

About the House

SPRING SALADS.

Spanish Salad.—Remove the skins from six ripe tomatoes and put in a stewpan with one onion and three sprigs of parsley, the two latter chopped fine; add a good sized piece of butter, salt and pepper to taste, and boil twenty minutes; dissolve a teaspoonful of cornstarch in a little milk and add this, stirring constantly; cook two minutes and remove from the fire; then add three eggs, beaten lightly; add a little more salt; serve on toast. This is a delicious luncheon dish.

Cabbage Salad.—For one quart of finely chopped cabbage use a dressing as follows: Boil together one-half cup of vinegar, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of pepper; rub one-fourth cup of butter to a cream with one teaspoonful of flour and add it to the boiling vinegar; boil five minutes; then stir in one well beaten egg; pour while hot over the cabbage.

Celery Salad.—Two heads of celery, four hard-boiled eggs; chop the celery and three of the eggs with it; cover with the following dressing: One cup of vinegar, one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of mustard, three tablespoonfuls of sugar, yolks of two eggs, with a teaspoonful of cornstarch, small piece of butter; when cold add one-half cup of cream.

Cream Cheese Salad.—Color the cream cheese a delicate green, using either the juice of boiled spinach or vegetable coloring, and form it into balls or eggs the size of a walnut; take a flat salad dish and make nests of the tender leaves of lettuce, and in each nest put three or four eggs of the cheese. With these serve mayonnaise dressing and crisp, salted biscuits or water crackers.

Oyster Salad.—Scald oysters until they are plump, and then put them in cold water while they are boiling hot so as to make them firm; put them to one side and boil five eggs hard; take off the whites and chop fine; lay a bed of white lettuce in a long dish; place the oysters in this; cover them with a mayonnaise dressing; over them place the yolks of the eggs, which have been mashed fine, and lastly the chopped whites of the eggs. Do not let it stand long before serving. If you do the oysters and mayonnaise will become watery. Be sure the lettuce is thoroughly dried.

Beet Salad.—Boil six small beets until tender, and when cold chop them; boil six eggs hard and remove the whites from three of them to garnish the top of your dish; chop the rest of the eggs, but not in with the beets; salt and pepper the beets and eggs after they are chopped and mix them together lightly; put in dish and pour over any good salad dressing; garnish the top with rings out of the whites of the three eggs saved out and serve.

Pineapple Salad.—Select a large, ripe pineapple, and after cutting off the top, remove the inside, leaving only the shell; next remove the skins and seeds from a few grapes; then take two ripe bananas, peel them, and cut into small pieces; also cut the pineapple and grapes in small pieces; mix all together with mayonnaise dressing, replace in the pineapple shell, and serve.

HOW TO USE SUET.

The value of suet is often little understood by the housekeeper, and much of it is wasted that ought to be made use of. It is valuable for shortening and for frying in connection with lard, cooking oil or any oily fat. The grease from fowls, which is so oily that many people never think of using it, can be made a good medium for frying by adding an equal amount of suet which has been carefully tried out. Food fried in it soaks fat less than when pure lard is used.

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and when filling up the frying kettle always use part suet on that account.

Trying Out Without Odor.—Many dislike to try out any kind of fat on account of the odor penetrating to every room, but there is no need of this. Cut the suet in small slices and put in a double boiler or a pail with tight-fitting cover. Set in a dish of boiling water over the fire until all the grease is tried out, then strain and the fat is ready for use. No odor is noticed in the house, and the fat can show no trace of scorching.

Ways to Keep It.—To keep the suet on hand ready for use, salt it well after being tried out, afterward pouring it into moulds, where it will harden and keep sweet for a long time. To keep it in a fresh state always ready for use in doughnuts, biscuit, corn bread or puddings, prepare it in this way: Remove all skin and chop very fine. To each quart of suet when chopped add 1 tablespoon salt and ½ qt. flour. Mix thoroughly and place in glass jars, tightly covered. When wanted for use, take 1 cup of mixture to each 2 cups of flour. To preserve suet in its raw state without chopping, place it in a pail of suitable size, sift in flour to surround it completely, thus making it air-tight. Cover closely and set in a cool place and it will keep indefinitely.

As Shortening.—If the suet is chopped so fine as to be creamy, it can be used in almost any food requiring shortening, the usual trouble being that in food eaten cold the particles of suet if coarse make the food unpalatable. Pie crust, when made of the finely chopped suet is as good as that made of lard or cooking oil, and for meat pies it makes an excellent crust. For this use ¼ cup finely chopped suet, 3 cups flour sifted with 1 teaspoon salt and 6 level teaspoons baking powder. Mix a soft dough with 1 cup ice-water, then roll out to fit the top of the baking dish. This is also suitable for the crust of fruit puddings to be baked or steamed.

