroughly, then add to the milk when it boils. Stir until it thickens, take from the fire and flavor with a small teaspoonful of vanilla. Fill the baked crust with this custard, beat the whites of the two eggs to a froth and add two tablespoonfuls powdered sugar. Cover the top of the pie with this meringue, and brown lightly in the oven.

HINTS FOR THE HOME.

Keep tin vessels from rust by placing them near the fire after they have been washed and wiped dry.

To keep table glass properly always wash it in a wooden bowl and have sufficient water to cover, then rinse in clean water. Wipe off all the damp with one cloth, and polish with another.

Salts of lemon may be made at home as follows: Mix thoroughly together one ounce of cream of tartar and half an ounce of oxalic acid. This must be placed in a bottle corked tightly and marked "poison" in large letters. When children are allowed to handle bottles, the salts of lemon should always be kept under lock and key.

To clean your stained knives, take a piece of raw potato, dip it into brickdust and scour them with it. In this way the most obstinate stains may be erased.

Pigs and fowls will always thrive better if potato-parings, refuse vegetables, etc., are cooked before being given to them. After cooking, mix the whole into a stiff paste with barley-meal, etc.

To keep a French polished table nice, wipe off all finger marks, etc., with a slightly moistened cloth, and polish by rubbing well with a soft duster or chamois leather.

Care of an oil stove.—The only way to prevent an oil stove from smelling is to keep it scrupulously clean, washing it with soap and water when necessary, and to use a good quality oil for burning in it.

To remove stains from a walnut table. First rub the spots with a flannel rag dipped into alcohol, then, with another cloth, immediately apply oil or furniture polish. Highly polished furniture often only needs to be wiped with a damp cloth and rubbed with the hand.

Before taking nauseous medicine, chew a bit of orange or lemon peel, or a clove and the disagreeable taste will not be noticed. Persons suffering from nausea can often take beef tea if, before and after taking it, they suck a slice of lemon.

To cleanse your chintz, take the curtains down, shake off the loose dust, brush carefully with a soft brush, then wipe it with a clean flannel and rub it all over with dry breadcrumbs. Treated in this way, you will find your curtains equal to new when put up again.

Useful gum.—Dissolve two ounces of gum arabic and two ounces of gum tragacanth in half a pint of vinegar. This will keep good for any length of time, and can be further diluted as required. Keep in a stoppered bottle.

Copper saucepans should be cleaned on the outside with salt and vinegar and on the inside with soap and water, after they have been filled with water containing a small lump of soda, which must come to the boil. New tins should be set over the fire with boiling water in them for several hours before anything is cooked in them.

Teach children thrifty and industrious habits while they are still quite young, and they will always retain the habits. Advocate first giving small children very light tasks, such as clearing up their toys, etc., before going to bed, and by degrees, as a child grows, try to discover what work it is naturally fond of. It is a mistake to make little ones work so long that they become tired and disgusted with all work; far better is it to encourage them to work long enough to accomplish some given object and if possible make the child realize that it is helping to brighten the life of some other child.

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Crowded street. People passing by. Old and young. All eager about their own affairs and always somebody in plain sight who needs Scott's Emulsion.

Now it's that white-haired old man; weak digestion and cold blood. He needs

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to warm him, feed him, and strengthen his stomach.

See that pale girl? She has thin blood. Scott's Emulsion will bring new roses to her face.

There goes a young man with narrow chest. Consumption is his trouble. Scott's Emulsion soothes ragged lungs and increases flesh and strength.

And here's a poor, sickly little child. Scott's Emulsion makes children grow—makes children happy.

JAPAN'S RULE OF LIFE.

Curious Doctrine That is Held by the Japanese.

The Japanese army and navy will not strike Russia hard if the present trouble in her territory should develop into a revolution, for that would be against the traditional doctrines of "The Bushido," writes Hydesaburo Ohashi in Leslie's Weekly. "The Bushido" means "the moral doctrines of the Samurai" and they are obeyed by all the statesmen, soldiers and scholars of the present time with as much holy respect as the Christian's reverence for the Bible and its teachings. In Japan Buddhism is the popular religion, but Buddhist teachings are not respected by educated men or soldiers. In fact most of them are atheists or agnostics, who do not believe in any religion but the doctrines of "The Bushido."

