

The Home

SOME MEAL HINTS.

Housekeepers grow weary in planning the meals, for it should be remembered that this same work has to be gone through with three times each day, and frequently when there is but a slender pocketbook from which the necessary supplies may be furnished. Beefsteaks and chops are, of course, the prime favorites with the majority of men, and it is almost pathetic to see the look of despair upon the faces of the holders of the aforesaid slender pocketbooks, when, through sheer desperation, the lords of creation are appealed to to furnish a hint as to the next day's breakfast. "Why, I don't care; give me a fine portershouse steak if you run short," and his lordship speaks as confidently as though the poor, harassed wife of his bosom need only go to the back door and pick that fine steak off the bushes.

Beefsteaks and chops are, indeed, all very well, but they are among the most expensive of meats, and not to be thought of by the holder of the slender purse. There are many dishes that are appetizing that may be had for one-quarter of the money, that, if judiciously presented, the steaks and chops need not be brought forth only on the rarest occasions and will not be missed.

Let us suggest a very simple breakfast that need not cause anxiety to the worried housekeeper, and will, we are sure, cause great satisfaction in the household. For a family of four, get a fine kippered herring, which may be had for 15 cents. Broil it carefully and serve hot, garnished with parsley. With the kippered herring serve some country fried potatoes. Put a tablespoonful of lard in a pan, and when quite hot add to it four large-sized potatoes cut into dice. Turn frequently until the potatoes are cooked through, when they will be in quite small pieces. Now brown them, and serve steaming hot. With some rolls, hot coffee and some fruit you will find that John will vote his breakfast a success and will want it repeated. It will cost scarcely half as much as the steak alone.

At the present low price of eggs serve an omelet with a little of the cold ham left from yesterday or a little quince or crabapple jelly in it, some corn muffins, an orange and coffee, and your breakfast will be enjoyed. Stewed kidney with a very little sherry wine as flavoring, some wheaten gritz and some bakers' rolls will tempt the family another morning.

Ask your butcher to chip you some beef from the round. Have it cut just as carefully as the salted or dried beef is cut. Have the frying-pan very hot, and just a tiny piece of butter, and when it is melted put the beef in the pan. Cook it for about five minutes, then add a half pint of milk. Stir until the milk simmers, then thicken slightly with a lump of butter the size of a walnut rubbed in a heaping teaspoonful of flour. Cook until the gravy is of the consistency of rich cream, remove and serve at once. Season with salt and pepper. Some buttered toast and stewed potatoes are a delightful accompaniment to this dish.

Try to do so manage your meals that the left-overs dovetail. In this way many little dishes may be served without expense save that of time, that the table may be greatly improved without taxing the slender allowance.

PRETTY BEDROOM SLIPPER.

The comfortable slippers crocheted from wool and sewed to fleece lined soles are familiar to most women and are indispensable for comfort in cold weather. "Motherhood" explains a way to make a pair of slippers for hot weather wear which is entirely new. It is made from gray linen macreme cord in simple single crochet. Each stitch is taken up in the back of the loop. Begin at the toe of a number three slipper by making a chain of 11 stitches and in the centre of each alternate row add two stitches to widen until there are 43. Commence the side by taking up 12 stitches, and after knitting seven plain rows, begin to widen at the top for the heel, which must be four stitches higher than the sides.

After widening sufficiently for the heel, which must be done very gradually, knit two rows without widening, and decrease in the same proportion until there are but 12 stitches. Knit seven plain rows and crochet fast to the other side. Of course the work must be measured and graded according to the sole that is to be used.

A shell border finishes the top and an elastic and bright ribbons are run through it and tied with a bow on the instep. A strong cork sole, lined with gray linen, should be used and care must be taken in sewing the slipper and sole together so that the stitches may be hidden.

SOME SELECTED RECIPES.

Pumpkin Pudding.—Stew the pumpkin till tender and quite dry. Rub it perfectly smooth. To one quart of pumpkin add one pound of sugar, a teaspoonful of butter, one quart of milk, the beaten yolks of three eggs, and one teaspoonful of cinnamon. Beat

all well together, line a pudding dish with a rich crust, and pour in the pumpkin; bake in a moderately hot oven.

Apple Pie.—Quarter and pare eight apples. Cut the quarters in two and fill a deep pie plate. If the apples are quite sour use two-thirds of a cup of granulated sugar, if only moderately so, half a cup. One teaspoonful of cinnamon. Roll the under crust very thin. The upper crust should be punctured for the escape of steam. After moistening the under crust around the edges fold the upper crust under it and press them together to keep in the juice. Bake in a moderate oven from half to three-quarters of an hour.