If the suet is used after being treated out less should be used as it packs so closely that one is liable to use too much. As suet can be bought for 5 cents a pound anywhere, and has little waste in it, there is quite a saving over lard at 9 or 10 cents.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Parsley and watercress are the most practical garnishes, for they look well with almost any dish. If parsley is not obtainable fine celery tips may be used.

Eggs are used either hard boiled and sliced or the hard-boiled yolks may be grated and sprinkled over or around a dish; the grated yolks are effective on spinach.

Lemons are used more for fish than meats, such as fried oysters and lobster cutlets. They are cut in quarters, and a portion served on the plate of each person.

Paper frills for decorating broiled chops are made by folding and fringing thin letter paper, then wrapping around the end of the chop to keep the grease from coming through.

Boiled carrots and beets, sliced with vegetable cutters into fancy shapes, are nice for cold meats and have a pretty effect around a white entree.

Never use any kind of scouring soap to clean an enameled bath-tub. It will soon take off the enamel if the use is continued long. Use kerosene on a cloth or ammonia.

Tin boilers and other tin articles of household service must be thoroughly dried before putting away, or rust will quickly appear. Kerosene will remove rust from tins, irons, door-hinges, keys, etc.

Bread and cake boxes should be well washed once or twice a week with warm water and soap, and dried thoroughly, and left with lid open to air well before being used, otherwise the contents will become mouldy and musty, and the box itself rusty.

Dish and glass towels should be thoroughly washed every day in hot, very soapy, water. If at all greasy, they should also be put over the fire in a kettle of diluted soda or ammonia and water and allowed to boil, then rinsed thoroughly, and always hung out in the open air to dry.

To cleanse speedily and effectually all cooking utensils, place on the range immediately after removing the contents, pour in hot water and washing soda, put on the lids or covers, and let stand until ready to wash thoroughly. After wiping dry, turn upside down on the range, before putting away in the closet.

A photograph which has become soiled by dust, or smoke, can easily be cleaned. Hold it underneath the cold water faucet, and gently wash it with the hand or soft brush, as the water flows over it. Thoroughly rinse in clear, cold water, and the picture will look almost or quite as good as new.

Beef tea made this way is very stimulating. You require one-half pound lean beef, cupful of cold water, pinch of salt. Wipe the meat with a cloth, cut it down very fine, taking away all the fat. Put it into a jar, and add the water and salt. Cover with a strong paper, and put into a pan of hot water, which must be three-quarters up the jar. Let it cook slowly for two hours, then strain, and serve with a small piece of toast.

CORRECTS SOLOMON.

Dr. Escherich Says He Should Have Extolled the Ant for its Cleanliness.

According to Dr. Escherich, a learned entomologist of Strasburg University, German, Solomon erred in commending the ant to the sluggard as a shining example of wisdom and industry. The German savant thinks Solomon would have better justified his claim to be regarded as the wisest man that ever lived had he extolled the ant as an exponent of cleanliness. He has just published the results of an exhaustive study of these wonderful insects. He

combats the views of those investigators who assign to them almost human intelligence. But as exponents of that virtue which stands next to godliness, he maintains that ants stand pre-eminent, and if the human race would pattern after them in this respect, half the diseases on which doctors thrive would vanish.

Ants, he declares, abhor dirt in any form about their persons. Nature has provided them with implements that serve the same purpose as combs and brushes in the hands of civilized folk, and they make far more effective use of them. They are never too busy to clean themselves. No job is so important to an ant that he won't knock off work to clean himself. He does not wait until the day's labors are finished to perform his ablutions. He is never too tired to lend another ant a hand—or rather a leg—to effect a thorough scouring. He will tolerate loafing occasionally, for the professor asserts it is a mistake to suppose that ants are everlastingly hunting up jobs, but he won't put up with dirty neighbors. Cleanliness is the supreme law of the community.

But the professor rather detracts from the credit one would otherwise be disposed to give them for the practice of this most exemplary virtue by telling us that ants are driven to it by the conditions of their existence. "Without the most scrupulous cleanliness," he says, they could not recognize each other nor communicate anything. The cohesion of the individual with his fellows is maintained solely through the medium of the sense of smell. If the ant is covered with dust the possibility of its being recognized is diminished to an extraordinary degree. The antennae in particular must always be kept clean, for it is only with their aid that the ant remains in close communication with its tribe.

