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THE OLD MAN

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Who can scorn the honest pleasure or

resist the breezy charm

the horses pick their way

For the drive is to the "Corners."

That above of life and color, which

while their pictures on the wall.

Clumsy boots for Sunday service and to

In its prim and ordered quarters than

swell the schoolroom's noise.

Shining tin, and loops of harness

could a city shop hold more

this bulging country store?

of wisdom most profound-

Captain Abel's "most a hundred,"

has sailed the map around:

Politics and social matters, local news

out a traveller's tale

and weather-lore

the country store.

-calmly-through-the-mail-

Then, perhaps, the boy grows

amiss this working-day.

bright as precious ore.

many a homesick day.

ful clip for mother's art.

pauses in the door-

gazes up and down.

well-remembered store.

to an age of placid grace.

quaint, piled stock of yere.

"father" to the store.

from the editor:

The Old Man:

along in Abel's place.

the waiting horses stamp,

Till the gift of father's penny rubs

the treasures of the store.

and a man, grown stout and gray,

Tailored cloth in place of gingham, care-

Change the outward man's appearance.

To a hopeful beat it quickens as he

Scarcely has a feature altered in the

Why they say God made the country

In this Old Home Week the townsman

He is still a wee farm-urchin, come with

The answer to part of the questions

almost opposite Knox Church, I think

back to haunts he used to know.

since they grip his heart-strings so;

-Jeanne Pendleton Ewing.

while His children made the town.

But they cannot change his heart.

And his copper-toed tormentors

while the graybeards wag away.

the team draws up before

woven stout for little boys,

autumn's binding clay?

patrons call "the store."

in eulogies of all.

up about a farm.

I think the wind-flowers are in bloom Down in a deep ravine. And violets shyly hide their heads Beneath their clustered green, While in the over-hanging trees, Bird-lovers woo and sing, The place is filled and thrilled with life, Awakened by the spring.

It does not seem so long ago That in that same ravine There were no flowers or singing birds But just the golden sheen Of sunlight, through an autumn and driffing autumn leaves-The mystic sadness of the spell That dying summer weaves.

A summer that I knew and loved Has passed, and in its stead, My heart is touched by autumn's chill And filled with winter's dread; Yet, since I know that deep ravine Is keeping tryst with spring, I'm sure that God's eternal law

Works out in everything.

Menu Hints

Becipes for New and Novel Dishes; Household Ideas and Buggestions

By Betty Barclay

"THESE DISHES ARE UNUSUAL" When company comes serve unusual dishes-the kind that produce exclamations of surprised delight. An excellent hint is to follow the example of famous foreign chefs and season even soups and meat dishes with a dash of sugar-not to sweeten, but enough to bring out the flavors of the other ingredients and blend them into a delicious whole. Try these recipes as examples of "exotic" cookery:

CHICKEN MADRID

Cut a frying size chicken in quarters and fry in olive oil with 1/2 cup finely chopped onion and raw Irish potatoes cut in dice. Cook until the meat of the Does there live a little urchin, growing chicken is white. Add 1/2 teaspoon sugar 14 teaspoon chopped parsley, 1 tablehot water. Season with salt and pepper to taste, and cook very gently until the Over April's chirping funlets chicken and potatoes are thoroughly

HOLLAND BEET SOUP 1 pint strong beef stock 2 tablespoons sugar

1 teaspoon grated onion 2 tablespoons vinegar 3 beets

Add sugar, vinegar, salt and pepper, and grated onion to the stock. Boil together about ten minutes. Boil the beets in salt water. Peel and put through a coarse strainer. About five minutes before serving add beets to stock, heat and serve. Too long cooking will spoil the bright red color.

CHILLED DESSERTS

Even the great institution of pie sometimes has to fight to keep its popularity in hot weather, for heavy, rich desserts during the summer do not appeal as much as they did when there were so few alternatives. Nowadays, we have many other delicious desserts to take the place of pie and cake when need be desserts that are easily and inexpensively prepared. Here are recipes for two using coffee as a flavoring:

COFFEE WATER ICE

4 cups water 2 cups sugar

1/2 cup cold coffee 14 teaspoon vanilla

Boll the coffee, water and sugar for a few minutes, cool, add vanilla and freeze.

