

## THE QUEEN'S TABLE.

SOME OF THE OFFICIALS OF THE  
ROYAL KITCHEN.The Queen's Breakfast—A Queer Custom  
of the British Royal House—Salaries  
and Work of the Cooks and Their  
Assistants.

Queen Victoria's table is distinctly inferior to those of her brother sovereigns of Austria and Russia. The principal official is not the cook himself, but the functionary who bears the title of the clerk of the kitchens. He has a salary of \$4,000 a year, and does all the ordering and marketing. The chef is a Frenchman, and receives a salary of \$5,000 per annum, and was, not long ago, a man by the name of Pasteur, who had held his post for nearly a quarter of a century. He is assisted by four master cooks, who each receive \$2,000 a year, and who enjoy the right of taking apprentices, or marmittes, who pay them a premium of \$1,000 each for the privilege of assisting in the preparation of the dishes for the royal table. Then there are the yeoman of the kitchen, the cook's assistants, the roasting cooks, the scouers, the kitchen maids, a store-keeper, two green-office men and two steam apparatus men.

The confectionary department of the kitchen has its special officials; there is a first yeoman who receives \$2,000 a year for making crusts for pies and tarts. The second yeoman, who has \$500 a year less, superintends puddings, compotes, ices, meringues, etc.; then there are apprentices and male and female assistants to these two yeomen, besides a head and deputy baker and three coffee women.

A queer custom which prevails at no other court than that of Great Britain is the announcement at the beginning of each course of the name of the cook who has prepared the dishes served. The announcement is made in an audible tone by one of the clerks of the kitchen. The origin of this custom dates back to the reign of King George II., who made a great favorite of one of his marmittes, promising him to the rank of chief cook over the heads of all his seniors. This, of course, created great jealousy, and every effort was made to oust him from royal favor by rendering him responsible for the failures that appeared upon the King's table.

Greatly distressed thereby and fearing to lose his post, he complained to the King in person, who immediately gave orders that thenceforth whenever a dish was placed before him the name of the cook responsible for its success or failure should be announced in a loud tone of voice.

The Queen generally breakfasts alone when at Windsor, in a room adorned with the portraits of her daughters-in-law, the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of Coburg, tea of a peculiar kind known as Earl Grey's mixture forming Her Majesty's beverage at that meal. Luncheon is taken in the company of Princess Beatrice or any other member of her family who may happen to be staying with her at the time, game, very high, and a cold sirloin of beef constituting an invariable feature among the viands on the table. At dinner the lords and ladies in waiting are generally present, but only on personal invitation by the Queen.

## Beautiful in Middle Life.

Helen of Troy comes upon the stage at the age of 40. Aspasia was 35 when married to Pericles and she was a brilliant figure thirty years thereafter. Cleopatra was past 30 when she met Antony. Diane de Poitiers was 36 when she won the heart of Henry II. The king was half her age, but his devotion never changed. Anne of Austria was 38 when described as the most beautiful woman in Europe. Mme. de Maintenon was 43 when united to Louis, and Catherine of Russia 33 when she seized the throne she occupied for thirty-five years. Mile. Mar was most beautiful at 45, and Mme. Recamier between the ages of 35 and 55.

The old saw about sweet sixteen is exploded by the true knowledge that the highest beauty does not dwell in immaturity. For, according to Science, beauty does not mean alone the fashion of form and coloring, as found in the waxen doll. The dew of youth and a complexion of roses sometimes combine in a face that is unimaging and unresponsive, as though lacking utterly the life spark. In the course of years, however, a time arrives when the coming of age must be recognized, when the muscles begin to relax, the skin to lose its polish and roundness and softness give place to angles. Contentment and good humor will still outlive all medical inventions as a preservative of youth. A woman beautiful in all else, but wanting mirth, will grow old, sour, thin and sorrowful, while the merry, fun-loving woman will be fresh and sweet, despite life's happenings and sorrows.

## Taking Off Gloves.

As there is a right way and many wrong ways to put on gloves, there is also a right way to take them off. They should never be drawn off by the finger tips, unless they are old and very loose. Taking them off in that way soon stretches the ends of the fingers so that they can never afterwards be made to give a pleasing fit. Instead, take the glove by the wrist, and draw it gently back over the hand till the second joint of the fingers is reached. It can then be drawn off by the finger tips without damage. When it is thus taken off, the best way to treat it is to leave the fingers distended, just as they came from the hand; when it is next wanted, it will fit the hand much more easily, and look better than if it were smoothed and flattened back into the form of a new glove.—Good Housekeeping.

