Wonderful Dark Days in Canada. One of the strangest occurrences that ever happened in the history of Canada was what has been always known as the "Phenomenon of 1810." On the morning of Sunday, November 8, 1819, the sun rose upon a cloudy sky, which assumed, as the light grew upon it, a strange greenish tint, varying in places strange greenish tint, varying in places to an inky blackness. After a short time the whole sky became terribly dark, dense black clouds filling the atmosphere, and there followed a heavy shower of rain, which appeared to be something of the nature of soapsuds, and was found to have deposited, after settling, a substance in all its qualities resembling soot. Late in the afternoon resembling soot. Late in the afternoon the sky cleared to its natural aspect, and the next day was fine and frosty. On the morning of Tuesday, the 10th, heavy clouds again covered the sky, and changed rapidly from a deep green to a pitchy black, and the sun, when occasionally seen through them, was sometimes of a dark brown, or an unearthly yellow color, and again bright orange, and even blood red. The clouds constantly deepened in color and density, and later on a heavy vapor seemed to descend to the earth, and the day became quite as dark as night, the atfully. At noon lights had to be burned in the court-house, the banks, and public offices of the city. Every-body was more or less alarmed, and many were the conjectures as to the cause of the remarkable occurrence.

The more sensible thought that immense woods or prairies were on fire somewhere to the west; others said that a great volcano must have broken out in the province; still others asserted that our mountain was an extinct crater about to resume operations, and to make of the city a second Pompeii; the superstitions quoted an old Indian prophecy—that one day the Island of Montreal was to be destroyed by an carthquake; and some even cried that the world was about to come to an end. About the middle of the afternoon a great body of clouds seemed to rush suddenly ore: the city, and keep for use. and the darkness became that of night. Apouse and hush for a moment or two succeeded, and then one of the most glaring flashes of lightning ever beheld. med over the country, accompanied flamed over the country, accompanied by a clap of thunder, which seemed to shake the city to its foundations. Another representations of the part of the country and the country are the count other pause followed; and then came a deluge of rain of the same soapy and sooty nature as that two days before.

Spect is preterable to late a companie the process of frying meat in a pan occasioned by the explosion of stea. After that it appeared to grow brighter; formed in fat, the temperature of which but an hour later it was as dark as ever. is much above 212 ?. If the meat Another rush of clouds came, and another vivid flash of lightning, which | becomes sodden before the water was seen to strike the spire of the old French Parish church, and to play curi-French Parish church, and to play curiously about the large iron cross at its scorch it. To fry fish well the fasuuminit before descending to the ground. A moment later came the climax of the day. Every bell in the city suddenly rung out the alarm of fire, and the affrighted citizens rushed out from their houses into the streets, and made their | Meat, or indeed any article, should way in the gloom toward the church, frequently turned and agitated during until the Place d'Armes was crowded frying, to promote the evaporation with people, their nerves all unstrung the watery particles. To make frie by the auful events of the day, gazing articles look well, they should be don at, but scarcely daring to approach, the at, but scarcely daring to approach, the strange sight before them. The sky above and around was as black as ink; them, was the summit of the spire, with the lightning playing about it, shining of the pan, and drain them. To many irectly the great iron cross,

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Ariemus Ward in a Slow Train. Among the countless good stories at-tributed to Artemus Ward is one which tells of the advice he gave to a Southern railroad conductor soon after the war. The road was in a wretched condition, and the trains consequently were run at a phanomenally low rate of speed. When the conductor was punching his tight Artemus remarked, "Does this d company allow passengers to give it advice if they do so in a respectful manner?" The conductor replied in gruff tones that he guessed so, "Well," Attembs went on, "it occurred to me that it would be well to detach the cowcatcher from the front of the engine and hitch it to the rear of the train. you see we are not liable to overtake a cow, but what's to prevent a cow strolling into this car and biting a passen-

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OPINIONS differ as to the time oatmes porridge requires to be boiled, but that standard authority — "The Scottish Cookery Book"—states twenty minutes as the proper time.

COFFEE stands first in the list of beverages for the breakfast table, though for nervous people, or those who are afflicted with palpitation of the heart, it is not to be recommended.

BEEF A-LA-MODE. - Cut out the bone from the beef, and convert it with the trimmings into gravy; stuff the orifice with rich forcement. Half roast it, and before putting in the stewpan lard the top with dried and pickled mushrooms, adding mushroom powder in the orifice; then put in two quarts of gravy from then put in two quarts of gravy from the bones, a large on on stuck with cloves and two carrots cut in slices. When the beef has stewed until it is quite tender, strain and thicken the sauce, add to it a glass of wine, mushroom or oysters, and small pieces of fried paste. The mushroom may be omitted if desired.

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It was long after midnight, and the min-

BROWNING FOR GRAVIES .- Melt for ounces of sugar in a frying pan, with a little water; add one ouncee of butter, and continue the heat until the whole i turned quite brown without burning then pour in a pint of port wine, stirrin well all the time, and remove the parfrom the fire. When the roasted sugar has dissolved, pour it into a bottle an add half an ounce each of black pepper and bruised pimento, six shalots or small, a little mace and finely grat emon-peel, and a quarter of a pint of catsup. Digest for a week, occasional shaking, then strain through a musl

FRYING is of all methods of cookin the most objectionable, from the foo eing less digestible when thus pre very juicy it will not fry well, because evaporated; and it will not brown b lried in a cloth, otherwise, owing to the eneration of steam, the temperation will fall so low that it will be boiled ts own steam, and not be brown erumbs. If eggs be very dear, a lit flour and water may be substituted f batter for frying, melt two ounces together with the ball at its foot, fell to butter in a little walm water, and pottle ground with a crash, and was shivit upon half a pound of flour; stir

comes just before the dawn. The glow above gradually subsided and died out, out into it; but it should run fre dd some salt and the beaten white to their homes, the real night came on, everything was bright and clear, and the two eggs. A small shallow frying is very useful to fry articles to stewed; this method differs from co world was as natural as before. The phenomenon was noticed in a greater or non frying, as it only requires butte less degree from Quebec to Kingston,

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