CREOLE CUSTARD

3 curps hot milk % cup sugar

1/2 cup cold coffee

Pinch of salt Scald milk in double boiler. Beat egg and add sugar and sait. Pour hot milk in egg mixture, stirring well. Put the mixture into a double boiler and cook, stirring until it thickens like cream. Strain the custard into a dish to cool, then add coffee and chill.

And a seaman, scarcely younger, drones Persian Balm-the peerless aid loveliness. Delightfully fragrant. Dainty to use. Leaves no stickiness. A little gentle rubbing and it is swiftly absorbed Wonders how he could have left them. by the tissues. Tonic in effect. Soothes and dispels roughness and chafing. Keeps skins coft and velvet-textured. Unrivalled for charm, distinction and refinement. Used by lovely women everywhere to preserve and enhance their natural

IF YOU WANT TO BE MISERABLE

beauty.

Cynicism is popular nowadays. During the summer a book came out written by an outstanding American woman. From beginning to end it overflowed with cynical comments on life. " Chastity. loyalty, the ambition to help were dis- Acton about the year 1879, in Henry cussed contemptuously, and every page Smith's old furniture store. That is contained at least one sinner directed the building on the second lot on Main against things which people in general Street, east of West Bower Avenue, and admire:

To one reader, at least, the strongest Mr. Smith ran a furniture store for a impression left by the perusal of the time in the building, and was succeeded book was pity for the writer. It is true by a Mr. Heuback, who auctioned off that she is wealthy and famous, that she his stock as soon as he found there was would be welcomed by the best citizens not room enough for two furniture esof any community in America; yet one tablishments in the village. The school who writes as she does about life and followed the furniture. The building was about her fellow men, is either posing or afterwards used by the Salvation Army. The only pupil I can remember is miserably unhappy.

Some of you young people are trying Arthur Smith, third son of the that way. You meer because you think starvation. is ment: although it is hard to imlike the sport of catching some next time go back HOME.

can give the line-up of the ball team of have gone to you." sixty years ago.

Another letter I had handed to me some time ago, expressed the apprecia-in it that I never would have seen tion of one reader of this column of the items of fifty years ago that I occasionally bring into these columns. So just by way of a change I'll give some more glimpses of the life about Acton and the times of a half century ago:

The entrance examinations were then held at Oakville, and that year there were nine successful candidates.

It is just fifty years ago that the Town of the brick work had to be rebuilt to spent there-and then the clock struck oring it up to the standard.

In 1822 cricket was a popular game, and J. E. McGarvin's team won from casually. They might perhaps shake J. B. Pearson's choice, and then issued a hands. Then he would go. But it was challenge to a team from Berlin to play not to be that way, on Civic Holiday, which was, that year, held on Friday, August 18.

The Public Schools opened on Monday, August 14, in 1882, and here follow some other news items as they appeared 50

"A gang of carpenters from Toronto, nder the superintendence of Mr. Wm. Firstbrook, are busily engaged on the he said Building Associations' houses on Bower

"The champion excursion of the season took place last week from Toronto to Milton grove, over the C. V. R. spoon chopped green pepper and 14 cup Of a jolting drive with "father," while train was composed of 26 crowded cars, having 2,500 people on board. \$500 was distributed as prizes for sports, etc."

"The Band gave a very acceptable open air concert on Thursday evening. citizens appreciated it, and a number of strangers, who were in town that evening, speak in very high terms of the In its depths are plow and harrow, efficiency of Acton Brass Band."

"Mr. A. W. Green sold his carriage Boldly done in green and scarlet, speak horse to a gentleman in Toronto last On the shelves are rainbow ginghams. week for \$300 cash."

"The new school house for School Section No. 12, situated a few outside of our corporation limits, is about ed some time in September." Fire destroyed the shoe store of Alex. Grant in August, fifty years ago. The Copperfield?" Then the clients that it gathers! Men building was unoccupied at the time. "The Milton School Board has engaged

the services of Mr. Grey, of Dresden, as Jolly, self-professed old loafer, drawling Head Master of the Public and Model writing but he never could keep out While the despot of the post-bag shuffles Schools, at a salary of \$600 a dear." Messrs. R. E. Nelson and John McRae purchased the Glasgow House from Messrs. Christie, Henderson & Co.

