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NEW AND STRANGE.
Figs are being fattened by electricity. It has been noticed that plants develop more rapidly under electric stimulation, and it is well known that the galvanic shock assists the formation of tissues—that is, it increases flesh. If the plant succeeds with pigs, other animals will be experimented on.

A Hyster-detecter for telephones is to be adopted in Sweden. The invention is a simple contrivance with a button push. If anyone using the instrument fancies that a third party can satisfy himself as to the truth of his suspicion by pressing the button, for the invention will infallibly reveal the fact, and he can stop the conversation.

A little instrument has been devised after the style of a phonograph, which, attached to a piano, will retain all the notes of selected compositions, thus preventing the loss of any piece the player may not have been able to recollect. It is worked by the movement of the keys, and the impressions made on the wax are plainly visible. Apart from musical notation after a little study, invisible pictures are a novelty due to a German. Salts of cobalt are used for the printing of such pictures; this ink shows faintly pink, so pink paper is used, thus hiding the design and giving the appearance of blank paper. On being warmed the ink shows a deep blue, and the picture is plainly revealed. Apart from other and more serious uses, these invisible pictures will make good amusement for children.

The Germans have devised a ser-

About the House

FOR ICINGS AND FILLINGS.

Meringue Icing: Beat the whites of eggs stiff as possible, and stir in rapidly as much powdered sugar as you would for frosting. Flavor with lemon or vanilla. Have oven well set together and your layer cake put together and perfectly cold, so the warmth of the oven will not soften the filling. Pin a strip of buttered paper over it, as you pin cloth around berry pie, and spread the frosting on the cake leaving the paper smooth above the cake to hold it. Brown evenly in a hot oven. Then with a thin knife take off the paper separating it carefully so as not to break the edge of the frosting, which will be crisp. This frosting is also found much more satisfactory for single egg cakes than plain beaten whites of eggs.

Firm Icing: To make an icing that is neither brittle nor soft, measure the white of an egg, and add exactly the same amount of cold water. Add flavoring, and without beating the egg stir in enough powdered sugar so it will just spread with a knife. To make fancy figures on cakes for special occasions, use a sheet of stiff writing paper pinned to a corncup, leaving a small opening at the point, and draw the icing and squeeze out through the opening, as you form the figure.

Mock Whipped Cream Filling: Grate a good-sized apple, add the white of an egg and 1 cup powdered sugar. Mix thoroughly, then pour over 1 tablespoon cocoa. Four eggs, 2-3 cup of boiling water, stirring all the while, and boil up thoroughly.

Roasting a Turkey.
"Ninety-nine women out of every one hundred, ninety-nine cooks out of every one hundred, will bake a turkey with a broken heart, and a broken heart is a man who keeps in touch with the kitchen, and this is a mistake. I have known a woman who has baked a hundred turkeys, and she has never made a mistake. Rather should I have said that the mistake is almost universal. A woman who bakes a turkey, and she is not a cook, is a woman who is not a woman."

Highest European Railway.
The highest railway in Europe is now being built to the summit of the Jungfrau, 13,700 feet above sea level. The track will run through a tunnel winding round the solid body of the mountain as far as the Jungfrau Station, 10,587 feet above sea-level, which is to be laid open to the sky for some distance, falling then in the direction of the mountain, and finally curving round the uppermost solid block of the mountain, reaching its end point on a plateau 12,800 feet above sea-level. It is expected that the first station, at Eigwand, 9,400 feet above sea-level, will be opened in December. The next station will be Eismeer, at an altitude of 10,870 feet; this will be the highest railway station in Europe. The length of the line will be a little over seven miles.

Apple Fritters.—Put three table-spoons of flour into a bowl and pour over it sufficient hot water to make it into a stiff paste, stirring with your hand until it is smooth. Fry in a deep fryer, or in a frying basket, and plunge into very hot fat. When browned, drain on blotting paper and serve hot.

Cherry Fritters.—Remove the stems and stones from a cup of ripe cherries. Roll each in white of an egg, beaten with a tablespoonful of water; dip them one by one in a thin fritter batter, arrange in a frying basket and plunge into very hot fat. When browned, drain on blotting paper and serve hot.

Jelly Fritters.—Put three table-spoons of flour into a bowl and pour over it sufficient hot water to make it into a stiff paste, stirring with your hand until it is smooth. Fry in a deep fryer, or in a frying basket, and plunge into very hot fat. When browned, drain on blotting paper and serve hot.