Cranberry Jelly.—Cook one quart of cranberries with one cupful of water in a porcelain saucepan for ten minutes; add two heaping cupfuls of light brown sugar, and cook ten minutes longer. Press through a sieve, pour into a square, shallow mold and set in a cold place to harden. Serve in dainty blocks or cubes. The use of the light brown sugar instead of the white gives a most delicate flavor.

Indian Pudding.—Scald one and a half cupfuls yellow cornmeal in two quarts of milk, add salt, one tablespoonful of ginger and let it stand twenty minutes. Then add one cupful of molasses two eggs and a piece of butter the size of a walnut. Bake slowly from two to three hours. serve with cream.

Beef Haricot.—One and one-half pounds of round steak; dredge with flour and brown in two tablespoonfuls lard. Into this pour one pint of boiling water and add one teaspoon salt, one-half teaspoon pepper one turnip one carrot, three stalks of celery chopped fine one tablespoonful vinegar. Cover tightly and cook forty minutes, adding more water if necessary.

SOME OLD TIMERS.

Dr. Jesse C. Green of West Chester, Pa., 84 years old, is said to be the oldest active wheelman in the country.

Daniel Wark, a Dominion senator from Fredericton, N. B., is said to be the oldest legislator in the world. He was 97 on Feb. 19.

Former Governor Boutwell of Massachusetts is the only living man who was the executive of a state 50 years ago. He was only 31 years old when in 1851 he was inaugurated governor of Massachusetts.

Former Chief Judge Logan E. Bleckley of Georgia has matriculated at the State university for a course in mathematics. He is 76 years old and engaged on a book, part of which treats of a branch of mathematics in which, as he says, he has "grown rusty."

Timothy T. Sawyer, the president of the Bunker Hill National bank of Charlestown, Mass., is the oldest bank president in New England. He has been connected with the institution over 50 years and has been its president since 1884. He is now 84, but attends to all his duties at the bank.

George W. Putnam, a descendant of the famous Revolutionary general, is said to be the oldest railroad mail clerk in the country. He was appointed by Lincoln in 1861 and has been in the service ever since. His home is in Westfield, O., but his "run" is between Ashburn and Oil City, on a branch of the Lake Shore road.

During a recent speech in congress Senator Morgan, with a brief intermission, was on his feet for six hours, talking steadily. He is 77 years old; but, to quote his own language, he is not as rapid in his action and speech as his colleague, Senator Pettus, who is 80 years old. "I cannot keep up as closely with the procession," he said. "I only stagger along."

BILL OF THE PLAY.

Charles Frohman is interested in nine New York theaters.

Paul Potter has never seen a recent performance of any play from his pen.

The new play for Andrew Mack, "Tom Moore," has been completed and adopted. Kyle Bellew will visit America as a star next season and for two years following.

Olga Nethersole has sailed for England, having given up all hope of playing again for a year at least.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendal are rehearsing in London a comedy by Egerton Castle called "The Secret Orchard."

In the short space of 11 years Clyde Fitch has written 24 dramatic compositions, and all of them have been produced.

Beerbohm Tree has arranged with Stephen Phillips, author of "Herod," to write a poetical drama on the story of Ulysses.

Mr. Haddon Chambers has finished a one act play, to which he has given the title of "Blue Roses." The characters are three in number, and the story is of a neglected wife.

Another monarch has come into the field of dramatists to rival Emperor William. The Prince of Montenegro has written "The Empress of the Balkans," and it may soon be acted.

Sir Henry Irving has bought a blank verse drama to produce after "Coriolanus" in London this spring and in New York next fall. It is by Fergus Hume, author of many sensational novels.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

Tell me, dear, how the Wangtons have furnished their new house.

Well, I didn't see a thing in it that cost less than \$100, but it struck me that if they had studied the matter closer they might have got a good deal more money into the space.

BREVITIES

PERSONALITIES.

Mme. Modjeska is no longer under a decree of banishment and may return to her Poland if she will.

In his boyhood laziness was the prevailing sin of Kitchener. His father sent him to a school for girls as a heroic remedy.

Senator Warren of Wyoming is the only man of his business in the senate. He is an undertaker in Cheyenne, although proprietor of a general store.

Baron Armand Rothschild of Paris, the nephew of the late Baron Rothschild, will take over the direction of the Rothschild banking house in Frankfurt.

Former Speaker Thomas B. Reed says that he is eschewing politics not only in his actions, but in his conversations. He is a lawyer now, and a lawyer only.

Two of the very greatest men of the nineteenth century were born on one and the same day—Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln, who both first saw light on Feb. 12, 1809.

Captain Nehemiah Mayo Dyer, who commanded the cruiser Baltimore during the battle of Manila Bay on May 1, 1898, has been placed on the retired list by reason of the age limit.

The Duke of Abruzzi, in honor of his own expedition, was the other day declared by the local government a citizen of Rome upon the occasion of his lecture on the polar regions.

