

shoots of the dandelion seeking the sun grow many inches in succulent luxuriance, and the bitterness of the noon-day hath not penetrated to their hearts. These do I gather with care and preserve them, losing none. Before they who labour with the hands have well begun their listless walk to the place of daily toil, so early have I filled my bag with these luscious viands, every sprig whereof hath in it the hope of health, the promise of a fuller and brighter life of health and cheer. Let not the unlearned tamper with so delicate a relish; it must be rightly dressed, and not overly smeared with that compound which gives a true salad the sweet taste it may not spare. The oil of France or Italy whereto the olives are sent as a blessing, vinegar of the grape, an egg firm cooked, and thereof the yellow, only, these with a seasoning of mustard and pepper and needful salt, and the mixture poured upon the dish and well stirred, leaves naught to be desired. If there be one who cannot with delight seat himself before a mess of the dandelion prepared in this wise, such an one hath sore need of the physician. But to such as think they might abide the dish, from what motive or craving soever, I do commend the morning search while dawn is still blowing with wind upon the black wings of shamed night. If he get this far, there can be no fear for the appetite he must bring with him to the table where the dandelions, if he have learned the secret of finding them, are dressed for the evening meal, aye, or the morning meal."



A BOY'S appreciation of the dangers that threaten the male section of the human race is brought out by little Charlie, whose mother asked him:

"Which do you love most, your papa or your mamma?"

The reply was: "I love papa most."

Charlie's mother—"Why, Charlie! I thought you loved me most."

Charlie—"Can't help it, mamma. We men must hold together."

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Gold leaf is synonymous with thinness. It would seem impossible for the gold beater's art to be carried beyond the reduction of the leaf to the ordinary commercial thickness.

The leaf thus produced is thick, however, as compared with that now made by depositing yellow metal with electricity in a bath upon a highly polished sheet of copper. In this manner a film only one four millionth of an inch in thickness may be produced. Mounted on glass it is transparent.