Occupy this humble senate grouped about Sugar was 13 lbs. for a dollar, and 5 lbs. of the best tea was \$2.25. Good felt hats were 75c and Christy stiffs \$1.50. Toronto Industrial Exhibition opened on September 5.

Now. let's take some of the market Wistfully he eyes the roadside, where quotations of 1882. White wheat, \$1.10 to \$1.15; oats, 40c to 45c; barley, 55c to 70c; eggs, per dozen, 15c to 16c; dairy butter, 16c to 17c; new potatoes, per bag, Yellow stick and crimson lozenge-quite 55c to \$1.65; dressed hogs, \$7.50 to \$8.00; wool, 20c to 32c.

above here has just threshed the pro- The moonlight had grown to dazzling. ducts of a field of fall wheat, the result Then she was standing there again, with of which is something extraordinary. From the field of seven and one-thirtieth acres, 355 bushels of clean wheat were threshed, being over 50 bushels to the Now he knows another reason, as he acre."

Messrs. R. H. Allan and H. Jenner, Sr., of this village, have commenced the manufacture of gloves and mitts on their ing had happened-nothing to tell about; Quiet life has brought these neighbors own account. They have christened and yet forty- fifty years hence, when

"Mr. A. W. Green, grocer, has purchased from Mr. John McColl, Brampr ton, the Driving Park at the head of And among the kindly faces, and the Mill Street, for a reasonable figure. Mr. Green, we understand, intends preserving the property for a public ground, and will probably fence it and rent it to the cricket, baseball and turf clubs."

There now, I have given you an insight into the activities of a half century ago.

asked in my last article have been given by an old Acton boy in Winnipeg. The old Man Here is his letter, just as I received it Winnipeg, August/ 8, 1932

Miss Pollard kept a Private School in worms by using Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. It is a standard remedy, vulgar evidence of their trade. Severely and years of use have enhanced its repu-

WAS ONLY ORNAMENTAL

With the tomato so widely used and rounded off long ere this. Do not drain of fruits, came into popular favor on all the fish from Pairy Lake, I would this continent.

KING CHARLES' HEAD (Continued from Page Three)

"The way you did David Copperfield, Now who can answer the other ques- That will be lots of fun. Do you know, ducts to take the utmost care in the is not safe to remove the honey from tion about "The Old Maid's house," I don't think I ever enjoyed any story production and preparation of his pro- the bees until at least two-thirds of it that was asked in that same issue. An- so much as David Copperfield, and it's a duct for the market in order that it may has been sealed over, but it is much other chap inquired if any one could give sort of sad story, too. I suppose it's successfully compete with that of rival better to leave it with the bees until all the information of who was on the because we talked it over so much, chap- producers, and this fact applies more of it is sealed. In Western Canada, Acton Pastime Ball Team when Guelph ter by chapter, while we were reading it. particularly to the producer of a food where the atmosphere is usually much won by the score of 50 odd runs. I You know I had a better mark on it than product. During the past few years a dryer than it is in Eastern Canada, could place some of the boys on that on any other book review I ever wrote. great advance has been made in the honey may be removed from the bees team of 1872, but we'll see how many I told Miss Treadwell part of it ought to prespration and packing of food and the quite safely when only fifty per cent. of "I didn't write any of it-not a word."

> Walter protested. myself. About that Vic prose, if you would like it, I'll give you the whole list of books and essays. I've just dipped into them a tittle. They don't look to me so very interesting."

"I'd like the list." he said. "May I have it, please?"

Hall was in course of construction, and Fenton in his "den," playing with his moisture in nectar is a part of the the Council was having difficulties in radio; now and then the sound of it ripening process and is performed by those days in making the contractor live came to them. Once Mrs. Fenton came the bees themselves. As the nectar is up to the specifications in the founda- in to ask Betty if she had put in her gathered, it is stored drop by drop in tion and brick work. The architect suede slippers, and she stopped a moment the cells of the honey comb, and as it would make you touch a button. Look ings on request. made the contractor tear down and re- to chat with Walter. It was a delight- is being stored the process of ripening is at my shirt!" build all the stone work and a portion ful evening, like dozens that he had ten, and he sprang up.

