

About the House

SELECTED RECIPES.

Celery and Cheese au Gratin.—To two cups of cooked celery cut in small bits add two cups of white sauce, using part celery water and part cream in making it. Put a layer of the celery and sauce in a buttered dish, and sprinkle with grated or chopped rich cheese. Add another layer of the celery and more cheese, until the dish is nearly full. Sprinkle bread crumbs over the top, add bits of butter and a little shaved cheese and brown nicely in a quick oven.

Celery and Cheese Sticks.—Cut crisp white celery into uniform finger lengths, and with a small pointed knife fill the hollow side or groove with potted or rich soft cream cheese with a little mustard and paprika or Worcestershire sauce, and serve them as a relish or appetizer.

Celery Sandwich.—To one-half cup of finely chopped white celery add the hard-boiled yolk of an egg rubbed to a smooth paste, with a little vinegar, and mix with sufficient mayonnaise or made dressing to moisten well, then spread between thin, lightly buttered slices of brown bread. The white celery tops can be used to garnish the sandwiches.

Celery Salad.—Celery combines with so many other salad materials one may originate ad libitum to suit the occasion and other dishes served. One point must be observed, whatever the combination, the celery must be fresh and crisp, and utterly devoid of strings.

Apple Dumplings.—Sift a quart of flour with a half teaspoonful of salt and two teaspoonfuls of baking-powder. Add two tablespoonfuls of butter, chopped into the prepared flour, and two cups of sweet milk. Put upon a floured pastry-board, and roll into a sheet a half an inch thick. Cut this sheet into pieces about five or six inches square. In the centre of each of these squares place a peeled and cored apple filling the hollow centre of each apple with granulated sugar, then squeezing on the sugar a few drops of lemon juice. Fold the four corners of the square over the apple, pinching them firmly together on top. Set these dumplings in a buttered pan, having the joined corners underneath—that is, turning the dumplings upside down. Bake to a good brown in a steady, but not very hot, oven. When light brown, brush with the beaten white of an egg, then set back into the oven just long enough to glaze the dumplings well. Take from the oven, sift powdered sugar over them, and serve hot, with a hard sauce.

THRIFTY HOUSEWIVES.

There are certain things a thrifty housewife does not do.

She does not wait till the flour barrel or sugar pail are empty before ordering a new supply. She does not take things as they come, but plans ahead and tries to have things come so as to cause the least work and confusion. She does not tear the whole house to pieces in one cleaning day, but does one thing at a time. She does not use six eggs for her cake, or two cups of butter for her soda biscuit, when half or less of these materials would give much better results.

She does not worry the life out of her husband, leasing for a new carpet, because her neighbor has just bought one, and she is afraid of being outshone. She does not rob her food supply or kitchen outfit that she and her daughter may wear fine clothing. She does not make a great display at her tea parties and keep the family on half rations for weeks thereafter. She does not fret when the head of the house unexpectedly brings in a guest for dinner, for she always has a good stock in her larder, and knows how to prepare appetizing dishes at a few minutes' warning, besides what she thinks is good enough for a chance guest.

She does not put off a disagreeable job till the last minute, but attacks it tooth and nail and has it off her mind. She does not wait till a rent in a garment has been made ten times worse than at first, but practises the old adage, "a stitch in time saves nine." She does not send for the doctor every time Freddie or Susie cut their fingers, or sneeze too loudly, but keeps a stock of simple remedies on hand that are more efficacious than much of the doctors' medicine. She doesn't lie in bed till eight o'clock or later in the morning, and then wonder why she feels so mean, and can't get anything done, neither does she read the latest novel till midnight, trusting for a chance the next day to make up for lost sleep.

She does not belong to half a dozen women's clubs and missions and let her own domestic affairs run themselves. She does not believe in the wife and mother bearing all the burden of household duties, but each member is given a share of work, and held strictly accountable therefor. She rarely needs to borrow anything, though she is ever ready to lend. She is too busy with her own affairs to spend much time in discussing her neighbors. She does not allow the smallest item of waste—but everything is utilized somewhere.

In short, she is a woman of well-balanced mind, clear vision, good executive ability, is fertile in resources, a treasure, if also kind and sympathetic, which any man may felicitate himself upon possessing.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Cranberries will keep for months in a cellar with water over them. The

water should be changed at least once a month.

