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SALADS, AND HOW TO MAKE THEM.

AT this season of the year one wearies so of everything, and longs for spring's earliest offerings, lettuce, radishes, etc. In the mean time let us make the best of what we have, and a salad is always delightful.

TRY BEET SALAD.—Take 3 or 4 beets, boil, and slice in vinegar over night. In the morning take an equal quantity of celery and chop both very fine, make a simple dressing of one tablespoon of sugar, one of mustard, one of salt, and enough cream to make your salad quite moist. Garnish with hard boiled eggs, or celery tops.

CABBAGE SALAD.—Beat three eggs, two teaspoonfuls of sugar, one tablespoon of butter, one teaspoon mustard, a little pepper, and last a cup of vinegar, (if vinegar is too strong dilute with water). Cook like soft custard. Some add a half cup of thick sweet cream. Pour over chopped or shredded cabbage.

WOODLAWN POTATOE SALAD.—A pint of cold mashed potatoes, season by putting slices of onion in, but remove before serving. Dressing, three tablepoons of butter, three teaspoons cream, one-half teaspoon salt, one-half teaspoon white pepper, one half cup of vinegar; cook like soft custard. When cold pour over potatoes mixing lightly with pork.

One house keeper recommends the melted fat of chickens for chicken salad. Garnish salad with slices of hard boiled eggs, carrots, beets, green or pickled cucumbers, lemons, olives, celery tips, parsley, and the heart of lettuce or radishes. Cold-boiled beets, potatoes, string-beans, asparagus, make excellent salad. Shrimps and lobsters are prepared with lettuce. Oysters, chickens, turkey, ham and veal with celery or cabbage. Now that tomatoes and cucumbers are high, a few slices covered mayonnaise, served on a lettuce leaf, turns a plain dinner into a feast.

MAYONNAISE DRESSING.—Put the yolks of four eggs, with two hard-boiled ones into a cold bowl. Beat well, then stir in by degrees four tablespoonfuls of oil. When thoroughly mixed, introduce gradually two teaspoons of salt, one of pepper, one of made mustard. Adding the salt earlier coagulates the albumen of the eggs. Add gradually two tablepoons vinegar. Should it curdle, place on ice thirty minutes then stir till smooth. This makes a fine chicken salad composed of equal parts, chicken and celery. For lobster salad use the coral parts mashed, cover with dressing, and serve on lettuce leaves or in shells.

IN house plants the great point now is by all means to keep down those troublesome little green pests, for there is no season when their increase is more rapid than during the spring months. Handfuls of tobacco stems, kept moistened and laid among your plants, may almost wholly take the place of the inconvenient fumigation in helping rid you of them, but hand picking is the most effectual.

IN THE DRAWING-ROOM.

IT has come to be more and more a maxim of good manners, not to mention good morals, that scandal is never to be talked in the drawing-room. So thoroughly is this recognized that if a woman is heard in good society talking of unpleasant personalities, she is at once set down as an accident of the place, and not as one either to the manner born or who has been long enough with people of good breeding to acquire their repose and taste. Very likely many of these high-bred people in question, who are to the manner born, hear gossip and scandal, and perhaps lend to them a too willing ear; but it is in privacy, in the depths of boudoir or chamber, vice paying its well-known tribute there to virtue in the hypocrisy that whispers it in the dark, as it were, and will not listen to it more publicly. And it is to be confessed that of the two evils, the indiscriminate encouragement of evil-speaking is the greater, for the hypocrisy injures one's self, but the opposite course injures one's self and many others besides.

The forbidding of the enjoyment of scandal in public is, at any rate, an acknowledgment of its vulgarity if not of wickedness. It proclaims, too, the fact that society thinks well of itself and its intentions, and has a standard of some loftiness up to which it endeavors to live and that it recognizes an interest in the possible ill-doings of fallen mortals as sometimes intrinsically low and coarse and calculated to hurt its own structure, an interest in such facts anyway is indicative of an order of taste not to be desired, and its possessor a person not to be associated with. It may be simply as a sybaritic precaution, ease and pleasure being so much surer when no uncomfortable suggestion thrusts in an ugly head, that unpleasant topics of an unwholesome nature are tabooed in the conversation of the finest drawing-rooms. But whether this is so or not, it is plain that good society would like to be optimistic, it would believe in no evil and would speak no evil; it has found that the essence of good manners is also the essence of the golden rule, and as the voice of scandal violates all its notions, it has laid upon such utterances within its borders the penalty of ostracism.

—From Harper's Magazine.

Yea; find thou always time to say some earnest word
Between the idle talk, lest with thee henceforth,
Night and day, regret should walk.

COVENTRY PATMORE.

BEFORE I read Ruskin I wondered why God had not made the world more beautiful. When I read Ruskin, I saw the world was as beautiful as it could be. I was taught to see that the commonest things were full of beauty.—PROF. DRUMMOND.

CALLAS.—If large plants are wanted, give plenty of pot-room, and keeps all side shoots removed. Give plants in bloom a top-dressing of fine, rich manure and plenty of water, or liberal doses of liquid fertilizer.

THE costume worn by the Greek woman is seldom bought ready made. It is usually either made by the wearers themselves or has come to them by inheritance. A handsome costume is an expensive purchase. The chemise, long enough to form a shirt, is very richly embroidered about the bottom in silk, and the two jackets of white cloth are elaborate. These are sleeveless, but a fine pair of embroidered sleeves makes a separate part of the dress. Silver ornaments for the head, neck and arms, a red apron, a sash and a silk gauze veil complete the costume. The last named items are luxuries, however, and vary according to the means. Rich maidens braid long strings of coin into their tresses, and at a country dance, where the costume is seen in its full splendor, the eyes of the suitor are as much attracted by the back view as by the face of the fair creatures? For every day use nearly all women of every age wear a handkerchief over the head, and they are for the most part manufactured in Greece.

THE child queen of Holland, brought up according to the strict etiquette of the Hollandish court, which forbids her playing with any other little boys and girls, said to a refractory wax baby the other day: "If you are so naughty I shall make you into a princess, and then you won't have any other little children to play with and you'll always have to throw kisses with your hands whenever you go out driving."

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