

Miscellaneous.

Direct News of Stanley.

IN GOOD HEALTH AND ABLE TO REACH HIS DESTINATION.

London, Nov. 21, 1888.—Correspondents from Tahiti bring direct news from the Stanley expedition, a portion of which was published at the end of November, 1887, by Araba trading between Lake Victoria Nyanza and Stanley and Tahiti. These Arabs met Stanley's expedition at a point west of Lake Nyanza, southeast of the point where the expedition had been expected to cross the mountains by the radiation from the streams that abound in that country. The Arabs did not see Stanley. The detachment sent consisted of 30 men. They stated that Stanley was two days ahead of the expedition had suffered greatly on the march through a thick forest, where it was impossible to advance more than a mile and a quarter daily. They had also suffered in the marches, where many had disappeared or died. Forty were drowned in crossing a great river flowing from east to west. One white man had died. Stanley was obliged to fight some tribes. He was forced to supply his provisions. The expedition had often halted in the expectation of receiving reinforcements from the Congo. The rear guard, at the time of the halt, had only been on the march five days after a halt of three weeks, due to the illness of Stanley and a great part of the escort, who had been attacked with fever. The Arabs estimate the total strength of the expedition at all times at 250. The health of Stanley was then good. The rear guard, which consisted of natives of Zanbar, stated that Stanley had decided that he would no longer advance in a westerly direction, but would strike toward the north, hoping to avoid the swamp. After getting a certain distance north, he intended to take an oblique line to the eastward and go straight to the north, where it was thought he would arrive in 90 days later—about the middle of January, 1888. The Arabs were of the opinion that the expedition was still strong enough to reach Weddell.

It will be remembered that on Aug. 1, information was received from Zanbar that two messengers had arrived there who had left the interior about the beginning of April, and who reported that Stanley had not arrived at Weddell up to that time. The messengers stated that in the month of March Emin Pasha had received some vague and indefinite news of the explorer, which had filtered through the hands of the tribes, but that the reports were conflicting. Some declared that Stanley, after losing a number of men and a large portion of his supplies, was hemmed in by hostile tribes between the Bahob country and the Atbara. Stanley, while other rumors were to the effect that he had been attacked by the tribes in the Matogona-Mino district, and after several conflicts, had diverted his course in an unknown direction.

British Plum Pudding.

Now is the time to make the Christmas puddings and also the fruit cakes for the winter. Housekeepers will find it a great convenience to have on hand eight or ten small puddings, that only require to be heated to be ready for serving. The following recipe will fill one three-pint mold. If your family is small it is best to pack and boil the puddings in small round tin tins, with lids. Then when they are done the lids can be put on, the puddings hung in the cellar until wanted.

Shred and chop fine one pound of meat, scald and steam one pound of cranberries, wash and clean one pound of currants. If you buy those already cleaned, and it saves a deal of trouble, use one and a quarter pounds. Cut into very thin slices a half pound of orange peel. Mix the fruit, nutmeg and four lbs. being about one cup of flour. There add the suet, a half nutmeg grain, a quarter pound brown sugar, the grated yellow rind of one good-sized lemon and three-quarters of a pound of raisins. Beat four eggs without beating, add to them over the dry ingredients and thoroughly mix. Pack tightly into well buttered molds or tins, stand in boiling water and boil continuously for ten hours, and then one hour at a time of serving. Serve with three or four hard sauce.

Beat to a cream a quarter pound of good butter, add gradually a half pound of good eggs, beating all the while. When light add one white of egg, and beat thoroughly, add a quarter teaspoonful of cinnamon and one tablespoonful of brandy. Put on low to simmer. When you turn out the pudding dust it with powdered sugar. Dip four or five lumps of loaf sugar in rum, pour about three tablespoonfuls round the dish, place the lumps around the pudding, set fire to them and send to the table burning. Alcohol will answer if rum is not at hand.

For the Stoves or Stoves. From a recently illustrated article in the November Century, 'The Guide of London,' we quote the following: 'If Whitby's cat cannot be placed among well-attended felines, many a man has attained the glory of Lord Mayorship in ways fully as romantic as those of Whittington in the nursery tale. Stephen Foster was a debtor confined in the jail of Ludgate, which once stood over the gate on the hill, a very little way west of St. Paul's. There was gate at which every day a prisoner was allowed to go to collect alms for his fellows and here one day Foster sat. A wealthy widow passing by gave him money, inquired into his case and took him into her service. He saved his wages, traded successfully, married the widow and in due time became Sir Stephen Foster, Lord Mayor of London. In his prosperity he forgot not his days of adversity, and founded a charity for prisoners which was long kept up in the jail of Ludgate and commemorated in his epitaph.'

For the Stoves. Cook partridges until tender in salted water, then cut in small pieces and add the liquor two or three slices of carrot, one small onion, a little parsley, one tablespoonful of pepper, simmer 20 minutes; salt three tablespoonfuls of butter, add two tablespoonfuls of flour, pour on this slowly the hot liquor, and then turn the whole over the partridges, cover with pat paste and bake slowly one hour.

For the Stoves. It is not necessary to buy corn cures. Men and women should remember that Putnam's Famous Corn Extractor is the only safe, sure, and painless corn remover extant. It does its work quickly and with certainty. See the signature, N. C. Putnam & Co. appears on each bottle. Beware of poisonous imitations.

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