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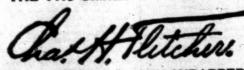
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countries associations of persons who made trials of odd foods for the purpose of ascer-taining their fitness for consumption, but

Persians, the Greeks and other nations of antiquity.

Later it is recorded that at the siege of Antioch, in the first crusade, the horses of the bestiegers were eaten in such quantities that in two months not more than 3,000 of the original 70,000 were left. At the siege of Metz 30,000 horses are said to have been eaten.

But the famous siege of Paris in the Franco-Prussian war furnishes the most interesting example of the variety of meats which may be used in great straits. During that terrible winter of 1870-1, while the German army outside prevented supplies of any kind from being brought into the unfortunate French capital, not only such familiar animals as horses, mules, dogs, cats, rats and mice supplied the tables of rich and poor alike, but even the menagerie of wild boasts in the Jardin des Plantes disappeared gradually, and neither doubt nor surprise was expressed at its destination.

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Of the horses 65,000 were eaten during the stage. This meat, however, was not new to the Parisian taste—at least not to the taste of the working classes. Since 1866 it had been lawful to slaughter horses for human food, and horse butcher shops were common establishments in the city. But the entire number of horses killed in time of peace was trifling compared to this enormous total in warttime. The Parisians, with their irrepressible levity and disposition to smooth matters over, even under such circumstances as these, called the horse meat "slege venison," and there were few complaints regarding it. According to the general testimony, not only of the French at this time, but of scientists in different countries who have tried the meat under many conditions, horsesters a fleaver about half

only of the French at this time, but of scientists in different countries who have tried the meat under many conditions, horsefiesh possesses a flavor about half way between that of beef and game and is variously compared to ventson and to haza. It is consuer in grain than beef and in this respect resembles bull beef more than any other. It has a peculiar smell, which is at first a triffe disconcerting, but which soon becomes familiar, and a curtain sweetness of taste. It is darker in color and more moist than beef. Its fat, which is moist and yellow, is not generally mixed with the lean, and it soon melts and becomes rancid. One authority says that horse meat, being richer, is undoubtedly superfor to beef for soup, and he goes on to declare that for roasting the best parts of a young horse are finer than any beef. The chief chemical difference between the two is that horsefiesh has the greater quantity of the nitrogenous substance called creatine.

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Besides the 65,000 horses eaten during the siege of Paris 1,000 assess and 2,000 mules are said to have been consumed. The flesh of the latter was pronounced delicious, excelling horsefiesh in its quality. The number of rats and mice used is not computed, but of dogs there are said to have been 1,200 and of cats 3,000. From the testimony of many persons who have eaten the flesh of cats and dogs it is said to resemble that of rabbits and when well cooked to be extremely palatable. Of the animals in the menagerie of the Jardin des Plantes the flesh of two bears which were eaten was likened to pork, both in texture and taste. Three elephants were consumed, and while there is no record of the way in which the Pacisians prepared their elephant meat it is well known that it can be made pleasant to the taste

SPANISH POSTOFFICES.

of Handling the Mails.

A foreigner in Spain sees many irregularities, especially in the postoffices. As Potes, a village of 1,300 inhabitants in northern Spain, the postmaster was an old man, who was usually found asleep and resented being stirred up to deliver a letter. In the larger postoffices the height of confusion is reached, because letters are put into pigeonholes, alphabetically arranged, according to the fancy of the postmaster.

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"Mr. John Smith," says Dr. Gadow in his "Northern Spain," "will on inquiry probably be told there is nothing for him, because the letter is safely lodged under J, the postmaster having mistaken Smith for an additional surname. But John Smith, Esq., will as likely be relegated to E, and unless the postmaster is amicably inclined, your letter has a good chance of remaining there until the quarterly or annual clearance, when it may be returned through the dead letter office. I say may because such letters are considered trouble-some and have a knack of disappearing."

Dr. Gadow, having obtained an introduction to the postmaster of Potes and exchanged compliments with him, was invited to look through his shelves and take his choice. He came across a letter addressed to a gentleman in Cabezon, a town at some distance from Potes. On asking why it had not been sent on he received this startling answer: "That man is a foreigner, is he not? Well, numbers of strangurs come to Potes, and he is as likely to turn up here as at Cabezon!"

At San Sebastian Dr. Gadow called at the postoffice twice for a registered letter containing a remittance from his banker and was assured that nothing had arrived. On procuring a note from the English consul, the letter was forthcoming with the excuse that the post had just come in. He pointed out that the local poistmark was five days old; then the postmaster answered that as Gadow ended with w; a letter represented in Spanish by double o or double v, the name was a difficult one to pigeonhole.—Youth's Companion.

