

Mighty Meals

In One Gastronomic Duel The Victor Won by a Pig and an Apple Pie.

Those two famous "sportsmen," Sir John Lade, and "Old Q"—the Duke of Queensberry—once laid a wager of £1,000 as to which should provide a man to eat the larger quantity of food at a sitting. The duke was unable to attend the contest, but his representative wrote: "I have no time to state particulars, but merely to tell you that your man beat his antagonist by a pig and an apple pie." What must the two have eaten? Thought They Were All For Him!

There is on record the fact of "Lambert" Smith, who ate six five-lamb chops at one sitting, and won the water-melon championship by consuming seventeen water-melon specimens in one day.

A Siberian soldier, notorious for his appetite, once disposed of a meal, in the presence of an English officer, consisting of ten pounds of beef, ten pounds of bread-and-butter, and a bundle of tallow candles as dessert. Another Russian soldier, seventeen years of age, ate twenty-four pounds of beef in twenty-four hours, and on another occasion disposed of a repast prepared for fifteen people.

This reminds one of the Yorkshireman, who was staying at the same hotel as three other friends. He came down before the others, and sat down to breakfast. Half an hour later, the other three were calling for their rations. The waiter assured them that they had all been served at the appointed time. It then transpired that the first man down had eaten twelve eggs under the impression they were all meant for him.

The Pig That Fixed It

Not long ago a Berlin market porter undertook, for a wager, to put away at one sitting six mutton chops, twelve eggs, a goose, a duck, six pounds of potatoes, and twenty-two pounds of hay. Difficulties were anticipated with the last course, and large sums were laid against the accomplishment of the feat. The ingenious porter solved the difficulty by calling for a cigarette after he had finished the duck. He then set light to the hay, pounded the ashes up with the potatoes, and swallowed the lot. After a heated discussion the referee declared him the winner.

Charles V., who, in his day, ruled over half Europe, was habitually an enormous eater. At five o'clock he breakfasted on a fowl seethed in milk and dressed with sugar and spices. His next meal was at noon, when he always sampled twenty dishes. Two suppers came later, one after supper, and the other at midnight or one o'clock, the most substantial meal of the four. It took forty years of such feeding to make, not his appetite but his taste, fast; he then began to find all food insipid.

On Its Mettle

The Coins Is Allowed To Pass Into Circulation Until It Has Passed Some Very Severe Tests.

Every coin, punched by the Royal Mint as subjected to the most strict tests before it is issued for general use. There is, for instance, a machine which is long about down which coins slide, to fall through a hole at the bottom. If, however, a coin is irregular it comes down, it will not go through the hole.

Weighting is really the chief test which all coins have to undergo. The weighing-room is filled with a number of spring balances.

This coins are propelled, one at a time, by an ingenious automatic arm, to one of three compartments: Light, Heavy, or Correct. The faulty coins are then removed for correction. These wonderful balances, which weigh to the nearest fraction, are capable of dealing with about forty coins per minute.

It is a big drop from exacting mathematical tests conducted with rigorous precision to tests conducted solely by the brains of men; but the last two tests are so carried out. The first, known as the "ringing" test, is carried out by youths.

In a small "audition-room" a youth sits with a sort of anvil between his knees, and a large tray of coins on the right. Gathering a handful in each hand, he dexterously slips them on to the anvil, and from whence they slide by force of gravity into another tray. His trained ear is able to detect any faulty ring in a coin.

Watching The Coins Go By.

The last examination of our coins is known as the "viewing" test. As in the former test, human eyes were the factor, so in this case, human eyesight is the adjudicator. At each end of a never-ending band a man sits, and coins are distributed all over the band. Each man strains his eyes as the coins go by and removes any faulty coin.

Bad color, chipped edge, and bad printing are among the faults for which coins are condemned. The remaining good coins are gathered into bags for distribution.

The thoroughness of these tests can well be gauged by the fact that so few faulty coins find their way into public service. There are also various earlier tests for purity, while the metal is still in bar form. These

Open for Business

The "Fifth Avenue" Store

formerly the western store of The English-American Clothing Co.—having been enlarged and thoroughly renovated throughout, will OPEN FOR BUSINESS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, under an entirely new and up-to-date management.