"The Bushido," for instance, teaches a man or woman to have the courage to perform any hara-kiri if he or she commits any serious offence. The spirit of this doctrine is that the offender should kill himself instead of waiting to be executed by the law, which latter is considered in Japan as one of the most cowardly things. "The Bushido" also teaches that the life of a Japanese is the gift of the holy Mikado, and if the country needs the lives of her people they should be given gladly, for that is only to return to the Mikado what they have received from him.

To die on the battlefield is the only key for a Japanese to find his way to his Shinto heaven, and the soldiers who were not killed on the battlefields are considered unfortunate. It is maintained in Japan that if a man gives you a favor or money or pleasure, you should return it with more than what was given to you.

WILL ADVERTISE CANADA.

Motor Car Exhibit to Tour the English Countries.

Mr. Preston, the Labor Commissioner in London for Canada, has arranged an interesting motor waggon tour through the out-of-the-way places in England and Wales says the London Daily Mail.

The waggon was one of the exhibits at the St. Louis Exhibition, and is 20 feet long. It will be loaded with grain, fruit, straw, and other samples of Canadian produce, and lettered with information as to the openings in the Dominion free grants of land. By this means the men in charge will be able to provide an object-lesson to people who would be missed on an ordinary "train and town" tour, and the waggon, opening outward at will, provides quite a large area for the display of the produce.

If the first experiment proves as great a success as is anticipated, other waggons, costing £4,000 or £5,000 each, will be sent on similar journeys.

BLOOD WILL TELL.

Rich, Pure Blood Will Drive Out the Most Obstinate Case of Rheumatism.

Growing pains, aching joints, stiffened muscles, tender, swollen limbs—that's rheumatism—a blood disease that causes ceaseless agony and cripples thousands. It is acid in the blood that causes rheumatism. Liniments may ease the pain temporarily—but they never cure. To cure rheumatism you must remove the acid in the impure blood. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills positively cure rheumatism, acute or chronic. They act directly on the blood, driving the acid out. They made new, warm, pure blood and send it throbbing through the heart, and lungs and limbs. This new blood banishes every ache and pain—brings good health and full activity. Mr. T. H. Smith, Caledonia, Ont., says:—"For a number of years I was badly troubled with rheumatism, and was so crippled up I could scarcely do any work. I tried quite a number of medicines, but they did not help me. Then I saw Dr. Williams' Pink Pills advertised for this trouble, and I got a number of boxes. Before the third box was used, I found myself improving. I continued to use the pills throughout the winter and they have completely cured me. I got so that I could work on the coldest day without a coat and not feel a twinge of the trouble. I have told quite a few of my neighbors about the pills, and they are a popular medicine here."

It is because Dr. Williams' Pink Pills make new, pure, warm blood that they have such great power to cure disease. They positively cure rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, St. Vitus dance, partial paralysis, kidney and liver troubles, anaemia, and the ailments which women alone suffer from. The purchaser must be careful to see that the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" is printed on the wrapper around each box. Sold by all medicine dealers or sent by mail at 50c. a box, or six boxes for $2.50, by writing the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

An anti-tannin teapot, which has just been placed on the market, is a clever contrivance. By means of an ingeniously constructed air-chamber and a strainer all the tannin is kept out of the brew, no matter how long the tea stands.

For the Sake of Good Health Drink

"SALADA"

It's the purest tea in the world.

Sold only in lead packets by all Grocers. Black, Mixed or Green. Highest award St. Louis, 1904.

Western Assurance Company

Financial Statement for the Year Ending December 31st, 1904.

ASSETS

United States and State Bonds	$	159,393 20
Dominion of Canada Stock		65,350 00
Bank, Loan Company and other Stocks		237,390 80
Company's Buildings		110,000 00
Municipal Bonds and Debentures		1,180,576 69
Railroad Bonds		501,449 08
Cash on Hand and on Deposit		215,409 32
Bills Receivable		98,557 21
Mortgages		21,742 00
Due from other Companies—Reinsurances		158,332 14
Interest Due and Accrued		10,288 40
Office Furniture, Maps, Plans, etc.		40,292 63
Branch Office and Agency Balances and Sundry Ac'ts		506,723 48
	$	3,305,504 95

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$1,500,000 00	
Less Calls in course of payment	31,254 00	
		$1,468,746 00
Losses under Adjustment		189,680 93
Dividend payable January 5th, 1905		38,312 29
Reserve Fund		1,608,765 73
		$3,305,504 95

Capital	$1,500,000 00
Reserve Fund	1,608,765 73
Security to Policy Holders	$3,108,765 73
Losses paid from organization of the company to date	$40,785,765 73

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

Interesting Gossip About Some Prominent People.

