

Until You Try

"SALADA"

GREEN TEA

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Fresh, fragrant and pure. Try it.



WITH SUGAR AND SPICE.

Pears that lack flavor are usually more abundant than the well-flavored varieties. A certain amount of such pears should be canned and used in salads. Others can be improved in flavor if two tablespoonsfuls of crushed pineapple are added to each quart jar of the pears. The canned pineapple can be used if the fresh fruit is unobtainable.

Excellent pepper relish is made with one peck of green tomatoes (cut small), four red peppers, four green peppers (remove seeds), two cupsfuls of celery cut in short lengths, two cupsfuls of sliced onion, six cupsfuls of vinegar, one-half cupful of mustard seed and two cupsfuls of brown sugar. Put all vegetables through a food-chopper, add one-half cupful of salt and let stand all night. Drain and put with the other ingredients, cook until soft, pack in jars and seal.

Sweet cucumber pickles—Soak cucumbers in brine for twenty-four hours. Rinse, drain, and wipe dry. Place in a kettle, and cover with the following vinegar mixture: one quart of vinegar, one cupful of brown sugar, eight whole cloves, six allspice, six blades of mace, eight whole black peppers. Heat the pickles slowly to the boiling point, and pack at once in jars, cover with the vinegar, add a piece of horseradish to each jar, then seal. Other vegetables used in sweet pickles may be added if a mixed pickle is desired.

Nine-day pickles—This is an old country recipe, and even though nine days are necessary for making them, the result is worth the time spent. Prepare a brine of four quarts of water and one pint of salt. Soak large, whole cucumbers in this for three days. Drain, then soak them in clear water for three days. Drain again, cut the cucumbers in slices one inch thick and simmer for two hours in weak vinegar. For seven pounds of cucumbers, use three pounds of brown sugar, one pint of vinegar, one ounce each of cinnamon, allspice and celery seed. Boil sugar and vinegar to a syrup. Drain the cucumbers from the vinegar, pack in glass jars or stone crocks, and cover with the syrup. Pour off and reheat syrup for three days in succession, and after the third time add covers to jars and seal.

Apple butter made of Tallman Sweets is considered especially good. Other varieties of sweet apples are not so desirable. Cook down three gallons of freshly made cider (made from acid or subacid apples) to one gallon. Pare core and quarter the Tallman Sweets. Add to the cider and place on the back of the stove to cook slowly until done. If the Sweets, as well as the apples used for cider, are perfectly matured and have their full sugar content, no sugar will be needed. If a sweeter product is desired sugar may be added to taste. Add spices last, in the proportion of one part cloves to two parts cinnamon (ground) and according to taste, as tastes vary in this matter.

NO MORE STICKY IRONS.

To prevent irons sticking to articles which have been starched, drop a lump of alum into the starch while it is still hot, and stir slowly till the alum is completely dissolved.

A piece the size of a walnut to a quart of starch will be found about

The Gift Of The Gods

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CHAPTER XLV.—(Cont'd.) Undaunted by her mother's irascible greeting, Grace ran ahead.

Irma Culver stepped from a bend in the path, beaming a genuine welcome on her two belated guests.

Under the gracious reception Mrs. Ashton thawed somewhat, and allowed herself to be relieved of her hat and gloves and led to the shaded, vine-covered verandah, where sinking into a comfortable arm chair, she looked around critically.

"Isn't it a perfect Garden of Eden, mamma?" ventured Grace happily, but regretted immediately her thoughtless metaphor and fidgeted uneasily under her mother's surprised stare.

"Bless my soul!" exclaimed that lady, "it sounds as if Adam were here already."

"At your service, Mrs. Ashton." And following the voice appeared an unabashed, grinning visage at the verandah railing, which an easy vault swung into the women's midst.

Dragging a chair from an isolated corner, Rowen Strathmore sauntered with it to Grace's side, where he sank into it with a contented sigh. The comical debonair smile was still on his handsome boyish face as he eyed the company complacently. It was plain he had no doubt of his welcome.

"Your voices haven't yet acclaimed my presence among you, but neither do I see frowns, so now I'll proceed to break a glorious piece of news to you. Ah, me, this is life after tugging a horse up the mountain on a blistering day in August—thanks, Mrs. Culver, was hoping, but wasn't quite sure that I'd be in time for tea."

"Doesn't the diplomatic service work on hot summer days?" Mrs. Ashton's voice was severe and her look more so.

"Makes slaves of us, every one, but the little god of telepathy whispered in my ear you ladies would enjoy my presence to-day, so here I am, at your service. Jiminy, this tea's good!"

"Pause between the sips, Rowe; we're ravenous for the glorious news," reminded Grace.

"Ah, yes, and it's a real tidbit, too. The mandarin's niece is found."

"Where? How? When?"

Rowe's hand went up as if warding off a blow. "Please don't shout, girls—you make me feel kind of weak, don't you know?"

"Is she safe, Rowe? Oh, I'm so glad!"

Helen Claymore had risen and was standing before him, hugging her cup of tea rapturously.