Blind Hunter.
Mr. Hewston Nixon, a Kilkenny, Ireland, squire, who at the age of twelve became, early in the last century, totally blind, hunted the Kilkenny Hounds for many years. No doubt he had many a "spit but nevertheless lived to be well up in years and died in his bed.

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STIRRING TALE OF ITALIA.

HOW BOTHA WAS CHECKED ON NATAL'S BORDER. Three Hundred Against Twelve Hundred—How British Pluck Won the Day.

In the district of N'Kandhia, in the northern portion of Zululand is Itala Mountain. Northward runs the Umnyati River, dividing Zululand from the British territory. Westward and to the north are the famous Engage heights, still further westward Iandhivana, westward again the Blood River, with Rorke's Drift and its ancient history, writes Edgar Wallace in the London Daily Mail.

Itala is one of the line of fortified posts established during the past few weeks to hold in check the commandos which under Louis Botha, have been threatening Natal.

After his success on the Blood River, where he captured Col. Gough's force, Botha moved outward. To force the drifts and march on Dundee had been his plan, but Natal, which at the beginning of his march had been almost empty of troops, was now garrisoned from end to end. Columns which had been safe and secure in the southern corner of the Orange River Colony, columns that had been prowling round Cape Colony, and their rebel partners, the Umnyati, had been resting in unnumbered camps on the edge of Natal, and they were now all in Natal, and they were now all in Natal, and they were now all in Natal.

Botha Moved Eastward.
So Botha moved towards the rising sun, for there are other ways of entering Natal besides well-guarded front doors, Zululand, for instance. It is a long and narrow strip of land, and it is not so easy to guard it as it seems. Unknown commandos had from time to time slipped into Zululand and without restraint. What had been done before might be done again, and Botha moved eastward.

Heaving Company.
In the days of sentiment there was a race of women known and celebrated as the "heaving company." They were women who were so strong and so hardy that they could do any man's work, and they were so strong and so hardy that they could do any man's work, and they were so strong and so hardy that they could do any man's work.

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ELECTRICAL TRACTION

Success of the Experiments on a German Railroad.

The cable despatches announcing the success of the experiments on the military railroad in Germany are of interest to all whose comfort and convenience are concerned. The rate of speed has been gradually increased until early this month the cars were running at sixty miles an hour.

Both popular and scientific attention is given to the experiments in Germany. The preparation of the cable has been completed early in September and the trials have been in progress more than a month.

The great significance of these experiments is obvious. If an electric current can be taken from overhead wires and running upon an ordinary standard gauge of track, the military railroads of Europe will be able to carry fifty or sixty passengers at a speed of 125 miles an hour. It is more than a mere matter of speed; the means of travel between many cities and districts practically revolutionized.

Of course many problems are involved. Experts have realized that a speed of over eighty miles an hour with a single car involves questions of air resistance, weight, form and balance of vehicle, electrical transmission at high voltages with easy conversion to lower potentiality and other equally important points which have not yet been settled in actual practice. The study of all these questions is involved in the experiments on the German road.

The track, 14.20 miles in length, extends from Marienfelde, a suburb of Berlin, to Eosson. It is of standard gauge, level and nearly straight, there being but one curve, with a radius of 1,100 yards. Track, ties and ballasting were put into the best possible condition before the experiments began. The conductors are ordinary copper wires, about three-eighths of an inch in thickness, so hung that the trolley can make full contact from beneath.

We are likely to hear any day that higher speed has been attained. The programme provides that, if the experiments justify the undertaking, a speed of from 125 to 135 miles an hour shall be attempted. The aim was, therefore, to make the electrical apparatus sufficiently strong and heavy to achieve an extreme speed of 150 miles an hour without danger of overheating. The passenger cars were built with a special view to very high speed. Each of the four cars carries four motors, which are attached to the front and rear ends of each car, the motors with wheels running free. The ends of the cars are pointed to minimize wind resistance. The wheels are provided with the most improved pneumatic brakes. The cars are, therefore, quite different from any others in use.

The authors which a large trucked carries are eight in number—two stern, two shafts, one stream, one bow, two ledges.

Four tons of dry seaweed will produce a ton of charcoal valued at \$200. The London School Board maintains 18 schools for deaf, and 8 for blind children.