Miss Helen Gould has, at her place at Lyndhurst, on the Hudson River, one of the most beautiful gardens in the world, and engages a gardener at a salary which runs into four figures. Together with this, the general expenses of the garden amount to nearly $50,000 a year.

The King of Sweden and Norway in spite of his age, is an athlete, and possessed of great strength. His Majesty once stopped a runaway pair of horses on the Riviera, thereby saving three lives, and he is capable of walking twenty-five miles in six hours without in any way inconveniencing himself.

Mrs. Kennerley Rumford, better known perhaps as Mme. Clara Butt, is said to be the tallest prima donna in the world. The great singer's marriage was quite a romance, as Mr. Kennerley Rumford actually proposed on the concert platform when they were singing the well-known duet, "The Keys of My Heart."

General Luis Terrazas, Governor of the State of Chihuahua, is probably the largest landowner in the world, as well as the richest man in Mexico. Born poor, he has made his way gradually upwards, and now he owns land equal in area to several of the American States. It takes an eight hours' journey on a fast train to travel from one end of his property to the other.

Sir Griffith Boynton's house has its "luck." But the "luck of Boynton Hall" is a somewhat grisly mascot, being, according to tradition, nothing less than the skull of an ancestress of the family. So long as this relic is in the house all goes well; and much woe having followed numerous attempts to give it Christian burial, it was finally—so says the legend—built into one of the walls, and good fortune has been the sequel.

The Grand Duke of Hesse is a man of a decidedly strange temperament. He is a wonderful shot, yet he takes no active interest in sport of any kind. He is never known to miss, and his lack of interest renders him very cool, with the gun. But his favorite pastime is embroidery, and often when he has a piece of work on hand he will breakfast in bed and remain there working in wool or silk. He is an accomplished musician, and quite a brilliant composer and pianist.

Queen Alexandra has six particular favorites among her cat family, but a valuable Persian enjoys her special affection. This is Sandy, who is so named because he first saw the light at Sandringham. For several months Her Majesty is said to have never travelled without him, and he is as fondly attached to his Royal mistress as the celebrated Irish terrier Jack was to the King in his affectionate moments. Sandy is privileged to disport himself in the dining apartments, though his less fortunate brothers and sisters have to confine their activities to the other rooms in the Royal dwellings.

Lord Avebury has a story to tell of his absent-mindedness. For forty years he has been a director of a certain company. That company changed its offices twenty years ago—a period sufficiently long, one would think, for even a man of science to get accustomed to the new place of business. One morning last summer, however, the distinguished student of bees and ants went forth to attend a committee meeting at the office of the company. His mind was busy, as it always is, and he calmly walked past the door and went on until he found himself inside the porch of the building abandoned by the company twenty years before!

The Mayoress of Chatham, England, for the second year in sucession, is Miss Louisa Mary Dawes Driver, a young lady of four years. During her first year of office she treated 2,000 school children, presented the prizes at Chatham regatta, opened a bazaar with the unique speech "The show's open," and presented prizes at many meetings. She was driven to the Town Hall the other day to receive the honors due to her exalted position, and was lifted into a big chair, from which she dangled her chubby legs and smiled sweetly at the bearded councillors. Some of the latter were so daring as to kiss the Mayoress.

AN AID TO MOTHERS.

Derangement of the stomach or bowels is responsible for most of the ailments that afflict infants and young children. For keeping the stomach and bowels in order nothing can equal Baby's Own Tablets, that is why children in the homes where these Tablets are used are bright, good-natured and healthy. Mrs. Joseph Wallace, Shanley, Ont., says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for my baby since her earliest infancy, and have found them to be a medicine that meets all the needs of little ones. They have kept my little one as bright and healthy as can be. These Tablets are sold under a guarantee to contain no opiate or poisonous "soothing" stuff. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.