THE ARTFUL RAVEN.

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Many stories are told of the cleverness of the raven, a bird that really seems to have reasoning powers. One of these stories tells how a raven by a skillful stratagem got a young hare for its dinner. It had pounced upon the little animal, but the mother hare drove it away.

Then the raven slowly retreated, encouraging the mother to follow him, and even pretending that be was afraid of her. In this fashion he led her to a considerable distance from her young one and then suddenly, before the hare had time to realize the meaning of the trick, he rose in the air, flew swiftly back, caught the young hare in his beak and bore it away. A similar plan was adopted by some ravens that wished to steal food from a dog. They teased him till he grew so angry that he chased them from the spot, but the artful birds turned sharply round, easily reached the dish before him and carried off the choicer bits in triumph.

As to the raven's power of speech, the following story, which is given on the authority of Captain Brown, who vouches for its truth, will show how apily it can talk. A gentleman while travelling through a wood in the south of England was startled by hearing a shout of "Fair play, gentlemen; fair play!" uttered in loud tones. The cry being presently repeated, the travelet thought it must proceed from some one in distress and at once began to search for him. He soon discovered two ravens flercely attacking a third. He was so struck with the appeal of the oppressed bird that he promptly rescued him.

It turned out that the victim was a tame raven belonging to a house in the neighborhood, and the cry that it had used so opportunely was one of many that it had been taught to utter.—Philadelphia Times.

The Fueral Procession.

those who look from the windows as they pass at objects unfamiliar, and then there are carriages containing people who do not hesitate to talk and smile and carriages containing those who att back in the comfortable cushions and enjoy the ride."—New York Eun.

Symbol of the Sunflow

Symbol of the Sunflower. In flower language, is symbolical of false riches, for the following reasons: The Spaniards, when they invaded Peru, belg and on every hand, and when they aw the country covered with golden colored flowers they imagined they, too, must be pure gold—not the only case where appearances have been deceifful. But by a perverse contradiction of this story the Spaniards themselves adopt the flower as a symbol of faith, and one of their poets any, "Real faith is like the sun's fair flowers, which, midst the clouds that shroud it and the winds that wave it to and fro, and all the change of air and earth and sky doth rear its head and lookerth up, still steadfast, to its God." So if you want to grow sunflowers you can take your choice of meanings.—Boston Traveler.

An Economist Repulsed.

"We ought to keep a regular account compts and expenditures," said the procal politician's wife.

"What for?"

"So that you can show that what work."



THE TATTLER.

Mrs. S. C. Doud of Cato, N. Y., 90 years ald, has kept a diary for more than 60 years. As also is an intelligent woman her record is historically complete and of value.

Mrs. Amy Pinkham, who died the other day at Brooklyn, Me., was 104 years of age, and both her father and her grand father were soldiers in the Revolutionary

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Miss Elizabeth Ashe of San Francisco, who named the terpede boat destroyer Farraguit, is descended from a long line of soldiers and is related to the Farragui family.

Miss Anna E. Mitchener is the superint tendent of the Tuscarawas Electric road which is test miles long and connects the twin cities of Ubrichville and Dennises with New Philadelphia.

Miss Margherita Arlina Hamm of New York, the well known newspaper woman, has been appointed an inspector by the woman's veteran auxiliaries of the national guard and nurses' staff.

Frau Lilli Lehman, who retired for awhile from the operatic stage on account of illness, has reappeared in the great Wagnerian roles in Vienna, and her powers are said to be almost fully restored.

Mrs. Alice Ives Breed of Boston, whe was defeated by Mrs. Low for the presidency of the National Federation, is edu cating two little Japanese girls. They accompanied her to the biennial at Denvew and were often seen with her in her box.

Sarah Bernhardt is to visit India at the Invitation of the maharajah of Kapurthala, whe has been visiting Paris. Besides acting in his palace she will give performances at Bombay, Calcutta, Colombe and Pondicherry and means to see a tigger hunt before her return.

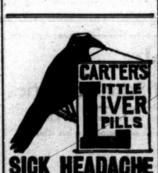
Miss Natalie Schenck of Babylon, N. Y., who continues to be overwhelmed by the endless chain she started for the benefit of the Red Cross, has now let the opening of the letters by contract. One recent letter contained a bill of exchange on a London bank for £100.

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How a Bashful Man Got a Wife.
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