When the tops of fruit jars become stuck and are hard to take off, try dipping a cloth in very hot water and applying it to the place. So with a glass decanter or a stoppered bottle that has become stuck and refuses to come off in the usual way. A cloth wrung out of hot water and applied to the neck of the bottle or decanter will cause the glass to expand very slightly, which makes it much easier to remove the tight stopper.

It is better to purchase ginger in the root form—unless one has tried and proved a thoroughly reliable brand of ground ginger—as it is often so adulterated as to be practically useless either for flavoring or to make ginger tea for indigestion. But it is rather tedious to grate, and the addition of a little pepper emphasizes its flavor. Dripping or lard do just as well as butter for ginger cakes, especially if they are highly seasoned. Italians always put almonds on the top of their ginger cakes, and they are certainly an improvement, both to the taste and the appearance.

Left over crusts of bread or cracker should have a regular receptacle provided for them, and, when there is a good plentiful, put into the oven for a few minutes and crisped. When taken out they can be crushed with a rolling pin, and one has ready to hand when they are needed some nice browned bread.

The daily turning over is not the only necessary attention for the proper treatment of a mattress. This operation itself is liable to strain the ticking, and pull the stuffing out of shape, in course of time. To avoid this handles may be sewn to the sides, so that the unyielding surface of the mattress itself need not be grasped. These can be made from webbing or a cross piece of ticking and sewn as firmly as possible to the sides.

When washing fine china dishes do not place them one upon another after wiping them. Piling plates and saucers together while they are warm is apt to crack the glaze. Therefore, spread them out to cool off before putting them in the closet. It requires some care to wash cut glass thoroughly. Apply the water with a soft brush and wipe the glass with a fine towel. Particular housewives use sawdust from a non-resinous wood, such as box or bass wood, in the drying process. It cleans out all the corners and crevices that cannot be reached with a towel. After wiping it, place the glass in a bed of the sawdust and allow it to remain about half an hour. Spread the sawdust out to dry after using it. If this is done it can be used any number of times. After taking the glassware from the sawdust, whisk it off with a soft brush and polish with a cloth.

A CRIPPLE CURED.

Helpless and Bent with Rheumatism—Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"I was a helpless cripple. I was bent in form and could not straighten up. Crutches were my only means of moving about. I tried many medicines, but they all failed until I began using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—they cured me." George Schaw, of Short Beach, N. S., made the above almost startling statement to a reporter a few days ago. Mr. Schaw is now a well built man, strong and broad shouldered. Like thousands of other Nova Scotians, he is a fisherman, and is consequently exposed to all kinds of weather, just the conditions to set the rheumatism poison in the blood at work. Mr. Schaw adds: "It is impossible to overrate the severity of the attack. The trouble was located in my back and right hip. I had to quit work and was mostly indoors. There was a time when I never expected to stand erect again, but Dr. Williams' Pink Pills straightened me up again, not only that, but they made me the strong, hearty man you see me today. I can never describe the awful pain I suffered before I used these pills. I tried many medicines and had treatment from several doctors, but to no avail. My legs became so stiff that in order to move at all I had to use crutches. Finally the doctors decided that I was incurable, and told me they could render no further assistance. I continued to suffer day and night, and then came the turning point of my life. A friend from a distance came to see me and it was from him I learned that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were a great cure for rheumatism. At once I got a supply and began to use them. The first indication that they were helping me was when the pain grew less severe. In a few weeks more the swelling in my legs and hips began to leave, then my joints seemed to loosen up, and then it was not long until my crutches were thrown aside and I could straighten up. Then I began to go out doors and soon was able to resume my work as well as ever. Since that time I have never been troubled with rheumatism or lame back. I can tell you my neighbors were all astonished at my cure; they had all thought I would always be a cripple." Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure rheumatism by going straight to the root of the trouble in the blood. They make new rich blood that sweeps out the poisonous acid and soothes the jangled nerves. That is how they cure all troubles rooted in the blood, such as anaemia, indigestion, neuralgia, St. Vitus dance, general weakness and the special ailments that only girls and women folk know. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

WISDOM OF EXPERIENCE.

"They say," remarked the mere man, "that 'because' is a woman's reason—and it is about all the reason she has." "Yes," rejoined the pretty widow, "it's about all the reason she has for marrying a man."