## Where to Mark Linen.

A handkerchief is to be marked only in one corner, and, when marked, that corner is to be the one exposed. Tablecloths, are to be marked at the middle of the end; if with small letters, they are placed near the hem; if larger, at a corresponding distance from the edge. In any case, there should be not less than the height of the letters between their lower edge and the hem of the cloth. Napkins are marked diagonally across the corner; towels at the middle of one end, just above the hem; sheets on the middle fold, two inches from the end.

## Coal in Japan.

Japanese coal is driving the Welsh product out of East India. The Japanese are developing commercial and trading instincts, and may yet give the British Government a good deal of worry by their competition.

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As motins are apt to get into feathers a piece of gum camphor should be kept in the box with them from March until October, when these little pests are around. To avoid a strong odor of camphor expose the fan to the air for an hour or two before using it, and keep in the same box a sachet bag of violet orrisroot, or white rose powder, or sandalwood chips, to prevent the camphor getting too prominent. White feather fans are considered stylish with any toilette prepared for full dress. A satin "hanger" of No. 12 ribbon the color of the fan is tied about the handle with a short bow, while a larger one decorates the other end of the "hanger," which hangs on the left arm or from the right shoulder, in the latter case a longer one being required.—Ladies' Home Journal.

## Science in Farming.

Some very practical farmers are apt to belittle chemical research, not being able to understand the objects that are being striven for, and also because science does not help them out of their troubles and perplexity quick enough, forgetting that discovery comes slowly, but whether they sneer at science or not they benefit by it. To prove this, it is only necessary to mention chemical manures, the modern system of feeding for beef or milk, and the labor saving machinery in use to-day. Every farmer cannot be an experimentalist to any great extent, because we have not, as a rule, sufficient knowledge of the principles involved, but every one can keep himself posted on what is being done at our own and similar experimental farms, and I guarantee that all who do this will be benefited thereby, and especially will they learn to avoid many wasteful and unprofitable methods in stock feeding.—President W. Ewing, at Central Farmers' Association meeting.

## Raised Doughnuts.

Two cups of sweet milk, a cup of sugar, half cup of butter creamed with the sugar, a cup of homemade yeast, two eggs well beaten. Add flour and mold into a stiff dough. Let it rise until very light; then roll it out to a sheet about half an inch thick, cut out your cakes and let them stand on floured plates in a warm place and rise again until very light. Fry in hot fat, shake off the grease and roll in pulverized sugar while hot.

A simple way to attain a similar end is to take, in the morning of your baking day, about a pint of your light bread dough of course, this preserves that your bread was set over night and work into it a beaten egg, half a cup of sugar, a piece of butter the size of a walnut and a little nutmeg or cinnamon. Roll out thin, cut and let them rise; then fry and treat as above.

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It is far better to pay the butcher than the doctor. Therefore if a member of the family fall ill it is clearly imprudent to waste money in the employment of a physician or upon drugs and medicines. Instead, rather spend the money upon prime cuts of meat and artificially raised fruits and vegetables. If the sick person cannot eat of these luxuries the well ones, including yourself, can eat them; so that not only is money saved, but there is a distinct and acceptable gain to you in the matter of diet.

Chairs can be made to last many years and to look as good as new if the reprehensible habit of sitting in them is avoided. This course is far preferable to the practice in vogue in some families of covering the chairs with brown linen or cambric, and more efficacious, inasmuch as it not only preserves the upholstery in all its freshness, but it also saves the framework from the wear and tear that is inseparable from use.

Cleanliness is a great thing in its way, but a great saving may be effected in soap and water by less frequent washing of clothing than generally obtains, and the money saved in these articles may be spent to advantage upon diamonds and jewelry, which, it need not be said, are indispensable to any one who would make a good impression in polite society.

It is not economy to purchase any of the patented food prescribed for roaches and water-bugs. These household pests will thrive quite as well upon bread crumbs, meat refuse and table scraps generally, and the expense is not appreciable.

It is a mistaken idea that children should not be allowed to partake of sweets until the substantial parts of a meal have been disposed of. By permitting the little ones to indulge freely in saccharine foods at the outset, their stomachs will become cloyed, rendering it impossible for them to partake largely of other articles, and thus will your meat bill be, in more than one way, sensibly diminished.

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