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The Strange Discovery.

Pat's presence in the city was known to every member of the American Apaches through information she had flashed, by wireless, from the ship that brought her across the Atlantic. The "Queen of the Underworld," ruler of the Parisian Apaches, was to hold equal sway over the American band she had summoned to meet her.

The house she had taken as her temporary residence had been especially constructed for the American Apaches, and the first meeting of the clan had been appointed by Pat's wireless message. The day and hour was the same as that she had set for Kelly to call and redeem the string of pearls.

The Sphinx had called with the money, secured the pearls and had sent them by one of his men to Phillips, at his hotel. Then Kelly returned to the drawing room to learn, if he could, from Pat, the method by which she had smuggled the valuables ashore.

But now the room was empty, and realizing that he was again baffled by the clever girl, Kelly returned to his hotel.

When the fireplace and mantle slid noiselessly aside, propelled by the secret force Pat had applied, the girl stepped from the drawing room into a dark passage. When the fireplace slid back into place, a smile of satisfaction made even more beautiful the face of the daring girl.

"He'll be back to see me in a moment—and I'd like to see his look of surprise," said Pat to herself, as she moved for a few feet along the dark passage. When her hand struck against the fastenings of a door in the wall she rapped with her fist three times upon the iron surface and then swung open the heavy castings.

Masked men, to the number of a score, in long black cloaks and cowls, stood around a table in the center of an otherwise unfurnished room. The

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walls were blank and bare—all iron, worthy, in strength, of a fortress.

"Parisian Apaches send greetings by the Queen of the Underworld," was Pat's opening remark to the assembled men.

"The American Apaches make you their queen," was the laconic response of the spokesman for the crowd.

"Meetings here every day at high noon," said Pat. "We will assemble to-morrow."

Without further parley the men stood at silent salute while Pat withdrew from the assembly room the way she had entered.

Hardly had the queen of the American Apaches divested herself of the long cloak, the black tights and loose-fitting jacket completing her costume, when there was a knock at the drawing room door. Commanded to enter, the butler presented to Pat a business card on which was printed:

Robert Jackson—High-Speed Motors.

"Bring him in," said Pat.

Mr. Jackson appeared to be a fine type of American business man.

"My Paris representative has cabled me that you would arrive," said Mr. Jackson.

"I'm glad to see you," said Pat in most cordial greeting.

"My factory is building high-speed motors on war orders," Jackson resumed, "and I am extremely suspicious of treachery and the presence of spies. Your help is required."

Their further conference led to an agreement that Pat and some of her lieutenants should obtain employment in the Jackson factory.

At the meeting of the Apaches the next day, Pat delegated a few of her men to apply for work at the Jackson factory.

"If you find any spies trying to marry Jackson's war brides let me know," said Pat, "and I will quickly tell you what to do."

Thus it came about that several new hands were hired at Jackson's factory. Pat disguised herself in overalls and cap, assuming an air of listlessness that was designed to



Pat Disguised Herself in Overalls and Cap.

throw off any suspicion that might be directed toward her.

One day Pat noticed a pretty girl, accompanied by a fine-looking young chap, enter Jackson's private office. Pat's curiosity led her to an investigation she was not employed to make.

The Apache queen lingered in the outer office until she could think up some trivial thing that would take her within earshot of the conversation. Jack Elliott, superintendent of the factory, coming suddenly upon the girl as she was listening, gave her the surprise of her life.

"Look here, kid," said Elliott gruffly, "I don't know what the old man has you around here for, but I'm sure it's not to listen in on his private conversations."

"There's a whole lot you don't know," said Pat.

When Pat got the opportunity she asked Jackson who his visitors were and was informed that the girl was Mary MacLean, his niece, and that Wallace, Drew, the young man who had called with her, was paying court to the young lady.

"Well, I don't like Drew's looks, if you don't mind my saying so. And furthermore, I'm good to keep an eye on Elliott, your foreman. He may be all right, but I have my suspicions."

The Housewife's Corner

A COURSE IN HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE COMPLETE IN TWENTY-FIVE LESSONS.

Lesson VIII. Proteins.

Proteins are the foods we depend upon for body building and repairing waste tissue. Eighteen per cent. of the human body is composed of protein. It is one of the most important of the kinds of foods because it contains nitrogen, a body builder.

The chief proteins are meat, eggs, milk, grains, peas, beans and lentils. The compounds of protein are divided into three classes, viz., albumens, gelatinoids, and extractives.