He had meant to say "good-by" quite

"Oh, look at the moon!" Betty exclaimed and fluttered out on the veranda. He followed, and they stood together-in the moonlight, whose alchemy has changed the forged steel of so many friendships into the gold of something

"I-I want to write to you, if I may, "Well. I should hope so," she answer-

ed. "You've got the address?" He drew a quick breath, for there was a tone in her voice—was it possible that she too had been thinking of this evening: that she expected something he was not giving; that he was disappointing her; that she doubted him? They were standing close together, her hands on the verandah rail. He might have put his arm about her-but for the code.

And then, under the bombardment of those dreadful questions, even the code

"I have the address," he said.

gave ground a little. "I'd counted of course on writing," he spoke slowly, weighing each word. "I hoped you'd want me to-and I thought you would, we've been such good friends. so long. I want to write you good letters completed. . . . The school will be open- and tell you everything, just as I've done these last two years. There's only one thing. You remember Mr. Dick, in David

She nodded, but did not answer. "Well, you know how he wrote and wrote-filled page after page full of Kirig Charles and his head?"

"I remember." She realized that Walter was telling her something that he felt was important, but she did not exactly understand him.

"Well." he went on, even more slowly. "I'm going to try-my best, but-there-issomething that I'm afraid I may not be able to keep out of my letters." Her eyes lifted, dropped instantly, and

then, after a moment and without looking up, she spoke softly. "But you remember what happened afterwards?" It was Walter's turn to nod. "Afterwards, you know, they fixed it

up so that Mr. Dick could write about "Complaint is made that a number of King, Charles, on one sheet and about What is this? The years have hastened, boys go in bathing at Nicklin's dam, on something else on another. You could the public highway. Boys, this is against do that too. Some day I might-I think Steps across the rounded threshold after the law. Seek a more secluded bathing I should want to read what you can't

"Mr. Joel Leslie, of Erin, a few miles For-just-a-moment-he-did not see her her hand outstretched.

"Good-by," she said. "Good-by," he answered. The next moment he saw her vanish up the stairway, and, turning, he walked

slowly down the steps. He was right about the evening. Noththeir manufactory "The Excelsior Glove he is an old man, he will think about

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SHOES ORDERED BY WIRELESS

Some of the most exclusive shoe shops have their interiors unsullied by the or lavishly decorated, according to the taste of the proprietor, they advertise to perfection the interior decorator's skill. The shops may be old Spanish or early American, but certainly they must follow some period to be really chic.

In one modern store on Regent Street: enjoyed such universal popularity as it London, a new and unusual system has does to-day, it seems hard to realize that been adopted which saves the salesman for nearly two centuries it was used only many steps. It is no longer necessary as an ornamental garden plant. Like for him to desert his customer while he the tobacco plant, the tomato is a native disappears through a door at the side to appear cynical without really feeling Sydney Smith. The school soon died of of the Western Hemisphere, its original or the rear of the room to obtain shoes habitat probably having been Peru. The for her inspection, "Size six, number Good luck to your baseball team and natives of Mexico called it Xitomatoe 5,143," or something to this effect, says the how you ever got the dies. Any- I am glad to read about the old Park and its first appearance in North Ameri- the salesman into the microphone in can sneer. Being a cynic is the being fixed up. The old kink in the ca records about 1871. It was not until this Regent Street shop. The request race track was used as a nuisance ground well on in the nineteenth century that is amplified and received through a loud forty years ago, and should have been the tomato, one of the most nutritious speaker in the stock room. Presto! The

WHEN SHOULD HONEY BE REMOVED FROM BEES?

when I read it last year for book report? behooves the producer of specialty pro- cappings of wax. In Eastern Canada it consuming public is becoming more and it is capped over, but even there, leaving HAROLD NASH FARMER, M. A more discriminating in its choice of what it with the bees until it is all capped but it is one that will deteriorate very removed from the bees before it is the nectar of flowers gathered and modi- soon after it is extracted. fled by honey bees within their hives. An analysis of newly-gathered nectar at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, shows that nectar contains a high percentage of moisture, while an analysis of well-ripened honey shows that it con-So they talked on. Through the door- tains only from 18 to 20 per cent. way across the hall he could see Mr. moisture. The elimination of the excess

continually going on. . Ultimately the cells of the honey comb are filled and when the ripening process has advanced In these days of keen competition it far enough the bees seal the honey with it is willing to buy. Honey is a food, will improve its quality. Honey that is quickly if not properly ripened, properly properly ripened contains too much packed and properly stored. Honey is moisture and is liable to ferment very

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