PEPYS' LITTLE FEAST.

At Which the Diarist Fared Better

Than He Did on Washday. Mr. Samuel Pepys, of the famous "Diary," had rather more than his share of human weaknesses and frailties, but had be been a better man it is certain that his "Diary" would have been a duller book.

It is, for example, an undoubted fact that Mr. Pepys was something of a gormand-was rather fonder of the table and of the delights thereof than a really wise man ought to have been. It is to this trait in his character and to his curious habit of jotting down rough notes of what he had had for dinner that we owe a thousand little details regarding the table of well to do Englishmen in the reign of his majesty King Charles II., of hilarious

memory. What will be thought of the following for a nice, dainty little meal? It is the menu of a little "feast," as he calls it, which the diarist gave every year in commemoration of his being operated on successfully for a dangeroun disease. He proudly chronicles that the dishes on this occasion included "a fricassee of rabbits and chickens, a leg of mutton boiled, three carps in a dish, a great dish of a side of lamb, a dish of roasted pigeons, a dish of four lobsters, three tarts, a lamprey pie"-a most rare pie-"a dish of anchovies and good wine of several sorts. And all things mighty and noble and to my great content." he adds complacently.

The number of guests on this occasion is not given, but at another time, with six guests, he has "after oysters a hash of rabbits and lamb and a rare chine of beef; next a great dish of roasted fowl-cost me about 30 shillings-and a tart, and then fruit and cheese."

About 10 o'clock at night he sends his guests away "after a good sack possett and cold meat." The whole will cost him, he observes, about £5say £20 of present day English money.

These are what the diarist calls "feasts." On ordinary occasions the fare is, of course, much more modest -for instance:

"Dined at home with my wife. It being washing day, we had a good pie baked of a leg of mutton."

No doubt the poor man was thankful enough to get that, for one gathers from the "Diary" that he generally had cold meat on washing days. In those days, look you, washing day was -washing day. Mrs. Pepys and her "people"-two or three maids and a cook maid-did it themselves-no washerwomen, and the good lady and her helpers were generally up at 4 o'clock in the morning in summer.

Men Who Walked on All Fours.

In the kingdom of Poland there was formerly a law according to which any person found guilty of slander was compelled to walk on all fours through the streets of the town where ne lived accompanied by the beadle, as a sign that he was disgraced and unworthy of the name of man. At the next public festival the delinquent was forced to appear crawling upon hands and knees underneath the banqueting table and barking like a dog. Every guest was at liberty to give him as nany kicks as he chose, and he who

ad been slandered must toward the id of the banquet throw a picked ne at the culprit, who, picking it up th his mouth, would leave the room all fours.

In Easy Way to Stretch Shoes. ease a tight boot or shoe take a shears-the longer the betterblades with cloth and insert the toe of the shoe; the blades. That d the handles at oe presses unot place the the point

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Soon Be Extinct.

For some time past there has been a rumor going the baseball rounds that the left handed pitcher is rapidly be coming an extinct species. Every clut in baseball is anxious to have on its payroll at least one and if possible two "left paws," but hundreds of teams have none. Left handed twirlers are so greatly valued in the major leagues look over talent in the minors are instructed to try to dig up as many promising offside twirlers as possible. The searchers proved that but little could be accomplished in the desired

One of the best known scouts in the business is Arthur Irwin, the veteran talent hunter of the New York Americans, and to quote what he said recent ly seems to sum up the situation in a nutshell. "I've combed the bush, leagues this year as never before,' quoth he, "and never did I see such s scarcity of southpaws. They are not to be had. My experience is the same as that of other scouts with whom have talked. I cannot account for it except that left handed persons are getting scarcer in all walks of life. In my travels this season I saw very few twirlers of this kind, and I'll venture the prediction that 1913 will see fewer new southpaws in the big leagues than in any season in twenty-five years."

If this turns out to be the case the few winning offside pitchers that will ly few of whom can learn to be equally expert hitting the ball from either side that if a few years hence the big

THE LATEST IN VIOLINS.

It Plays Itself.

plays itself. People who have heard it say that it possesses the delicacy of touch and sweetness of tone of a finished player.

of three instruments. The bow is a circular hoop of horsehair, which travels around continually. Standing on end inside the hoop are three violins.

Along the necks of the instruments stretch a row of uncanny fingers that run up and down the strings just like real fingers. The violins stand back about an inch from the moving hoop of horsehair, against which they are pushed at the right moment when the note

The hardest tunes to play present no difficulties to this marvelous fiddle. It is not likely to replace the human player in the orchestra for some time at least, as the cheapest kind costs £400.

lacks one thing, it cannot tune itself. When any of the notes get flat the strings have to be tightened by a mere man in almost the same way as an ordinary violin.-Pearson's Weekly.

apted for use in tropical climates. here the cost of fuel is considerable.

Artistic Mending.

London has adopted a French industry which aims at neatness. It is that of the "stoppeur." The word refers to the art of mending clothes. In Paris the "stoppeur" is well and fa vorably known. Supposing a gentle man tears his coat or burns a hole with his cigarette in his trousers, the garment is conveyed to the "stoppeur." who in some mysterious way reconstructs the material. In some way they seem to weave in the stuff, join ing up threads of a bit of cloth from another part.

