

without the net to catch him. His master's lap did duty for the net, once in the room, which by way of the mortar, or on his four crooked but most agile legs, he flew up at his master's face kissing it enthusiastically a dozen times: paxed his hair into fearful disorder; made believe to bite his nose and hands (though with the utmost care not to hurt him;) pulled out one end of his cravat; soiled his white waistcoat with his dusty paws: rushing at him like a battering ram, and made himself generally disagreeable. Such was John, gentle reader how do you like him? We adore him.

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USEFUL HOUSEHOLD RECEIPTS.

CROUP.—Take a knife or grater and shave off in small particles about a teaspoonful of alum, mix it with twice the quantity of sugar, to make it palatable, and administer it as quickly as possible. Almost instant relief will follow.

Whooping Cough.—The inhalation of air charged with ammonia vapors as a remedy for whooping-cough, has been tried in France with success. One of the methods of application employed is boiling ammonia in the room where the patient is.

Cough Syrup.—Four ounces of the best gum arabic dissolved in one pint of boiling water, with sugar, lemon juice and balsam tolu added; the whole or one-half daily taken before retiring will soothe the throat and stomach irritations and relieve a cough.

Headache Cure.—Apply peppermint to the frontal bone, or forehead (never rubbing it,) and fan it. Repeat this three or four times, and then apply cologne, and fan again. If the headache is caused by a foul stomach, then swallow a small portion of hot water and peppermint.

A CURE FOR DIPHTHERIA.—A South African paper gives the following simple remedy for curing that distressing and commonly fatal malady diphtheria. It is vouched for as being efficient in the most obstinate cases provided that it is applied in time. A spoonful of flowers of sulphur is well stirred in a wineglassful of water. This mixture is

used as a gargle, and afterwards swallowed. Brimstone is known to be abhorred by every kind of fungoid growth, and this remedy, which it may here be added has been long known to medical men in Great Britain, may have something in it.

Mock Duck.—Take a round of beef-steak; salt and pepper; prepare a dressing as for turkey; lay in the steak; sew up; lay two or three slices of fat pork upon it and roast; baste often and you cannot tell it from duck.

Pig's Foot Cheese.—Boil the hocks and feet of equal quantity loose in a pot till the meat will fall freely from the bones; season well with pepper and salt; put into a pan while hot and press it. Cut in slices and serve with vinegar or Worcester sauce.

SERVED BEEF.—For ten or twelve pounds of beef take one tablespoonful of allspice, six cloves, a piece of mace; pound in a mortar, add a large spoonful of brown sugar; rub well into the beef; then with saltpetre and salt; turn and rub daily for ten days; then boil six hours.

VENISON HAM.—Trim the ham nicely and laid with thin slices of bacon, then soak five or six hours in the following pickle: One-half cup of olive oil, salt, spices, thyme, one onion cut in slices and one or two glasses of wine (red), turning it occasionally, then take out and roast before a bright fire, basting it with the pickle. It will take from one to two hours to cook.

Roast Goose.—Make a stuffing of bread crumbs, onions and potatoes cut fine; season with pepper and salt, sage and butter the size of an egg; fill the goose and tie down the wings; roast two hours and a half. Boil the liver and heart and add to the gravy which must be thickened with flour. Send to table with apple sauce and mashed potatoes.

MUTTON KEBBOBED.—Take a loin of mutton; joint well; take the following dressing and put between each joint: Two tablespoonfuls chopped parsley, a little thyme, a nutmeg grated, a teaspoonful of bread crumbs; mix well with two eggs; roast one hour. If there is a large flap on the loin, some of the dressing may be put in and then skewered securely.