

TO TEST AN EGG.

Take nine ounces water and one ounce salt. Stir well and drop the egg in. If it floats it is not fresh.

A TASTY SYRUP.

A syrup that is a very good substitute for maple syrup may be made by boiling together 1 cup "C" sugar and 1 cup hot water. Just before taking off the fire add 1/2 teaspoon vanilla.

COOKING MEAT.

If the oven gets too hot when cooking meat lay a piece of brown paper over it to prevent scorching. Or place a pan of cold water in the oven.

FOR INSECTS ON PLANTS.

Make a suds of ivory soap and soft water, adding a tablespoonful of kerosene to each gallon. Thoroughly mix, then spray the plants.

TO IMPROVE SUEDE GLOVES.

When suede gloves or slippers have become shiny, rub the spots lightly with sandpaper.

THE PANTRY OR STORE-ROOM.

Keep all dry groceries and cereals in large glass candy jars if possible. This will keep them dry, clean, and free from insects or mice. The general store-room should be always kept airy and sweet. Butter, milk, eggs and flour all absorb odors and "off" flavors very readily.

News of the Week

CANADIAN.

It is now believed that over three hundred lives in all were lost by the wreck of the vessels on the Great Lakes during the terrible storm of November 9th and 10th. Upwards of thirty vessels were lost, including the James Carruthers, the largest freighter ever constructed in the British Empire. The disaster is marked as the worst that ever occurred in the history of inland lake navigation. The money loss will run into millions.

The gold medal of the Royal Society of England has been conferred upon Dr. Alexander Graham Bell in recognition of his inventions, notably that of the telephone. Dr. Bell is a Canadian. He was born in Brantford, Ont.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

A treaty of peace between Greece and Turkey was signed at Athens on November 13th.

It is reported that the Czarevitch, the Czar's only son, who has been ill for some time, cannot live more than six months. He is ten years of age.

Signor Ulivi, an Italian, has discovered a method of exploding mines for blowing up battleships by the use of wireless rays. The mines may be miles away from the exploding apparatus.

Lady Strathcona, wife of Lord Strathcona, Canada's High Commissioner, died in London last week.

The Nobel prize for literature was awarded on November 13th to the Hindu poet, Rabindranath Tagore, the first time it has gone to any other than a "white" man. The prize amounts to about \$40,000.

Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, daughter of President Wilson, will be married on November 25th, to Mr. Francis Bowes Sayre, the wedding to be very simple, as compared with other White House weddings. An interesting connection is that Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, of "the Labrador," with whom Mr. Sayre worked for a time, will be best man.

The Secretary of the U. S. navy has declared his admiration of Winston

Churchill's proposal that England and Germany agree to cease building battleships for one year. He adds his conviction that all first-class nations should be parties to an agreement stopping the building of such vessels completely for a stipulated time.

When Bismarck Shewed Pity.

Bismarck is always thought of as the Iron Chancellor, who cemented the German States into one empire with the blood of German soldiers shed in three great wars. But a French army surgeon, Doctor Czernicke, in a recent volume of reminiscences from which Forest and Stream quotes, most unexpectedly presents him as a man who felt and deplored all the horrors of war. The surgeon met the statesman at Rezonville during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. "You are taking part, sir, in a terrible war," began Bismarck to the young man. "What a beginning for your career! What awful sights! What suffering!" "It is not you or these poor mutilated fellows that I should like to see here," Bismarck continued, earnestly, "but your Senators and Deputies! They would then see what war is."

This idea that the war had been forced upon the two nations by politicians was ever with Bismarck, according to Doctor Czernicke. He referred to it again on going over the battle-field, where, seated on some straw and propped up against a pillar of the church, was one of the French soldiers, a very young man.

He was terribly wounded. A shell, striking him like the lash of a whip, had carried away both his eyes and the bridge of his nose, leaving the skull bare. The wound was covered with a dressing. He lay there, calm, silent, motionless, in dumb resignation.

Bismarck stooped in front of him and asked the surgeon of the case.

"There is war for you, messieurs the Senators and Deputies!" he said, bitterly. Then turning to one of his suite, "Please bring me some wine and a glass."

He filled the glass to the brim, and took a sip. Then, gently tapping the poor fellow, "My friend, will you not drink something?"

The wounded soldier roused himself. Bending, Bismarck very tenderly and slowly gave him the wine, and, rising again, almost solemnly drank what was left in the glass.

"What is your name, my boy, and where do you come from?"

"Rossignol—from Brittany."

"I am, Bismarck, my comrade, and I am very proud to have drunk out of the same glass with a brave man like you."

Stretching his hand over the horribly mutilated head, Bismarck gave mute benediction, and passed on.—Youth's Companion.

Little Sandy McPherson and his tall friend Henders were returning together from the festivities, leaning against each other for mutual support.

"Henders, man. I canna remember what the bride looked like," said Sandy. "Whisht, man, whisht!" replied the other in a shocked voice. "'Twasna a weddin'; 'twas a funeral."

He had waited long years to marry her, waited till her rich old uncle's death had paved the way.

"And do you still love me?" she asked anxiously.

"My darling," he reassured her, "you are worth your wait in gold."

Of course this was spoken, not written, so the fine distinction was not apparent to her.—New York Tribune.

CLEAN OUT THE MENTAL COBWEBS.

Sam Walter Foss uses rhyme to read us farmers a very useful lesson, one that we should heed more than we do:

"Yes, clean yer house, and clean yer shed,
And clean yer barn in ev'ry part;
But brush the cobwebs from yer head,
And sweep the snowbanks from yer heart."

Yes, when spring cleanin' comes around
Bring forth the duster and the broom,
But rake yer foggy notions down,
And sweep yer dusty soul of gloom."

—Hoard's Dairyman.



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