It is their highly developed sense of cleanliness, the professor says, which also explains the ants' "funerals" about which so much has been written. Ants, it is well known, carry their dead to definite burial places, where they arrange them in most careful order. The little creatures do not, however, do this with the object of providing their dead comrades with a last resting place, Dr. Escherich states: "they merely obey the instinct of cleanliness which impels them to remove all refuse from the nest and carry it away to a definite spot."

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POSTCARD SCHOOL BOOKS.

Children's Education Assisted by Foreign Pupils' Letters.

Much success has attended the interchange of letters and postcards between pupils in the London County Council schools and those in schools in our colonies, says the London Express.

London boys and girls are put in communication with children in the elementary schools in any part of his Majesty's dominions from which applications are received. Already there have been many cases of interesting and instructive correspondence. The County Council pays the postage on the letters. Canadian and New Zealand school boys and girls are the most prolific correspondents.

One feature is the interchange of pictorial postcards which invariably results. The scholars engage in this on their own initiative. A suggestion is thrown out that the postcards might be made as instructive as the letters. There is nothing in the regulations to prevent London headmasters from adopting this course if they see fit.

At the Ostend Public schools collections of all postcards of instructive value, such as views of towns and districts and photographs of national costumes and scenes of current events, are exhibited at the classrooms, and are discussed between the children and the teacher. Two or three times a week the selection is changed, and when during the lessons any topic arises related to views in the school collection, these are shown and explanations given.

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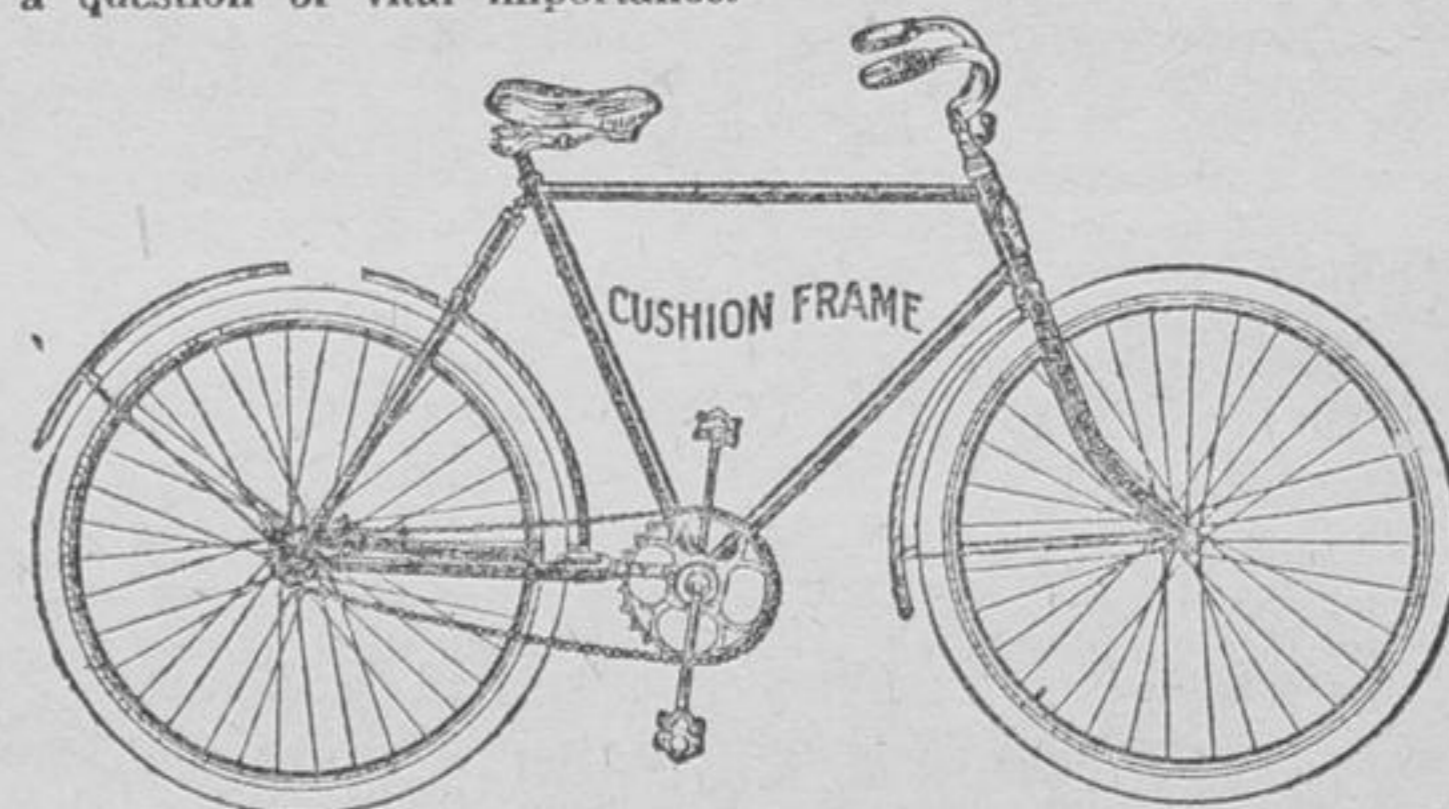
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SOME NOVEL CHURCHES

