

PUMPKIN PIE. I've tried the best In East and West, I've lunched north tropic sun, I've tasted all the fruits that fall, And liked them every one; But North or South No human mouth I will the world apprise, E'er tasted food One-half so sweet As our own pumpkin pie. Upon the vine, In rain or shine, Through frost and night, The yellow globe In emerald robe Drinks up the summer light. Oh, golden sweet, The sun repeat To mold thy luscious size, That we may come And roll thee home, And make our pumpkin pie. Our lovely girls, With shining curls Put neatly in a cap, Cut slices on a plate And ped it nice, And stew it to a sap; Then milk is had, And eggs they add, And sweeten as is wise, While others have To spice to taste, These home-made pumpkin pies. Oh pure and fair This food so rare, Made up of all that's best! No creature's pain Comes to its gain, But only nature's best; For summer's days And autumn haze And smiles from beauty's eyes Are in the dish, Mixed to our wish, That we call pumpkin pie. No wonder, then, That loyal men, From Florida to Maine, Their quainter call, The same repeat, And pass their plate again; That exiles fret With vain regret, And vex the air with sighs, When forced to stay In climates away, From their own pumpkin pie. So to our host I give a toast, Embrodered all in rhyme: My pumpkin round, With us abound, Through future autumn-time! And may our girls, With shining curls And tender beaming eyes, All learn by heart The happy art Of making pumpkin pie! —Harper's Bazar.

A Woman's Curiosity. A certain lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows determined to have their lodge-room done up clean and nice. It was resolved unanimously that Mrs. K. should be employed to do the job. After the meeting adjourned, the Guardian, who knew the inquisitive character of Mrs. K., procured a billygoat and placed him in a closet that was kept as a reservoir for the secret things. He then informed the lodge, and requested her to come early the next morning, as he would then show her what was and what was not to be done. Morning came, and with it Madam K., with her broom, pails, etc., and found the Guardian waiting for her. "Now, madam," he said, "I will tell you what we want done, and how we came to employ you. The brothers said it was difficult to get anybody to do the job and not be meddling with the secrets in the closet; we have lost the key, and cannot find it to lock the door. I assured them that you can be depended on." "Depended on! I guess I can. My poor and dead-and-gone husband he belonged to the Freemasons or anti-masons, I don't know which. He used to tell me all the secrets of the convent, and when he showed me all the marks of the gridiron, made when he was initiated, and told me how they fixed poor Morgan, I never told a living soul to this day; if nobody troubles your closets to find out your secrets till I do, they will lie there till they rot, they will." "I thought so," said the Guardian, "and I want you to commence in that corner, and give the whole room a decent cleaning; now, don't go into the closet," and then left the woman to herself. No sooner had she heard the sound of his feet on the last step of the stairs, than she exclaimed: "Don't go into that closet! I'll warrant there's a gridiron, or some such nonsense, just like the anti-masons for all the world, I'll be bound. I will take one peep, and nobody will be any wiser, as I can keep it to myself." "Setting the action to, the word, she stepped lightly to the forbidden closet, and turned the button, which was no longer done; then "Eek!" went the billygoat, with a spring to regain his liberty, which came near upsetting her ladyship. Both started for the door, but it was filled with implements for house-cleaning, and all were swept clear from their position down to the bottom of the stairs. The noise and confusion occasioned by such unceremonious coming down the stairs drew half the town to witness Mrs. K.'s efforts to get from under the pile of pails, tubs, brooms and brushes in the street. Who should be first at the spot but the rascally doorkeeper! After releasing the goat, which was a cripple for life, and uplifting the rubbish that bound the good woman to the earth, he anxiously inquired if she had been taking the degrees. "Taking the degrees! If you call tumbling from the top to the bottom of the stairs with the devil for ye taking things by degrees,

I have them; and if yo frighten folks as yo frightened me, and hurt to boot, I'll warrant they will make as much noise as I did." "I hope you didn't open the closet, madam," said the door-keeper. "Upon the closet! Ewe ato the apple she was forbidden. If you want a woman to do anything, tell her not to do it, and she'll do it certain. I could not stand the temptation. The secret was there. I wanted to know it. I opened the door and out popped the ternal critter right into my face. I thought the old boy had run, and I broke for the stairs with the critter butting me at every jump. I fall over the tub, and got down stairs, as you found us, all in a heap." "But, madam," said the door-keeper, "you are in possession of the great secret of our Order, and you must go up to be initiated and sworn, and then go in in the regular way." "Regular way!" exclaimed the lady. "And do you suppose I am going near the ternal place, and ride that ar ternal critter without a bridle or a lady's saddle! No, never! I don't want nothing to do with the man that rides it. I'd look nice perched upon a billygoat, wouldn't I? No, never! I'll never go right at again; and if I can prevent it, no woman shall ever join the Odd Fellows! Why, I'd sooner be a Freemason, and be boiled on a gridiron as long as the fire could be kept under it, and pulled from garret to cellar, just as was my poor dead husband—and he lived over it—but I never could live over such another ride as I took to-day."

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