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## POOR OLD FOLKS.

NEW YORK CITY'S ASYLUMS FOR THE INDIGENT AGED.

Old Men and Women Who Attend News, Candy and Fruit Stands—Aged Blind Men—Longevity and Physical Vigor of Aged Tolders.

There are several asylums in New York city for the indigent aged of both sexes, where on proper application they are comfortably provided for, free of charge; but it is chiefly the unfortunate of the better class—those who have seen prosperous days and are utterly incapable of maintaining themselves by their own exertions—that accept the eleemosynary hospitality offered, while the superannuated of the working classes, accustomed to earn their daily bread by hard labor, prefer a brave struggle for existence to accepting the domestic retirement afforded by these humane institutions.

It may be that the better health and longevity statistically demonstrated to prevail among the working classes perpetuate the family circle and afford the superannuated an abiding place at home, be it ever so humble; for as a rule the aged who seek the charity of the institutions indicated have no near relatives and are practically alone in the world, with no kindly hands to care for them even if they could do a little toward maintaining themselves. It is natural that these unfortunates, bereft of relations and with no prospects, should seek the retirement of the "home" which the thoughtful charity of the humane has provided for them. Only the infirm or crippled of the lower classes are to be found in these institutions.

The number of the aged of both sexes who maintain themselves by attending news stands, candy stands, fruit stands, etc., is surprising, as revealed by a tour of the east and west sides, especially in the tenement house districts. One would suppose that the care of the little ones would be intrusted to the aged grandparents in the hard working family where both the mother and the father go out daily to work. Unless, however, the aged member of the family is confined to the room by infirmity the children are left to care for themselves and the aged contribute to the family support by their own exertions.

### THE AGED BLIND.

As a rule, the aged blind among the poor maintain themselves, and perhaps contribute to the support of the family, by begging, being led to their accustomed places on some frequented thoroughfare by the married son or daughter with whom they dwell on their way to work in the morning and back again on their return in the evening. It is a fact that cannot escape observation that the blind men predominate; that there are to be encountered in a stroll ten blind men to one blind woman beggar, and patient inquiry reveals the fact that blindness is as rare among women as baldness. The writer has only discovered three blind women seeking alms to the thirty blind men he has encountered on the popular thoroughfares on the east and west sides. The hunters on the prairies allege as one reason for wearing their hair long that it preserves the eyesight, and perhaps we may find in the similar custom of women an explanation of the fact that blindness is comparatively so rare in the sex. The superannuated females among the poor are more active than the men, whose industry in earlier life has perhaps sapped their vitality, and frequently the old women, looking often more like witches than human beings, are to be seen vying with the juveniles in gathering wood from the debris of buildings or dismantled houses, and displaying an inclination to a youthful agility and strength that is remarkable for their years. Since the systematic gathering of the garbage by the wagons of the street cleaning department the old women rag and garbage pickers have disappeared, excepting from the neglected quarters of the tenement house districts, where, however, they are still to be encountered with their male rivals, hook in hand and bag slung over the shoulder.

It is to be observed that nearly all the street stands in the poorer districts are attended by old folks, who are thus actively employed from morning till night, and these have not the comfortable booths that many similarly engaged have in other parts of the city, but their rude stand of a few boards is generally situated at the door of a draughty hallway or a window, where they must suffer from the exposure, yet all of them show the most rugged vigor. It may be doubted if these vendors really maintain themselves on the profits of a few cents they realize, but they contribute something, and are not drones in the busy hive.

### CLAIMS TO OLD AGE.

Like the servile dandy in the south, these old folks are apt to claim a greater number of years, probably through forgetfulness, than they are really entitled to, and few of them, according to their own statements, are under 65 years of age. It must be confessed that they always fully "look" the advanced age they claim, hard work and dissipation having left marks on their faces and forms, so that while they are physically vigorous and wiry they are worn and senile in appearance, sometimes to a pitiable degree. The hearty, peachy, rosy faced grand-mother of the comfortable home, or spruce bald headed grandfather who still consults the almanac, is not to be found among these obviously overworked and careworn toilers for their daily bread. The life of these has been a battle since childhood, and they show the scars of the struggle; but their habits of activity have outworn them with a rugged vigor in their senility, which is generally denied the more favored who have lived in ease and comfort.

In the outlying market gardens in the suburban districts many superannuated persons of both sexes are to be found working in the season, weeding or gathering, especially among the Germans, the women preponderating. The visible evidences of old age are almost denied by their physical activity and endurance.

Unquestionably the longevity and physical energy of these aged toilers, not only in the field, but in the streets, is to be attributed to their outdoor life as well as to healthful activity. It is to be observed that nearly all the women have sprouting beards, and Shakespeare's lines in regard to the witches naturally come into mind.—New York Times.

### Educated Men Successful Gamblers.

One of the most successful gamblers in the city is a highly educated gentleman, who was reared in a country home by fond parents in the strictest manner, until he came to this city as a clerk in a dry goods store. Learning to play cards, he became a student, and finally became such an expert player that he devoted himself to gambling. Notwithstanding his success he declares he curses the day he first touched a card, claiming that his industry and enterprise would have won his wealth in any branch of business he might have devoted himself to. As a rule, the prominent gamblers are all well educated men. One is a prominent Biblical student, and has a valuable and rare collection of ecclesiastical works. Another is a Shakespearean scholar. Another is a literary and has a fortune invested in precious gems. All of these men regret their passion for cards.—New York Letter.