LONDON'S CIVIC KING.

Lord Mayor of World's Metropolis Receives \$50,000 and Spends \$150,000.

The City of London allows the Lord Mayor whom it elects to office the sum of £10,000 as his salary for the year, in order to enable him to fulfill with dignity the many expensive duties that he will be called upon to perform. This might have been enough at one time in the history of the city, but such are the demands of precedent in these times, and so unwilling would any Lord Mayor be to do the thing in a manner inferior to his predecessors, that this £10,000 is not half enough to bear the cost of the office from November 9 to November 9.

It is generally understood that a Lord Mayor is getting off very cheaply indeed if his year costs him no more than £25,000. Such a year would be one in which there would not be very much glory or distinction. Things would have been very quiet in the city. If royalty is there on one or two occasions, and above all if a foreign monarch pays a visit to a Corporation, as has happened so frequently in late years, the Lord Mayor may depend on it that his period of office is going to cost him £30,000.

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BERLIN HAS A NEW SWINELE.

Hardup Man With Bargain Watch, Easy Market Woman and Fake Sleuth.

Berlin, Germany, has developed a new variation of the confidence game. The victim who has brought it to light is Frau Elizabeth Andres, who keeps a stand in the Central Market on the Alexanderplatz. The police are wondering how many others have been victimized.

Frau Andres was sitting at her stand one evening about 6.30 o'clock waiting for customers when a shabbily dressed man went up to her and poured a hard luck story into her ears. At the conclusion he produced a near gold watch and semi-tearfully declared that his necessities obliged him to sell it for any old price. He begged Frau Andres to take it for 20 marks (about \$5), assuring her that it had cost him 100 marks and was still just as good.

The shrewd market woman scented a bargain but she drove a hard one. She finally became the owner of the watch for 16 marks (\$4) and spent the next hour admiring her purchase and patting herself on the back.

She had a rude awakening when a solemn man stalked up to her and exhibiting a metal badge announced that he was a Detective Muller of the police force and accused her of buying a stolen watch. The thief, he said, had been arrested and had confessed turning it over to her.

The woman was terrified. She shook with terror as if she had a chill and of course never thought of question or resistance when the detective laid an embargo on the watch and informed her that she was under arrest as a receiver of stolen goods.

While the woman closed her stand and prepared to go with him the detective strolled toward the entrance of the market. When she was ready he beckoned to her to follow—they do these things differently in Germany—and started toward the nearest police office.

The prisoner kept him in sight for a little way, but he vanished in crossing the Alexanderplatz. Having no suspicion of the genuineness of her arrest, however, she kept right on to the Police Prefecture.

Nobody seemed to know anything about her there. She was referred to the Commissary in charge and he speedily divined that she had been swindled. The police are still looking for the bunco men—which has a familiar sound.

PALACE FOR HOUNDS.

Famous Hunt Packs Hounds in Building That Cost \$50,000 to Erect.

The finest kennels and stables in the United Kingdom are the headquarters of the Quorn Hunt, Quorn, Leicestershire. Here the members have built a home for the hounds which cost about £10,000. There are about four packs constantly engaged, each pack comprising from forty to fifty dogs.

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SUCCESS.

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SOME VALUABLE WRECKS

FORTUNES SOMETIMES FOUND BENEATH THE WAVES.

Two Exceptional Cases When Poor Fishermen Were Suddenly Enriched.

The romance of sunken treasure would fill volumes, and in spite of the undoubted millions which lie beneath the waves it would probably be found that more money has been spent upon efforts to recover these wreck treasures than the value of all that have ever been recovered.

Still, just as a hard-up miner, without any capital but his pickaxe and his muscles, will sometimes stumble upon an enormous nugget worth a fortune, so a poor fisherman or sailor is at times suddenly enriched by the finding of a long-lost and valuable wreck.

Twenty years ago a brig called the *Barbaric* foundered off Seawall, Nova Scotia. As her value was supposed to be small she was left to lie and go to pieces. A Seawall fisherman, Thomas Burns by name, eventually bought the wreck for \$5. It was supposed that Burns merely intended to get up the anchors and metal work and sell them for what they would fetch. The neighbors were therefore amazed when the fisherman suddenly blossomed into

A MAN OF WEALTH.