For its opening event the Fifth Avenue Store offers an enormous line of Ladies' Garments in all grades, at the VERY LOWEST PRICES ST. JOHN'S HAS EVER KNOWN.

Watch out for EVERY FIFTH AVENUE STORE AD., there'll be some very interesting bargains in every one of them.

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tests are carried out by assayers with regard to the correct percentage and purity of the metal, and it can be taken as a fact that silver coins are never issued which are deficient in silver value.

No work is done on any bar of silver until it has first been tested by the assayers.

A short jacket of blotting paper pink cloth is worn over a street frock of dark brown.

Corns
Don't Pare Them!
Cutting a corn is always dangerous. Blue-jay ends corns. Kills the pain instantly. No risk, no constant trouble. Get Blue-jay at your druggist.

Blue-jay

RILLY'S UNCLE

What're you looking so blue about? IF YOU HAD THE TOUGH LUCK I JUST HAD YOU'D BE BLUE TOO!

I FOUND A QUARTER ON THE SIDEWALK, AND I NO MORE GOT IT IN MY HAND AND I LOST IT AGAIN!

Strange Ring is Found on Sands by Clam Digger

CONNECTICUT MAN DIGS UP WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE ROYAL JEWEL LEFT BY CAPT. KIDD.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 11.—A curious shaped gold ring, said to have been part of the jewels of the British King and which tallies in detail with one which disappeared from the English court in 1810 and has since been listed on the records as of unknown whereabouts, was found by Charles Burns, hawserman of the local fire department in the sandbar near Thimble Islands. Thimble Islands has long been noted as a rendezvous of the famous Captain Kidd and is believed the ring was a part of the treasure loot of the pirate who, according to well known legends buried his spoils along in this vicinity.

Burns was on a clamming trip when he unearthed the ring which is composed of four bands, joined by clasped hands. It is stated that the nearest resemblance to the ring was worn by Lady Catherine Grey and said to have signified her marriage to the Earl of Hertford. Queen Elizabeth, displeased with the union, sent Hertford to the Tower of London, in confinement and subjected Lady Catherine to many hardships until the validity of the marriage was proven. The marriage was later dissolved by a commission and so pronounced in the Palace of the Bishop of London in 1582.

Burns has deposited the ring in a safe deposit vault and has refused an offer of \$2,000 for its purchase. He said he intends to make a further search of the beach in the hope of uncovering other trinkets.

The Ban on Dancing

Quebec, February.—(Can. Press).—The exact bearing of the pastoral letter issued some time ago by Cardinal Beign regarding alleged lascivious dances, was further explained on a recent Sunday by Mgr. Laflamme, parish priest, at the Quebec Basilica, who warned the faithful against any light interpretation of the document, stating that the object was to bar these dances forever from the social life of Catholics.

Defining some parts of the important document, he stated that when it was issued it was regarded as urgent to do so in order to prevent further abuses. Though the edict had been generally well obeyed, some

people had commenced placing their own private interpretation on it. These people had apparently been under the impression that the letter meant only that such dances as were referred to had been banned. Mgr. Laflamme stated that such was not the case. Dances as described in the pastoral letter were forbidden as mortal sins. Dancing in homes was not allowed, even between relatives. In regard to man and wife, if they want to dance, they should not dance in public nor even before their children. Dancing between people of the same sex was also taboo.

The high waistline is new, but its devotees are rather few.

CATARRH!
For quick relief heat Minard's and inhale, splendid for cold in head, throat or chest.

MINARD'S LINIMENT

Ant's Brains Antics

Once, seeing an ant tugging a dead spider towards its nest, a scientist stuck a pin through the spider, pinning it to the ground. For fifteen long minutes the little ant tugged in vain before running home for help.

After a considerable interval, during which he was presumably convincing the sceptics of the value of his find, this ant emerged with seven companions. But alas, he could not entice them, and before they reached the pinned spider they turned back.

Meanwhile another ant from the same nest had discovered the spider and by hard tugs had pulled off a leg. With this he rushed off to the nest. The others, seeing documentary evidence, as it were, of the find, accompanied him with eagerness, and the united efforts of the band soon secured the carcass of the spider, writes Samuel Derieux, in "Animal Personalities."

