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SAM WARD AS A POET.

The late Mr. Sam Ward, the well known bon vivant, is responsible for the following lines :

Always have lobster sauce with salmon,
And put mint sauce your roasted lamb on—
Veal cutlets dip in egg and bread crumb,
Fry till you see a brownish red come.
Grate Gruyere cheese on macaroni;
Make the top crisp but not too bony,
In Venison gravy, currant jelly,
Mix with old port;—see Francatelli.
In dressing salad mind the law;
With two hard eggs use one that's raw.
Roast veal with rich stock gravy serve,
And pickled mushrooms, too, observe!
Roast pork, sans apple sauce, past doubt,
Is Hamlet with the prince left out.
Your mutton chops with paper cover,
And make them amber brown all over.
Broil lightly your beef-steak - to fry it
Argues contempt of Christian diet.
Kidneys a fine flavour gain,
By stewing them in good champagne.
Buy stall-fed pigeons when you've got them.
The way to cook them is to pot them.
Wood-grouse are dry when grumps have marred 'em;
Before you roast 'em always lard 'em.
To roast spring chickens is to spoil 'em—
Just split 'em down the back and broil 'em.
It gives true epicures the vapors
To see boiled mutton minus capers.
Boiled turkey, gourmands know, of course,
Is exquisite with celery sauce.
The cook deserves a hearty cuffing
Who serves roast fowl with tasteless stuffing.
Smelts require eggs and biscuit powder
Don't put fat pork in your clam chowder.
Egg sauce—few make it right, alas!—
Is good with blue fish or white bass.
Nice oyster sauce gives zest to cod—
A fish when fresh, to feast a god.
Shad, stuffed and baked, is most delicious,
'Twould have electrified Apicius.
Roasted in paste a haunch of mutton,
Might make ascetics play the glutton.
But one might rhyme for weeks this way,
And still have lots of things to say,
And so I'll close, for readers mine,
This is about the hour I dine.

OCTOBER

Of old, named the eighth, but now the tenth month
of the year, has gone with a rainy record. The "sad

autumn winds" and the swelling buds of the coming year, have nearly denuded of leaves all deciduous trees, except in sheltered hollows, willows and alders that still retain a few withering remains of their summer vestare. The sight of autumnal decay is saddening, reminding the pensive mortal of when his mortal coil also shall fade, "as the leaf falleth from the vine."

"October, 1884, in the south-east of Vancouver's Isle, had eleven days of pure sunshine, seven rainy, one cloudy all day and dry, seven dry and cloudy and five wet and cloudy, all with occasional sunshine. So, it rained more or less, on twelve days, sunshine, more or less on eighteen days, and clouds without rain, or a sight of the sun, for one day.

Mangolds have been housed. Aberdeen turnips by the increase of yellow leaves and stiffening of the seed stalk, show readiness for housing. The hardy are still flourishing, rejoicing in alternate shower and sunshine. Aftermath, with such weather, has of course been good, and live stock prospering.

	Therm't		Bar.	Bar.	Rain.	Wind.
	Max.	Min.	9 A. M.	9 P. M.		
1	56	32	29.88	29.95	.....	Light Southerly.
2	57	31	30.02	30.08	.....	Light North-east.
3	54	33	30.09	30.00	.....	Light South-east.
4	53	44	29.90	29.80	.27	Fresh South-west.
5	54	43	29.97	30.06	.....	Light South-east.
6	55	33	30.12	30.13	.....	Mod. S. E. gale outside.
7	52	38	29.92	29.72	1.00	Light East to South-west.
8	54	45	29.67	29.66	.40	.....
9	55	47	29.63	29.70	.84	Light S. W. to S.
10	53	49	29.73	29.58	.33	Light South-east.
11	56	40	29.68	29.77	.23	.....
12	59	45	29.64	29.39	.06	Light S. to W., thunderstorm.
13	62	47	29.45	29.90	.10	Mod. to fresh South-west.
14	57	40	30.17	30.30	.....	Light Southerly.
15	56	34	30.32	30.34	.....	Moderate North-east.
16	61	37	30.34	30.15	.....	Light North-east.
17	60	36	30.00	29.87	.....	Light Easterly.
18	57	47	29.84	29.92	.04	Light South-west.
19	58	48	30.00	30.13	.....	Light Northerly to S. W.
20	52	40	30.23	30.29	.....	Light Variable.
21	53	47	30.32	30.32	.....	Light North-east.
22	54	41	30.32	30.35	.....	Light Easterly.
23	60	41	30.28	30.00	.....	Light Northerly.
24	56	46	29.80	29.97	.....	Very fresh South-west.
25	56	47	30.24	30.38	.25	Moderate South-west.
26	52	34	30.40	30.24	.....	Light South-east.
27	50	40	30.10	30.05	.04	.....
28	55	38	30.16	30.04	.....	Light Easterly.
29	56	42	29.90	30.01	.23	Light E. to Mod. S. W.
30	55	40	29.80	29.84	.78	Light N. to squally S. W.
31	53	40	29.70	29.98	.31	Fresh S., heavy thunderstorm, A M.

Rainfall to 31st October, 1884.....19.94 inches.
Rainfall to 30th October, 1883.....17.07 inches.
Rainfall for October, 1884.....4.88 inches.