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About the Household

Tested Recipes.
Cut stale bread into thin pieces. Put two pieces together with grated cheese between them; dip into a mixture of egg, well beaten and thinned with a little milk and fry, and you will call it good.

Oat Cakes.—Choose dates of good size. With icing mark eyes and beaks of owls on them. Cut and shape into fresh baked and frosted molasses spice cakes. Press dates into the icing, use citron to form branches on which owl sits and with chocolate icing outline feet.

Hologobin Cups.—Use cups made of oranges with pulp removed in which to serve the sherbet, first marking faces with different expressions on outside of skins with chocolate icing. Set on plate surrounded with paper pumpkin leaves. To make cider sherbet, sweeten cider to taste and add a little lemon juice. When frozen to a mush add one quart cream to every quart of cider used and finish freezing.

Lemon Syrup.—Grate the rind of six lemons into the juice of 12 and let it stand overnight. Make a thick syrup, using 12 cups of white sugar. When it is quite cool strain the lemon juice into it, squeezing some of the oil from the grated rind. Bottle and set away for use. A tablespoonful in a glass of water makes a delicious drink for a hot day.

"Make Over" Meat Pie.—Chop cold meat very fine. To each cupful add one-half saltspoonful of pepper, a pinch of Summer savory and one-half cupful of stock. Put into a baking dish and cover with a crust of mashed potatoes. Brush over the top with milk and bake in an oven to a golden brown.

Sandwich biscuits require four cupfuls of flour, four tablespoonfuls of baking powder, a teaspoonful of salt, two tablespoonfuls of meat drippings, half a cup of milk and water to complete the wetting to the ordinary biscuit consistency. Roll the dough thin, like pie crust; cut, spread half the rounds with butter, add a filling of seasoned, finely ground, cooked ham; then lay on the covers and bake.

This is a nice way to cook cabbage: Chop one head of cabbage fine, clean it thoroughly and boil in salted water for 20 minutes. When cooked spread it out to dry. Make half a pint of sauce with butter, milk and flour. Spread a layer of cabbage in the casserole, then a layer of sauce and sprinkle over it some grated cheese. Continue these layers until you reach the top of the dish with several layers of bread crumbs. Bake for 20 minutes and serve in the casserole.

Children are very fond of molasses pie. To make this you will need 1 lb. of flour, 1/2 lb. of breadcrumbs, 1/2 lb. of molasses, 6 ozs. of dripping, juice of one lemon, and one teaspoonful of baking powder. Make a paste of the flour, dripping, baking powder, a little water, then line a greased pie-dish with part of it; warm the molasses in a basin and work in the breadcrumbs gradually; lastly add the lemon juice. Then spread a layer of this mixture in the paste, now put another layer of paste, then more molasses, repeating till the dish is full, but finish up with paste. Bake in a good oven for three quarters of an hour.

Meat Loaf.—Two pounds lean veal, one-half pound pork tenderloin, one-half pound sweetbreads, one-half pound breadcrumbs, three eggs, one cup white breadcrumbs, three tablespoons cream, one tablespoon salt, one-half teaspoon pepper, one teaspoon onion juice and one cup of canned mushrooms, cut in pieces. Put all of the meat through the food chopper twice, then add all of the other ingredients and mix thoroughly. Pack in a bread pan, cover with buttered paper and bake in a brisk oven for one hour. Uncover and cook one-half hour longer. Serve cold, sliced thin.

Household Hints.
Buttermilk with a tablespoonful of freshly grated horseradish will remove freckles.
Some coffee needs boiling and some does not—one must experiment to find out.
When pans are scorched, use a

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THE GOLDEN KEY

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CHAPTER XXIV.—(Cont'd.)

The Kru boy nearer and nearer. Finally he stood upright on the rank, coarse grass and grinded at Monty, whose lean hands were outstretched towards him. He fumbled for a moment in his loincloth. Then he drew out a long bottle and handed it up. Trent stepped out as Monty's nervous fingers felt the cork. He made a grab at the bottle, and he drew off like an eel. Instantly he whipped out a revolver and covered him. "Come here," he cried. The boy shook his head. "No understanding."

"Who sent you here with that filthy stuff?" he asked sternly. "You'd best answer me." The Kru boy, shrinking away from the dark muzzle of that motionless revolver was spellbound with fear. He shook his head. "No understanding."