Another man once tested the intelligence of ants in the following way. After repeatedly putting sugar on his window-ledge for them to find, he put some on a plate, and suspended the plate from the top of his window.

For a little while the ants contented themselves by running up the window casing and down the string, to seize a grain of sugar and string, and then down the casing again.

But presently one of them had a brain-wave. He deliberately pushed some sugar off the plate, on to the window ledge. In a trice a band went to work and very soon half a dozen ants were on the plate dumping the sugar over to the workers below.

Gold kasha cloth trims a three-piece suit of black satin.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
RIGHT'S DISORDER
DIABETES
1067 THE PHARMACY

Have you a Suit or Overcoat to make? We make a specialty of making up customers' worn goods at prices that are absolutely the lowest for first class work.

FARRELL THE TAILOR
Water St.—nov.17.11

By Rocket to the Moon

An effort to reach the moon by a rocket shot from the earth is in prospect, according to a statement by Professor R. H. Goddard, of Clark University.

Professor Goddard says: "There is but one more step before I can prepare a rocket for the flight. This step does not involve any unknown factors. The results of my investigations on high altitude rockets make it reasonably certain that I am opening a new field of scientific endeavor—namely, the investigation of space."

Professor Goddard added that a speed of six miles a second would be enough to free the projectile from the earth's attraction, and, once free, it would continue until it struck the moon, or something else, with enormous force. Professor Goddard used a velocity of a mile and a half per second. When the rocket is above the earth's atmosphere it would find travelling easier as the downward force of gravitation lessened.

Double rows of hemstitching are used on the vest of a frock of white crepe de chine.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR RESCUATION

Read—And Marvel

Wonders of Life You May Not Know About.

Many of us know, or have heard of people who become very fat. They eat even a small quantity of food. Very diverse foodstuffs—such as milk, meat and shrimps—often bring about same result.

A man's life has sometimes been endangered by eating some sort of the like which contained eggs well disguised to be detected by the tongue.

The "poisoning" is rarely done by fruits or vegetables. There are some people, however, who eat strawberries; and in one of the susceptible persons could strawberries provided they did come from a particular locality. Another important point is that bad effects are not due to any unwholesome in what is eaten.

In his book, "Everyday Biology" (Hodder and Stoughton), Prof. J. Arthur Thomson suggests the saying, "One man's food, another man's poison," is perhaps true on the foregoing facts. Here are more bits from his book:

Just as we can tell the age of a tree from the rings on the stem, so it has been found possible to read the story of individual fish by their scales. A fish keeps a record in its scales. In the case of the salmon we can tell from a scale how many years the fish remained in fresh water before it went to the sea, and how many years it remained feeding in the sea.

It often happens that modern man shows considerable deficiency in regard to the sense of smell, and is indeed the kindest way of accounting for his tolerance of stinks, when there is deficiency it is probably due to individual stimulation by odours like that tobacco than to any racial degeneration. There can be no doubt of continual nasal stimulation by strong odours such as that of meat may induce a state of insensibility to other odours, such as the odour of flowers.

In an intelligent mammal, the dog or a monkey, and still more in man, the cerebral hemisphere covers the other parts of the brain. There are about 1,700,000,000 cells living at present; but there are more than five times that number of cells in our cerebral cortex, though it only weighs about half an ounce.

The number is estimated at 200,000,000; and their interconnections are past telling. The cerebral hemispheres form the seats of memory, inference, attention, control, and the other higher faculties.

When we are walking at the rate of four miles an hour, only half a second elapses from the time the head is raised until the limb is swung forward and the foot is again placed on the ground. Yet in that half second fifty-four engines have been started and stopped, speeded up or slowed down a countless number of times.

When our left leg swings forward the whole weight of our body is supported on the round, slippery, ball-shaped head of the right thigh bone; it is balanced there by the muscles which surround the hip joint.

Moreover, there are 144 muscles attached to the vertebrae which support our backbone poles and keep it from swaying unduly backwards or forwards, to one side or the other, as we move.

Fine as our muscles are, they are surpassed by those of many of the lower animals. A buzzing fly attracts its wing-muscles over two hundred times a second!

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