"I can't say I know very much about the affair, but I knew a drop would be welcome, so I hid off here as soon as I got the first tickle of the news."

"Yes, yes, go on! Tell us all you know," urged Grace.

"Well, as I have already said I don't know very much, but she is home again and well, and is going to be married."

"Married?" The word came in a dismayed gasp from the two girls.

Strathmore nodded. "Yes, she is marrying some rich old Chinaman. Don't know his name. Ding Ding, or some such confounded lingo."

"Not Chu Sing?" broke in Helen Claymore excitedly.

Rowe rubbed his chin. "Well, now, I believe that is the handle. Sounds mighty familiar anyway."

"Oh, Rowe, you must be mistaken!" There was distress in Grace's voice. "You know all Chinese names sound alike to you anyway and—"

"Tut, tut, child," interrupted Mrs. Ashton. "Why are you concerned in these heathen marriages? Bless my soul, you'd actually think China was a creeping little darky, the way you girls try to nurse and coddle her. You're worse than the Northerners pampering our niggers."

"O, mother, you don't understand," Grace turned again to Rowe. "And where has she been all this time, Rowe? Did you hear?"

Rowe shook his head. "Sorry to say that is dark mystery, which the whole household has sealed tight."

"You see?" There was a note of triumph in Mrs. Ashton's voice. "The girl, as I've always told you, is no better than the rest of her kind. My advice is to wash your hands of the whole pesky lot. Listen to me, Grace, and you, too, Rowe, when you make your home here, your best policy will be to mind your own business. Don't you think I'm right, Irma?"

"I admit it's not wise or safe to interfere too much with these people. Of course not."

"But it's horrible to think of that child throwing herself away on that monster," exclaimed Helen Claymore.

"I can't believe it. No, I can't. There must be some mistake. It's just some foolish gossip. Why, he's old enough to be Tu Hee's father. Oh, dear, if I could only see her, talk to her!"

"I don't think it would be wise, Helen, to attempt that," said Irma quietly. "If the girl has given her consent you would do no good and perhaps endanger your life by interfering."

"Bless my soul—interfere with Celestials! Why, Helen, you're clean out!"

Mrs. Ashton raised her hands in horror.

"I declare, both you girls talk of that chit as if she were one of yourselves. Why, I'd as soon think of championing one of our own nigger wenches."

"I think your mother is right in advising you to keep out of the domestic affairs of the Chinese, Grace," said Irma Culver gently. "The girl may have a foreign strain, but at heart she is a Chinese, thinks like a Chinese, and will live her life like a Chinese. Your interfering would be treated with hostility, and as I told Helen, your life itself might be endangered. They're a people you are never sure of. Give them a leader and a mob is ready made."

"Here, Rowen, make yourself at home with the popovers; and you Mrs. Ashton, let me fill your cup. This tea is a brand sent us by a merchant we dealt with years ago, when we first came to China. The old gentleman is retired now, but he still keeps us supplied with the first pickings from his gardens."

"It is delicious," conceded Mrs. Ashton. "Their tea is the only compensation they can offer a foreigner."

"It seems hard," continued Irma, "for you girls to keep from extending a helping hand to these people. It was the way Neil and I felt, in fact feel yet, but in this case I really think you would be unwise."

"Besides," interjected Mrs. Ashton, "the little minx evidently eloped with the man. Grace, I'm ashamed that you'd think twice of such a creature."

Neither Grace nor Helen offered any defence to Mrs. Ashton's tirade. That they were decidedly upset over the news was evident to everyone, however, and neither looked as though she were paying much attention to the advice offered. They concluded it was useless to argue, as the two older girls had never met the Chinese girl, and therefore could not understand the winsome charm that had firmly knotted their cord of friendship.

The dampened spirits of the two girls were beginning to affect the social atmosphere, even the salutes of young Strathmore failing to raise a smile, when Irma's head boy relieved Mrs. Claymore was wanted in the sitting-room.

Grace sat on in abstracted silence; all Rowe's efforts brought only absent-minded monosyllables.

"I have to be back at the Legation in an hour. What do you say to a little stroll?" he whispered at last.

"But for once Rowe's company provided an ineffectual trouble-lifter, and it was with almost a sense of relief that Grace waved to him half an hour later as she watched him ride down the hill on his way back to the city.

Instead of joining the others, Grace made her way to a secluded seat in some shrubbery overlooking a pictureque, green-clad, stream-ribbed valley. Her mind's eye predominated, however, and the beauty surrounding her was nil as far as she was concerned. A man's gloomy brow rose before her, and a pair of keen, grey eyes looked reproachfully into hers.

Why had she been such a fool as to have let David fly away like that? Was it too late to do anything now?

Why was it that some people had to hew their way through life, while others skimmed over smooth, peaceful surfaces? If Tu Hee were to marry that awful Chinaman, her life would of course be in bondage forever. As it was, Grace had strong conviction that the Chinese girl's betrothal had already cut her from David's life completely.

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