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Consumption of butter in Empire countries is higher per head of population than in foreign countries, states the Imperial Economic Committee. It amounted in 1937 to 40.7 pounds in New Zealand; 34.2 pounds in Australia; 32.7 pounds in Canada, and 34.8 pounds in the United Kingdom, compared with 19.6 pounds in Germany; 17.9 pounds in Denmark and Belgium, and 18.7 pounds in the United States.

ACCIDENTS AND COMPENSATION

There were 4,518 accidents reported to The Workmen's Compensation Board during the month of January, as compared with 4,469 during December, and 5,396 during January a year ago.

The benefits awarded amounted to \$549,474.36, of which \$465,172.37 was for compensation and \$84,301.99 for medical aid.

ENGINES TO LOSE PANTS

Streamlined locomotives are about to lose their pants and locomotives of the future will probably appear minus pants and aprons to cover their trucks, wheels and other underbody parts, say mechanical department officials of Canadian National Railways. The reason is that the pants and aprons generate air currents which cause dust to raise from the roadbed.

Luck and Mrs. Sherlock

By MYRA A. WINGATE
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"SUCH a day in town," said Carol, dropping exhaustedly into her chair.

"Spill the story, wife o' mine," counseled Vincent.
"Tommy Prescott went in town with me because his mother had headache. In the five and ten, another child asked him to come downstairs and see the big tank of goldfish. The crowd had swallowed them in an instant. I succeeded in catching the children but lost my pocketbook. So distracted I couldn't think what to do, I was telling the toy-counter girl that I hadn't even carted, and knew no one in town, when a little lady beside me said: 'I have 20 cents. You shall have half for I need only 10.'"

"Think of that, Vin, from a stranger. She was the dearest thing, and I loved her, but I forgot to ask her name and address. Later, when I received my pocketbook at the lost and found desk, the little lady had disappeared. Do you suppose a notice in the personal column would find her? I'd like to thank her properly. You know Rosalie, the maid, walked out on me."

"You need companionship as well as help," said Vin. "I was hoping Aunt Nan would come this winter. But mother writes that Aunt Nan overheard Jack's wife and Dick's wife arguing who could better have her for the winter. She disappeared, leaving word that she could take care of herself. The boys are crazy and their wives are repentant, but they can't find her. Here's the letter, and one from Jack, too, asking me to follow some clues here."

"Too bad," said Carol sorrowfully. "So many hurt feelings!"
"Silly girls!" said Vin fervently. "Aunt Nan is the salt of the earth, but they think she's old-fashioned. Of all the feather-headed females—"
"Vin," said Carol suddenly against a box of chocolates that I find Aunt Nan first."

"Got a hunch, Mrs. Sherlock?" asked Vin shrewdly. "It's a trade." Carol had a hunch indeed. The little lady in the ten-cent store had had two tiny curls, one on each side, just above the collar of her gray coat—such curls as Vin had often told her Aunt Nan wore.

Scanning the columns of "Situations Wanted" for some one to replace the recalcitrant Rosalie, she read with interest and subsequent enthusiasm the following bit:

"Old-fashioned country pies, cookies and doughnuts made in your own kitchen. Will cook and serve a wholesome meal. Hour or day. W. D. East, 7 Wayland street. Telephone 3296-W."

"The great Mrs. Sherlock has a second hunch," Carol declared aloud to the quiet room.

The very help she needed, too, for Mrs. Vaughn, that dear, great lady, who had room in her heart for the little country girl, wife of her husband's confidential man, was coming to dinner. A telephone call to W. D. East resulted in an arrangement for Wednesday night dinner. Opening the door to her new helper, on Wednesday, she uttered a cry of pleasure. It was the friendly little lady of the 10-cent store. Carol was sure it was also Aunt Nan.

Mrs. Vaughn's ring came before Vincent's. He was close behind her, to Carol's surprise, ushering in as guests his Cousin Jack and wife, Nell, come to the city on business. Carol could guess what the business might be.

With an eye on Vin, she drew back the curtain separating dining-room from living-room, revealing Mrs. East busy about the table. Vin, glancing that way, uttered an astonished exclamation:

"Aunt Nan! Carol, where did you find her?"
Mrs. East turned quickly. Nell stood silent, Jack gasped, "Mother!" and Mrs. Vaughn unconsciously saved the situation by crossing the room to take Aunt Nan by both shoulders.

"Nancy Raymond, I should know those curls anywhere, in spite of the years. Remember the April Fool pie with the sawdust filling, when John Payne and Jerry Vaughn came to supper?"

Amid much talk and laughter they gathered at the table.

"I was adventuring in the great city," explained Aunt Nan. "I have supported myself very comfortably as W. D. East—which means Way Down East."

"Jack and I came to find you, mother," said Nell. "Our house is always home and your room is waiting."

"Aunt Nan is going to spend the winter with us," interposed Vin. "We want her—and need her."
"Surely, if I'm needed," agreed Aunt Nan.

Vin was gone when Carol awoke the next morning. On the dining table was a generous box of chocolates with the inscription: "Though I still believe it was mostly luck."

I own, Mrs. Sherlock, that I am stuck! There is nothing too good for my wonderful wife—what is thirty-nine cents in my young life?"

Three Lemon Pie Tricks

By BETTY BARCLAY

"Come for dessert." Lemon pie speaks its message without words.

The hostess, however, who serves it, writes this invitation on her calling cards, together with date and hour for an afternoon of bridge, gathering a dozen friends to finish luncheon begun at their own homes with a closing dessert at hers. With dessert, she offers a beverage—here a cup of tea, served with lemon. The game over and prizes awarded, guests go home in time to prepare dinner for tired husbands, their own appetites unimpaired.

The same suggestion may be used for a dinner dessert, where a hostess does not have facilities to serve a large dinner party. Men for these desserts, necessitating a careful choice. Lemon pie is "tops" with masculine America and always welcome.

Three simple tricks in cooking make this lemon pie a reputation builder for the hostess that serves it. Trick one—add lemon juice and egg to pastry mix—result, flaky crust of a superior tenderness. Trick two—cook filling first, then add freshly squeezed lemon juice after the cooking flame is out—result, a filling fragrantly fresh in flavor. Trick three—add a little lemon juice to the meringue—result, a more tender, easy-to-cut meringue. Full recipe directions are as follows:

Sunkist Lemon Meringue Pie
Bring to a boil in saucepan on direct heat:
1 cup water or milk
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel

5 tablespoons cornstarch, blended with
1/2 cup cold water
Cook over low heat until thickened (about 5 minutes), stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add separately, mixing well each time:
2 well beaten egg yolks
1 tablespoon butter
6 tablespoons lemon juice
Four filling into an 8-inch Sunkist Pastry shell. Top with Sunkist Meringue. Brown in moderate oven (325° F.) for 15 minutes.

Sunkist Pastry
Sift together:
3 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon salt
Cut in:
1 cup shortening

Add:
1 slightly beaten egg, combined with
3 tablespoons lemon juice

Add gradually:
1/2 cup water—just enough to bind dough together
Roll pastry out thin and line pie plates. Bake in hot oven (475° F.) for 15 minutes. (Makes three 8-inch single pie shells. Keep unbaked dough in refrigerator until needed.)

Sunkist Meringue
Beat until frothy:
2 egg whites
Add gradually:
4 tablespoons sugar

Continue beating but only until egg holds its shape in peaks. Fold in:
1 teaspoon lemon juice
Cover pie.



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