Charles S. Francis, the new United States minister to Greece, is a splendid oarsman and in 1876, during his senior year at Cornell, won the single scull championship in the intercollegiate regatta.

Reformer Riis thinks that if Mrs. Nation were to use her hatchet in smashing the frying pans of Kansas she would accomplish more lasting good than can come from demolishing saloon glassware.

General Joe Wheeler in the course of a recent interview remarked that it was harder work being a soldier now than of old, because there were not so many autograph collectors in the days of the civil war.

Dr. James Warren Sunderland, founder of what is believed to be the world's first college for the higher education of women, recently celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday at his home in Collegeville, Pa.

The will of the late General Leonard A. Dickinson of Hartford leaves half of his residuary estate to St. Thomas' church in that city and one-fourth each to the Hartford hospital and the Hartford Orphan asylum.

Colonel Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston protested that he could not accept the brigadier generalship of the Second brigade of the Massachusetts militia and was nevertheless chosen to the position. He has now declined it, saying he could not accept it without too great a personal sacrifice.

THE TROTTER RECORD.

The Kentucky fair circuit, now being agitated, will probably be a go.

The Missouri pacer Albert Allison, 2:10½, will appear on the grand circuit.

Anaconda, 2:02½, has won 24 out of 39 races started in and been worse than second in but five.

Tacomis, 2:14¼, by Overstreet Wilkes, has been added to the stable of Bert Whitely of Muncie, Ind.

William J. Burnham of Baltimore will campaign Evadne, 2:15¼, this year and says she is good for a mark of 2:08.

The Canadian pacer Arbutuskan, 2:09½, a grand circuit performer of 1899, is expected to be prominent again this year.

Almonarch, 2:24¼, one of Almont's greatest sons, is still living at 29. He is owned at Monarchal stock farm, Conastota, N. Y., in good health and still getting foals.

There is a green trotter at Colton, Cal., by Zombro, 2:11, out of Sarah Benton, dam of Ellen Madison, 4, 2:12½, that has shown 2:19. He is named Lord Kitchener.

J. D. Creighton has purchased the well known Orchard Park farm, at Lexington, and will establish Ashland Wilkes, 2:17¼, there. Robert McGregor and other famous horses have stood there in past years.

WOMEN.

Men are generally kind when women look their best.—Bequeathed.

Most women ought never to look back if they want a following.—Mr. Dooley.

Women are sure to be inconsistent somewhere. It is their birthright.—"An English Woman's Love Letters."

In the dissolution of sentimental partnerships it is seldom that both partners can withdraw their funds at precisely the same time.—Touchstone.

Some women, and they are the happy ones, can comfort themselves in a loveless marriage with pretty note paper and tying up the legs of chairs with blue ribbon. These little feminine instincts are not given us for nothing.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The climate of New York is abating. Our Indian population is not skillful in any line of manufacture save its own crude industries.

To copy nature seems to work well. The Holland submarine boats are built in the shape of a whale.

A piano manufacturing company in Ontario claims to have in its shop a piano made by the company's founder 60 years ago while he was in business in Buffalo and sold by him to General Grant's mother.

The Massachusetts Frog company has just been incorporated in Maine, with a capital of \$5,000, its object being declared in the application to be "to buy, sell, breed and import frogs and like animals."

In at least three American cities there are athletic clubs in which the membership runs far up into the thousands. This is claimed as showing the marvelous development of high class athletics in this country.

In Sweden they have a land arrangement of this kind: The farmer will give a tenant so many acres of ground, provided the tenant will give him so many days' labor for so many years, the labor to be paid as wanted.

A little more than one-eighth of the amount annually expended for pensions goes to the south. Of the nearly 1,000,000 pensioners of the civil war 179,553 were residents last year of the 15 southern states, including Maryland and Missouri.

Tearing up a will is supposed to revoke it, but a Brooklyn woman, after tearing up her will, placed the shreds in an envelope, on which she wrote, "This will is all here." The fragments were pasted together, and the will was probated in regular form.

Facts that came to light after the suicide of a young Russian in London last week give some idea of the misery involved in sweatshop labor. The unfortunate youth was paid 37 cents a dozen for "finishing" shoes, a process that comprises nearly half the work of making the shoe.

STAGE GLINTS.

Thackeray's "The Virginians" has been dramatized.

Stuart Robson will revive "The Henrietta" next season.

Olga Nethersole intends to produce a stage version of Mrs. Atherton's "The Daughter of the Vine."

It is said that Richard Mansfield, one of the greatest actors of today, has stage fright and has it bad.

Archibald Clavering Gunter's new novel, "Tangled Flags," will probably be dramatized for Henry Miller.

William Faversham has recovered from his recent illness sufficiently to reappear on the stage this season.

