

FOOLISH BUT FASHIONABLE

It is a fashionable affectation to put a pinch of salt into the breakfast cup of coffee.

NOBODY who pretends to be fashionable in these days will venture to eat berries in public with any thing but a fork.

MANY New York people who have a taste for ice cream are trying the fad of eating Boston brown bread with their

SARDINE sandwiches are served at the five o'clock teas at Newport, and we read that the proper way to eat them is with a fork.

THE "individual castor" is a product of the present season. It is to be placed before each guest at public dinners, and it is rapidly acquiring popularity.

At a recent swell entertainment the rooms were cooled by crystal pyramids of ice, the frozen, fluted columns buried

deep down in beds of moss and wreathed with ivy.

FASHIONABLE entertainments have been enormously extravagant in London this season. Several have cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The flowers for a bachelor party cost \$5,000.

French legs are best stewed in cream and not fried, according to one of the cooks of a celebrated Baltimore club, where they know all that is worth knowing about cuisine and gastronomy.

MRS. LABOUCHERE, wife of the famous journalist, has invented a new social entertainment called: "A morning garden party." At each of these fetes a fairy play is performed by a troupe of children.

VEGETABLE or fruit sandwiches are recommended as new delicacies for picnics. The newest dainty sandwich is made of nasturtium leaf, sprinkled with a little salt, and set between two round slices of biscuit and butter.

At a breakfast given by Ward Moore at Newport fashionables, the scene being a platform in a shaded grove, the table presented a pleasing appearance. Most noticeable were sheaves of Scotch wheat standing about four feet high, tied with sashes of scarlet ribbon. In the tops of these nestled scarlet dahlias.

MIDST FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE

IVY-LEAVED geraniums are ideal

plants for the well-kept hanging baskets.

FLOWER beds are to please the eye, but they will fail in this so long as weeds show in them.

CAN not you see the insect that does the mischief? It may be a night feeder, watch for it by candle light.

If allowed to form in heavy masses nasturtiums lose the most artistic and pleasing effects; thin them out.

UMBRELLA wires make capital supports for geraniums and hollyhocks.

ports for weak plants and have the advantage over the usual wooden stake that they are practically invisible.

You may not know it, but the common hop makes a most desirable ornamental climber. Its growth is rapid and the dark green foliage strikingly handsome.

Blood manure is excellent for all plants that are strong growers and grass feeders as chrysanthemums, geraniums, fuchsias and roses, and is best applied when the plants have the second top soil in the pot.

Is your otherwise pretty lawn disfigured by any aged specimen of tree that is fast-decaying and becoming unsightly? Then, let me suggest a remedy: Plant some vines or rose bushes around the base and train them over it. You will be well repaid for your trouble and gain that you did not have it cut down to be removed as you had intended.

WHEN you say a flower bed or plant a flower garden or lawn is beautiful, think twice about it. Is it beautiful? If so you can say why. If you decide later that you are mistaken, that it is only a monstrosity or vagary, then you will have learned something. Much the fancy garden work is unnatural and corrupting to good taste. As a rule, I would find that a real lover of nature has no pattern bed on his lawns, and sheared evergreens.

WONDERS IN WHITE.

A PAIR of white robins with pink beaks have been captured at West Goshen. A QUAKER white and red robin catches the fishermen of Quonochontaug. R. I. It has built its nest in a shrub reach of pasture near the thunder of the ocean breakerwater. The bird's body is all white, even to the tip of its tail, except its breast, which is of a

An Allegheny County boy recently captured a white flying squirrel. He saw the squirrel running up a tree, climbed after it, pounded on the tree to his hole and caught it in his hands when it jumped out. An albino squirrel family is not often seen, and this is a perfect specimen, milk white and with pink eyes.

J. PRICE, of Savannah, has a curlew in the shape of a young mockingbird, entirely white. Price purchased it

bird from a negro trapper on the W Road, who brought it into town day. From the appearance of the bill it can not be over six weeks old. There is no doubt of the bird being a mocking bird, as it has all the markings of the species except the color, and the peculiar chirp of the young mocking bird. A white mocking bird is a rarity.

WHILE Sims Powell was sitting in his library at his house at Prospect

Parkersburg, one evening recently heard a noise as of the rattle of against a window. On laying down paper and looking up, much to astonishment, he saw a beautiful white owl perched upon the back of a chair and blinking at the light. Powell captured the bird and will it as a curiosity. It is now white a beautiful specimen of the strick and is the only specimen of the ever seen in this section of the com

It is believed by some to be
of a species found in the extreme
or Arctic circle.



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United States to trade with them free immediately after they have replied the overtures of his party by raising duties on Canadian products to such extent that some of them are prohibitive. Such an emphatic and such an unhesitating reply would, in most cases, preclude a repetition of the request, at least, for some time. But Mr. Laurier, in his capacity

Canada with the United States, it rather continues to be an adhesion to principles often laid down by them. Every consideration of education, business and material interest points to a commercial alliance between the two countries. The policy involves full reciprocity, not only in natural products, but also in manufactured articles, without any restrictions whatever. When the Liberal party comes to power it will send commissioners

So the Liberal Party, it is said, is determined to put it in its pocket, and go hat in hand to Washington to beg for unrestricted reciprocity. This is a singular position for a party composed of men of spirit and men of independence to take. Besides, it is a very unusual thing for a party to be successful in carrying out of its programme on the will of a foreign power. But that very fact it makes its

"Why do you ask me to vote for you if you are returned with ever so small a majority, you cannot give me the support of the electors who support me at the polls?"

The situation is embarrassing, and the Liberal is obliged to say, "I will give you reciprocity if America willing to grant it."

"Will you guarantee that the

As all know, United States citizens are very jealous indeed of their trading privileges. Their policy is now, and has been for a long time, not to allow the foreigner to participate in these advantages, but to protect by very high duties every thing that is imported.

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