It has come out that Burns had heard a story that the *Barbaric* had aboard her when she capsized a sum of \$60,000, accumulated during three years' trading in the South Seas. He managed to get a professional diver from Halifax to help him, and between them they actually recovered fully \$50,000 in gold.

A somewhat similar case is reported from the Mediterranean. A small party of Greek fishermen, at work off the island of Chios, stumbled across the wreck of a large ship in fairly shallow water. One of them procured a dress, and diving to her found that she was a large Russian warship sunk there in 1770, in a sea-fight against the Turks. The fishermen kept the find quiet and went to the Turkish Governor, who agreed to let them raise the treasure upon paying a certain percentage to the Turkish Government. They then went to work, and with success far beyond their expectations. Gold and silver crosses, jeweled images, book-covers of gold and gems, together with money to the value of \$60,000, were brought to the surface, and the result is that these fishermen are now about

THE RICHEST MEN IN CHIOS.

Cases such as these are, of course, exceptional, and almost the only other of which the writer has been able to find record is that of five French sailors who, about a century ago, recovered from a French warship, sunk off the Dutch island of Terschelling, a box of gold ingots valued at \$300,000. There is said to be still some \$2,500,000 in gold in the hold of this wreck, and we understand that a company has been formed to recover the money.

But if large fortunes are rarely recovered from the sea by private individuals, smaller yet useful sums are not infrequently found. Some years ago two young fellows were spending a holiday fishing off the Danish island of Anholt, when the water being calm as glass, they noticed on the bottom, below their

boat, what looked like great masses of iron. They took their employer into their confidence, and he provided money with which

SEVENTEEN FINE OLD CANNON

were recovered. These, it turns out, were thrown overboard from a British warship which, in 1870, was wrecked on this coast. The guns were in excellent preservation, and were sold to various museums, thereby putting a nice little sum into the pockets of their finders.

After the wreck of one of the Spanish warships sunk near Santiago had been apparently thoroughly exploited by the company which bought the right, a diver named Williams went down upon his own account and found a lump of silver dollars melted together. There were over 300 in all, and he sold them for some \$150. A similar case was reported after the searching of the Spanish ship *Cadiz*, sunk off Ushant. A diver who had brought up some \$350,000 from the wreck was told by his grateful employers that he could have anything else there was to be found for himself. He made two trips below. At the first he got nothing; but at the second he fared better. He found in a lock-

A RUSTED HUNTING-KNIFE

which had evidently once belonged to some great grandee, for in its haft were set jewels which sold for \$3,500!

A curious find was made off Caldera, which is a Chilean seaport. A Scottish American named Mackenzie was fishing off the beach when, wedged among the rocks, he saw something which looked like a gigantic lizard. It proved to be a wonderfully perfect fossil of some prehistoric monster. It was 29 feet long, nearly 10 feet across the back, and weighed six tons. It was sold to a museum for a sum of over \$500. Somewhat similar was the find of a Lowestoft trawler, who secured in his trawl a mammoth tusk no less than 8 feet in length, and so heavy that three men could barely lift it. This relic also fetched a large sum of money.

Another Lowestoft trawler was lucky enough to dredge up a great pebble of amber, in shape resembling a long potato. It weighed nearly 2 lbs., and was sold to a London firm for \$137,000.

Perhaps the oddest of small fortunes recovered in this fashion was by an amateur sea fisherman, who, as he beached his boat upon a South Coast sandbank, noticed some lumps of black stuff embedded in the sand. He lifted one, scratched it, and found it to be beeswax. Eventually he picked up over a quarter of a ton of the stuff, and, as it was in excellent condition, sold it for enough to more than pay for his holiday.—London Tit-Bits.

SOMETHING SOFT TO FALL ON.

"Yes," said Mr. Herlihy, pressing a damp handkerchief to her eyes, "he's an unfortunate man, me cousin Cella's man is. If ever there's anny chanst of a good thing he's always a little to wan side. If it hadn't been for that, he'd been in his home now, instid of in the hospital, ma'am."

"Why, I understand that Timothy stepped off backward off the staging and fell clear to the ground," said the district visitor, sympathetic but puzzled.

"He did," said Mr. Herlihy, with a burst of tears, "but if he'd fell a bit more to the right, there was a great pile of brick, an' it would have broke his fall anyway."

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