There was a flash of light, a puff of smoke, a loud report. The Kru boy fell forward on his face howling with fear. Trent ran towards the house mumbling to himself. "The next time," Trent said coolly, "I shall fire at you instead of at the tree. Remember that. I shall be here and I know all about you and your kind. You can understand me very well if you choose, and you've just got to answer me. How do you like that?"

"Massa, I tell! Massa Oom Sam he send me!" "And what is the stuff?" "Hambugh gin, massa! very good liquor! Please, massa, point him pistol the other way." Trent took up the flask, smelt its contents, and threw it away with a little exclamation of disgust. "How often have you been coming here on this errand?" he asked, sternly. "Most every day, massa—when him Mr. Price away."

"Very good," he said. "Now listen to me again or anywhere else you are an errand, I'll shoot you like a dog. Now be off." The boy bounded away with a broad grin of relief. Trent walked up to the house and asked for the mission of his wife. She came to him soon, in what was called the parlor. A frail, anemic-looking woman with tired eyes and weary expression.

"I'm sorry to trouble you, Mrs. Price," Trent said, plunging at once to the subject. "But I want to speak to you about this old man, Monty. You've had him some time now, haven't you?" "About four years," she answered. "Captain Francis left him with my husband; I believe he found him in one of the villages inland, a prisoner. Trent nodded.

"He left you a little money with him, I believe," she said faintly. "The woman smiled faintly. "It was very little," she said, "but such as it was, we have never touched it. He said scarcely anything, and we consider that the little he has done has paid us for keeping him."

"Did you know," Trent asked bluntly, "that he had been a drunkard?" "Captain Francis hinted as much," the woman answered. "That was one reason why he wanted to leave him with us. He knew we did not allow anything in the house."

"It was a pity," Trent said, "that you could not have watched him a little more closely. Why, his brain is sodden with drink now." "The woman was obviously honest in her amazement. "How can that be?" she exclaimed. "He has absolutely no money and he never goes off our land."

"He has no need," Trent answered bitterly. "There are men in Attra who want him dead, and they have been doing their best to hurry him off. I caught a Kru boy bringing him this afternoon. Evidently it has been a regular thing."

"I am very sorry indeed to hear this," the woman said, "and I am sure my husband will be too. He will feel that, in a certain measure, he has betrayed Captain Francis's trust. At the same time, however, we had no idea that anything of this sort was to be feared, or would have kept watch."

"You must be blamed," Trent said. "I am satisfied that you know nothing about it. Now I am going to let you into a secret. Monty is a rich man if he had his rights, and I shall take him back to England with me, but I can't leave for a week or so. If you can keep him till then, and have some one to watch him day and night, I'll give your husband a hundred pounds for your work here, and build you a church. It's all right! Don't look as though I were mad. I'm a very rich man, they all say, and I shan't miss the money, but I want to feel that Monty is safe till I can start back to England. Will you undertake this?"

"Yes," the woman answered promptly. "We will. We'll do our honest best." Trent laid a bank-note on the table. "Just to show I'm earnest," he remarked, rising. "I shall be up-country for about a month. Look after the old chap well, and you'll never regret it." Trent went thoughtfully back to the town. He had committed himself now to a definite course of action. He had made up his mind to take Monty back with him to England and face the consequences.

CHAPTER XXV.

On the summit of a little knoll, with a pipe between his teeth and his back against a palm-tree, Trent was lounging away an hour of the breathless night. Usually a sound sleeper, the wakefulness which had pursued him from the instant his hand touched his travelling pillow an hour or so back, was not only an uncommon occurrence, but one which seemed proof against any effort on his part to overcome it. So he had risen and stowed away from the little camp where his companions lay wrapped in heavy slumber. They had closed their eyes in a dense and tropical darkness—so thick indeed that they had lit their pipes, notwithstanding the stifling heat, to remove the vague feeling of oppression which chaos so complete seemed to bring with it. Its embers burnt now with a faint and sickly glare in the full

REAL TRIUMPH FOR RUSSIANS

WITHSTAND GREAT PRESSURE FROM GERMANS.

After Months of Enemy's Favorable Opportunities, Russians Are Intact and Courageous.