The character of Ophelia in "Hamlet" was originally acted 300 years ago by a man, as were all female characters in those days.

E. H. Sothern and Virginia Harned have a new costume comedy by Lawrence Irving, dealing with the career of Lovelace, the poet.

A bid for notoriety in endeavoring to name a new London house King Edward's theater has been nipped in the bud, the lord chamberlain refusing permission.

Mrs. Fiske's new play is called "Sylvia's Daughter." It is the work of Hendrick Christiernson and has been successfully played in Stockholm, Copenhagen and Berlin.

London theatrical people expect that King Edward will pretty soon confer the title of sir knight on an actor manager. Sir Henry Irving is the only one now holding that distinction.

THE GLASS OF FASHION.

The charming English imitations of point d'alencou and point d'arabe laces are in great demand, particularly in the brownish gray shades.

Veils are as popular as ever, and the garish colored kinds have disappeared. In the newest designs the dots are closer together than last year and frequently are arranged in diamond shaped clusters.

Satin foulards in small, neat designs and in soft yet gay colors are to be immensely popular this spring and summer. Rose, beige, tan and reseda will be the favored shades. Lace will be used in profusion for trimming.

A revival of a pretty fashion is the black velvet ribbon bracelet, which is being worn now by Parisian women. It is simply finished and held together by a dull gold slide, sometimes jeweled. Egyptian armlets, too, are popular, although their chief beauty seems to lie in their barbaric effects.

Beware of stiff collars if you would follow Dame Fashion. Soft, pliable silk folds, finished with dainty velvet and lace "turnovers," with perhaps a gold button gleaming here and there, are the correct things nowadays. The stiff high backs and dog ears have entirely disappeared.

The distinction among animals of requiring least sleep belongs to the elephant. In spite of its capacity for hard work, the elephant seldom, if ever, sleeps more than four, or occasionally, five, hours.

HUMOR

WHAT MR. GATES SAW.

After Many Interruptions He Told What It Was.

"I see in the paper this morning," began Mr. Gates at the breakfast table, "that—"

"There's too much milk in my oatmeal," cried the youngest member of the Gates family.

"I see in this morning's paper," began the head of the house again, "that the—"

"King's house is up for sale again, ma," remarked the eldest daughter. "I noticed the bill on the fence when I looked out of my window this morning. They have the greatest time selling that place I ever saw. I don't believe Mr. King can afford to go to Europe this year if that house isn't sold. What did you start to say, pa?"

"I see in this morning's paper that the British—"

"Must be in an awful hurry this morning, Willie," said the second daughter, Bessie, to her small brother. "You're stuffing like a big pig. Stop making such a noise with your lips."

"Children, I'm ashamed of you," said Mrs. Gates reprovingly. "What is it you see in the paper this morning, Henry?"

"Type," said Mr. Gates savagely. "Pass the salt."

Necessary Consequence.

Whyte—I understand that you are going to move?

Browne—Yes.

Whyte—What's that for?

Browne—Well, my wife took a course of lessons in a cooking school last winter, and we have got to move now to some place where we shall be nearer to the doctor.

Chagrined.

The heiress' tears were so bitter that guinine wasn't an old duce in a new deck in comparison.

They gathered about her and sought the reason of her woe.

"The papers have announced my engagement to the earl," said she, "and one called him Doughless instead of Douglass!"

In 1994.

Head of Household (in the year 1994) —Alfred, dear, your biscuits are very good this morning.

Young Husband (coloring with pleasure)—I am glad to hear you say so, love.

Head of Household—Still, they are not quite as good as papa used to make.

As to Fortune.

"Ah, yes," replied the moralist, "fortune is a fickle jade!"

"That's so," replied the plodder, "but the duce of it is Miss Fortune isn't. She sticks to me with a fidelity worthy of a better cause."

Cause of Their Trouble.

"I hear the Bagtons are going to separate. What was the trouble?"

"Why, I understand that he remarked to her that if she lived to be a thousand she never would learn how to play golf."

Served Each Meal.

Stubb—That Frenchman says America has more bone and sinew than any country on earth.

Penn—Yes, on his last tour he put up at several of our Chicago houses.

Can't Last Forever.

Hopley—What seems to trouble your baby?

Popley (wearily)—I suppose it troubles him to think that eventually he'll have to go to sleep at night.

Light Attire.

He—Did you know there is a law in Switzerland forbidding a woman to wear more than an 18 inch hat?

She—Goodness! Don't the poor things freeze?

Dilatory Discovery.

De Sappie—I hadn't been talking with him five minutes before he called me an ass.

She—Why the delay?

A Wise Precaution.



Manager—What the dickens are you carrying? Have you gone mad?

Hamlet—I think we'll have a smooth performance tonight. I've bought up every egg in the village.