STEAMER QUEEN ALEXANDRA IS A FLOATING CHURCH.

One in England Encourages Flirting and One in Chicago Has Opened a Nursery.

The Harehills Road New Congregational Church at Leeds, England, have gone so far as to provide a speaking-tube for the deaf. This tube consists of ordinary gas-piping, which is constructed between the pews and the pulpit, where there is a trumpet-like contrivance which acts as the transmitter. At the extreme end there is a funnel-like development of the speaking-tube.

It is suggested that in a short time it will be possible to dispense with the churches to a large extent. All that will be necessary will be to switch on telephones from the various homes of the congregation and connect them with the home and enjoy the sermon, having all the comforts of their own private room.

It should be added, by the way, that confessions by telephone are not permitted by the Holy See. Some little time ago the Holy See was appealed to on the question whether it would be considered valid to hear confessions made in this manner. As has been mentioned, the decision was in the negative. Archbishop Kain has received another decision from the same source, on the subject of asking dispensations from canonical laws by cable and telegraph. The answer from Rome is that this practice cannot be allowed, and, in fact, it is now

SPECIFICALLY CONDEMNED.

The preachers of two of the "highest" churches in London—St. Mary Magdalene, Paddington, and St. Mary Magdalene, Munster Square—are not in favor of the reporting of sermons. A preacher at one of these churches has vehemently denounced the habit of the Press in recording details of services and criticising sermons. He said they thus sin against "holy reserve." Let them not talk about the music or sermon, much less speak of publishing it.

Possibly the most novel church in the world is a floating church which possesses a tower and steeple. This church is built on the decks of two large boats, and can be moved from point to point on the Delaware River as required. It effects a most striking appearance as it moves up and down the river. This is due to the fact that it possesses a lofty steeple, rising from its square tower, while from the top of the steeple waves a flag with the word "Bethel" upon it. This church is able to follow the sailors about on the

SURFACE OF THE WATER.

A new steamer, named the Queen Alexandra, has been fitted up especially as a floating church and hospital, for service with fishing fleets. She was built at Leith, Scotland, and was the gift of an anonymous donor to the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. She is provided with the necessary gear for trawling. The Queen Alexandra is magnificently equipped,

and acts in a first-rate manner as a church to the thousands of men engaged in the deep-sea fisheries.

Another very curious church is to be seen at Galleywood, near Chelmsford, in Essex, England. It stands in the centre of a racecourse, the only other building being a windmill. The course runs quite close to the church, and two or three races are held there every year. The circumstance is rendered more remarkable by the fact that the church was built after the racecourse was laid out.

It is very probable that in order to attract people to the churches the sermons will be made much shorter. Lord Rosebery remarked that he had some time ago read that one of the bishops had issued a charge to his clergy complaining of the undue shortness of sermons of the present day. This struck him with

A MELANCHOLY FEELING.

His lordship said that he should avoid that diocese, for he was under the impression that the sermon that was too short had yet to be written.

Whether flirting in church will be encouraged as a means of bringing more people to worship is a debatable point. The Rev. M. B. Williams, however, is distinctly in favor of flirting in church. He says: "The expectation of seeing a young woman home has brought many a man to church for the first time."

One Yorkshire church, in order to attract visitors undertakes to take care of bicycles and similar articles. A Chicago minister has gone further than this, for he has opened a nursery for the benefit of mothers who have babies so young that they do not care to leave them at home. At the same time these mothers do not care to take them to church lest they disturb the congregation. Hence the necessity of the nursery which has been opened.—Pearson's Weekly.

A DANGER TO CHILDHOOD.

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Fodd: "Charley, you were born to be a writer." Charley (blushing with conscious pride): "Ah, you've seen some of the things I've turned off?" Fodd: "No, I wasn't referring to what you had written. I was thinking what a splendid ear you had for carrying a pen. Immense, Charley—simply immense!"

Perseverance works wonders, but I can't convert bad eggs into chickens.