Sunday Matinees For C e Royal theater at to the request give a perfor s, so that s the bene

LEFT HANDED PITCHERS.

They Get Scarcer Every Year and May

at present that the scouts sent out to

direction.

be with the majors next year will probably be carefully nursed. But should the left handed flinger become practically extinct it will prove a great relief to the batters, only a comparative of the plate. It is a pretty safe wager leagues were practically without left handed heavers and all the boys were batting right handed nearly all of the time the batting would increase at least one-third over the present gait .-Ed A. Goewey in Leslie's.

It is an instrument in Triplicate, and

The latest invention is a violin that

Really the mechanical violin consists

Like most machines, however, it

Driven by the Sun.

to raise steam in an engine in Egypt. The sunpower plant and engine are the invention of Frank Shuman of Philadelphia. The heating apparatus consists of 572 boxes of sheet iron. each three feet square, framed in stout wood and covered with two sheets of glass, separated by an air space of one inch. All these are mounted on trestles, facing due south, with a surface of 5,000 square feet exposed to the sun's rays. Further heat from the same source is concentrated on the boxes by six foot mirrors, and a temperature of 450 degrees F., more than

ble boiling point, can be obtained his way. The sun power engine is

When the Hudson Bay Trading Co. be induced to trade their peltries.

The first whisky or intoxicant of inferior quality was distilled in England and brought to Canada in large barrels, but in transporting it overlan! it was found more convenient to

The traders soon became aware of fact that by diluting the whisky rs could be obcticed for some tained.

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A .. E.A.KALLE VOLUME,

Remarkable History of England Pub. lished In Chebec In IS.J.

Godfrey Langlois, M.P.P., who has been fighting for a long time for better common schools in Quebec, has found a real gem in the shape of an English history authorized by the Quebec council of public instruction in 1909, a special edition for Canada having been published by J. E. Mercier of Levis. On page 272 of this book the following is to be found:

"The English possessions in North America, are called New Britain, and are divided into Labrador, Nova Scotia. New Brunswick on the northeast, Canada in the centre, New Wales to the west of Hudson Bay, New Caledonia to the west of the great lakes. while the shores of New Caledonia are called New Cornwall or New Han-

"Labrador is very cold, inhabited by Esquimaux; Nova Scotia is almost an island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, its capital being Halifax, doing a large trade in furs. Canada to the north of the United States is divided into two parts, upper and lower Canada. York and Kingston are the chief cities of Upper Canada, while Quebec, the capital of the whole of Canada, is the place where the governor resides. New Wales and New Caledonia are little known and chiefly noted for their fur trade."

Mr. Langlois says that people will suppose that Abbe Drioux history of England is an Wition sixty years old, but nothing of the kind. It is sold in this country and special edition for Canada was printed by J. E. Mercier & Co., Levis, authorized by the council of public instruction on the 12th May, 1909, a report being made to the Legislature during the session of

Le Pays calls upon the superintendent of education to explain why such stupid errors are allowed.

His Excessive Modesty.

The story goes that one of the first cases accepted by Mahlon K. Cowan, the well-known Ontario counsel, when he started his career as a young lawyer in Windsor was a breach of promise case in which a fair daughter of Essex County claimed the moderate sum of \$2,000 as balm for her wounded affections. So ably did Mr. Cowan present her woes that the sympathetic jurymen awarded the plaintiff not only the full amount of damages asked, but \$500 more. This of course gave the defendant a valid reason for appeal. The case was brought Osgoode Hall, and Mr. Cowan appeared to argue his client's side of the action. After counsel for both parties had been heard, the senior judge, knowing that it was Mr. Cowan's first appearance before the august tribunal of appeal, took occasion to compliment the young lawyer on his able effort, and then half-jokingly

"How do you account, Mr. Cowan, for the jury's generosity in awarding your client more than the damages you claimed?"

"Your lordship," answered Mr. Cowan, "that is easily answered. I am an Essex boy, born and raised on the farm. The jurymen were nearly all farmers who have known me from my youth upward, and they were all aware that my chief failing was an excessive modesty which alone prevented me from asking all that I was entitled to."

Water Color Bills.

A ten-dollar counterfeit Bank of Toronto note, which experts say must have taken a month to make, reached the headquarters of that concern re-

It is by a new process. Water-Sun heat has been successfully used colors and brush and pen were used in its production, according to the bank's experts, who say its discrepancies only showed up to any extent under a magnifying glass. The note is a brand new one.

> A banker, who described the work of the counterfeiter as "remarkable," said four other banks besides the Bank of Toronto had their issues of five and tens imitated only recently. Because water-colors were used in each instance, the bankers are convinced that a clever gang of counterfeiters are at work somewhere not

> far from Toronto. The man who does this work must be an expert in water-colors and drawing, said an expert speaking of the samples of his work turned out in the form of counterfeit bank notes.

Origin of "Fire Water."

began its trading among the Indians it was found that by selling the Indians liquor they could more easily

divide it into small kegs.

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