## ALL AROUND THE HOUSE.

How to Make the Holiday Cake—A Useful Christmas Gift—Practical Hints.

The Christmas fruit cake should be made in good season, for every one knows that it is not at its best when fresh. Following is a recipe by which an old housewife has concocted her holiday cake for many years past: One pound each of flour, sugar and butter, two pounds of raisins, two pounds of currants, one pound of citron, twelve eggs, four nutmegs, two tablespoonfuls each of cinnamon, mace and allspice and one-half tablespoonful of cloves; one half teaspoonful of molasses, two glasses of brandy, one of wine and one of rose water.

Pick the currants clean, wash them and drain through a colander; then wipe them in a towel, spread them out and set them to dry in the sun or by a fire. Stone the raisins and cut them in halves; sprinkle both currants and raisins with the flour to prevent their sinking to the bottom of the cake. Cut the citron in slices and put it in the liquor. Cut the butter into the sugar, warm it and stir to a cream. Beat the eggs as light as possible and add them to the butter and sugar alternately with the flour. Add the remaining ingredients gradually and stir all as hard as possible for ten minutes. Cover the baking pan with white paper well buttered, and bake between three and four hours.

### Home Made Chair Bottoms.

An experienced housewife tells how to replace the worn out bottoms of chairs with a substitute which she says is nice and durable: Take strong, heavy wrapping paper, cut out just the form that you desire, and with a firm paste stick six thicknesses of the paper together, making a thick pasteboard. Trim the edges smooth like the pattern you cut and with round headed tacks nail it to the frame. After it is well dried varnish it and you have a neat, strong seat to the chair with little trouble or expense.

### A Troublesome Lamp Wick.

Sometimes the lamp wick will obstinately refuse to be turned up in an orderly manner. It will seem firmly wedged at one side, while the other will run up in a point, causing weariness and vexation of spirit. To overcome this depravity take a new wick, draw out a single thread near the selvage, and the wick will be found quite tractable when introduced into the burner. The cog will take it up properly, and it will appear in good form and give an even flame when lighted.

### A Firm Cement for Lamp Tops.

Lamp tops are commonly fastened on with plaster of Paris. Kerosene oil will penetrate this, and it frequently happens that the lamp top becomes loose and finally comes off. A cement which is said not to be affected by kerosene or water has been recommended for this purpose. It consists of three parts rosin, one part caustic soda and five parts water; this composition to be mixed with half its weight of plaster of Paris. It will set in about three-fourths of an hour.

### Pulled Bread.

Pulled bread is not a common edible on American tables, but is pronounced delicious by people who have tried it. It is to be eaten with cheese. Take a loaf of freshly made bread, and while it is yet warm pull the inside out of it in pieces the size of your hand and smaller. Put these into the oven and bake them a delicate brown. When cool they are crisp and as full of flavor as a nut.

### The Chinese Primrose.

Few house plants are as satisfactory as the Chinese primrose. It must be kept cool, and thrives best in a north window. In watering it care should be taken to keep the buds dry, otherwise they will rot. Plants that have been started from seed in June and properly cared for will come into bloom in December and continue through the winter.

### The Vienna Bread of This Country.

The unlikeness of much so called Vienna bread made in this country to the original article has been recently explained by the assertion that the Hungarian flour, of which the famous genuine bread is made, contains about 17 per cent. more of gluten than does a great deal of the flour of our country.

### Removing Rust from Steel.

Sweet oil will sometimes remove rust from steel, and kerosene is even better. When an article is deeply rusted it may be necessary to remove the rust by mechanical means, such as rubbing with fine emery powder and oil or with fine emery paper.

### The Care of Japanned Goods.

Boiling water should not be poured on japanned goods, such as tea trays, etc., for it will crack the varnish. Wash with warm water, a soft sponge and a very little soap. Sweet oil will sometimes take out marks made by hot things.

### Feather Cake.

For feather cake use two and one-half cups of flour, one cup of milk, one cup of sugar, butter the size of an egg, one teaspoonful cream of tartar and half a teaspoonful of soda. Bake rather slowly.

### Cranberry Sauce.

One quart of cranberries, one pound of granulated sugar, one-half pint of cold water. Boil fifteen minutes.

### A Useful and Ornamental Gift.

Among articles suitable for a Christmas gift to a gentleman is suggested a newspaper rack, modeled after one which Modern Priscilla illustrates by the following cut. Almost any man prefers a gift that contributes in some way to his comfort and convenience. This holder for papers and magazines will be liked by many better than a wall pocket, as it holds a larger quantity, and in looking for back numbers the papers can be easily run over. It is also a decorative object in a room.



### A NEWSPAPER HOLDER.

The frame is made like an inverted saw horse, but should be rather small and light in order that it may not look cumbersome. It is finished very smoothly and then receives two coats of black paint that can be bought ready mixed. Inside the frame are placed two thin boards or pieces of very thick card board covered with plush, felt or cretonne in any dark shade. These make a stiff back for the papers. An ornamental scarf, made long enough to hang over the top, after having been laid on inside, gives a very attractive finish to the whole.

Janus am I; oldest of notenates!  
Forward I look and letavay a, and below  
I count—as god of avenues and gates—  
The years that through my portals come and go  
—Longfellow.

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