A correspondent of the London Times with the Russian headquarters, in a review of the general military position, which he considers entirely favorable for the Russians, says: "The situation in regard to the higher command, probably is more satisfactory than it has been since the inception of the war. The opinion of virtually the entire Russian army is that in General Alexieff we have at our head the highest military ability that Russia possesses. He is a quiet, rather shy man with an enormous capacity for work, and in a crisis actually directs personally the most important movements. It is stated that during the retreat from Vilna, almost every detail was directed by him, while there was no doubt that he directed personally many details of the sweeping withdrawal from Warsaw.

Unprecedented Pressure. "From May till October, the Russian army has been subjected to uninterrupted blows along a front of 700 miles. The Austro-Germans have applied every possible means, not excepting such as are forbidden by international treaties, in order to increase the pressure against us. Masses of their troops were flung against this front and sent to destruction regardless of losses. Military history does not afford another example of such pressure.

During these months of continuous and prolonged action the high qualities and the mettle of our troops under the difficulties and arduous conditions of retreat have been demonstrated afresh. Notwithstanding his obstinacy in fighting and his persistence in carrying out maneuvers, the enemy is still confronted by an army which fully retains its strength and morale, and its ability not only to offer staunch and successful resistance, but to assume the offensive and inflict blows, which has been demonstrated by the events of recent days.

Failed at Their Best Proof. "This affords the best proof that the Austro-Germans have failed to destroy or even disorganize our army. Seeing that they failed in that effort during the five months which were most favorable to them, it would be impossible for them to repeat the Galician and Vistula exploits that the successes of the allies in the west have complicated the strategical position.

"The crisis has passed favorably for us. We issued safely from a difficult position in the advances in the Vistula theatre, where we were enveloped on three sides, and now stand based upon the centre of our Empire unexhausted by war. It is true that there is still much fierce determined fighting ahead; there may be movements rearward, but there certainly will be advances also.

Awaits General Offensive. "Our army lives in expectation of a general offensive, and looks with full confidence to the armies of its allies. It will march boldly and cheerfully forward, conscious that in so doing it is defending the interests of our country and the interests of our allies.

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The correspondent remarks that the concluding phrase, referring as it doubtless does to Serbia, typifies the deep-seated instinct of the Russian to respond to blood ties.

In Days of Yore. Daughter—When father was young wasn't he more romantic? Mother—He was less rheumatic.

Up to date, at least 1,700 men of the London Police Force are serving further thousand have been drafted out of the metropolis for the protection of dockyards and military stations in the provinces.

Some fascinating speculations come into this book as to the future of the Czar's charming daughters—the greatest matches in Europe. Thus a marriage with Prince Carol of Rumania is predicted for the Grand Duchess Tatiana; while for her elder sister, the Grand Duchess Olga, no foreign prince who did not profess the Greek faith would be popular—unless (says Princess Radziwill) it were with a personage whose choice is looked forward to most eagerly all over Europe, and whose entry into the Imperial family would be hailed with the wildest bursts of enthusiasm; I mean the Prince of Wales.

... Holy Russia would look through her fingers if one of the daughters of its Czar would consent to embrace the Anglican faith after her marriage to the heir to the English Crown. One of the Czar's daughters might conceivably be given to the Crown Prince of Serbia, whose sister Helene married Prince John of Russia.

Know What He Meant. Lawyer (to witness)—Did you say that an incompetent man could keep a hat just as well as anybody? Witness—No; I said an inexperienced man could.

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A recent paragraph in "Nature and Science" explained why it is impossible to get wood that is absolutely dry. Experts in wood technology have perfected instruments that measure the amount of moisture in wood, and thus have given to lumbermen information of the utmost value to them, since it has saved them many thousands of dollars in freight charges. According to a writer in the Master Builder, a thousand pounds of green lumber fresh from the saw and cut from green logs contains from four to five hundred pounds of water. Nearly all fresh-cut wood is at least one-third water. Some woods contain twice as much water as others, and the same wood varies much in the amount of water it holds. Even different parts of the same trunk may differ as much in the amount of moisture they contain as trees that grow a hundred miles apart. The amount of water in a growing tree does not vary much with the seasons. If it varies at all, it is greater in winter than in summer, notwithstanding the general belief to the contrary.



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