Albumen in its purest form is found in the white of an egg, in the form of a thick, white, viscous liquid. Albumen is present in the casein of milk, and in meat. It is in the form of gluten in wheat and cereals, and as legumin in beans, peas and lentils. It dissolves readily in cold water and coagulates upon the application of heat. The white of egg coagulates or thickens at a temperature of 150 degrees. Cooking beyond 165 degrees of heat will toughen the albumen, making it difficult to digest. For this reason all egg and egg mixtures should be cooked in a slow, even heat.

Gelatinoids form the second class of protein compounds. Gelatin is found in the connective tissues, which are their leading constituent. It is also found in meat; tendons, cartilage and bone; and in all body tissues. They are a very important element in the body. The entire wall cells contain large proportions of gelatin.

Extractives form the third class of proteins. This extract is the flavoring which is found in foods. Great care must be taken while cooking foods that nothing impairs this flavor or destroys its value as an important element of nourishment. Extracts are soluble in cold water.

Meats.

In preparing meats for food, two methods are employed.

First, where it is the object to extract all the nutriment of the meat into the liquid or broth, as in soups, meat tea, and broths. The meat is cut into small pieces, added to cold water, and brought slowly to boiling point. Then it is allowed to simmer at a temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit. This method extracts all the nutriment from the meat.

Second, searing or coagulating the surface of the meat. The meat is placed in boiling water or steam for five or ten minutes and then processed at a simmering temperature. Or the surface of the meat is brought in contact with intense heat for the same purpose, coagulation, or searing the entire surface. It is then processed at a simmering temperature. This method preserves all the nutritious elements in the meat. The searing has the effect of preventing the loss of the meat juices.

Canning Recipes.

Beets.—Wash the beets and cook them until tender. Cold-dip and then remove the skins. Pack into sterilized jars. Fill the jars with boiling salt water. Place the rubber and lid in position. Partially tighten them and then process for one and one-fourth hours in a hot water bath after the water starts boiling. Remove from the bath and tighten the lids securely. Test for leaks and then store in a cool, dry place.

Greens.—Prepare and can as soon as you get them home. Sort and clean. Put in a colander; set colander over boiling water, and steam for 15 or 20 minutes. Remove. Plunge quickly into cold water. Cut in convenient lengths. Pack tight in jars and season to taste. Add hot water to fill crevices and a level teaspoon of salt to each quart jar. Place rubbers and tops in position and partially tighten. Place jars in kettle and boil gently for two hours. Remove from kettle. Tighten covers. Invert to cool and test for leakage. Wrap in paper to prevent bleaching, and store.

Watermelon Preserve.—Cut the melon in quarters and remove the seeds and the pulp carefully. Save all the liquid. Cut the red meat in small blocks. Measure and place in a preserving kettle. To four pounds of the red pulp add juice of two lemons, juice of two oranges, two pounds of seedless raisins, juice of watermelon. Place in a preserving kettle and cook until thick, adding the following spices, tied in a piece of cheesecloth: two teaspoonsful of ginger, one teaspoonful of nutmeg, two teaspoonsful of cinnamon, one-half

If Stomach Hurts Drink Hot Water

"If dyspepsia, suffering from gas, wind or flatulence, stomach acidity or sourness, gastric catarrh, heartburn, etc., would take a teaspoonful of pure bicarbonate of soda in half a glass of hot water immediately after eating, they would soon forget they were ever afflicted with stomach trouble, and doctors would have to look elsewhere for patients."

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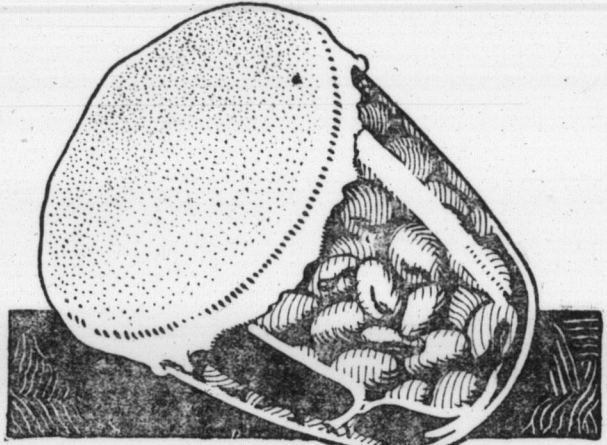
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NEWS BY MAIL FROM IRELAND'S SHORES.

Happenings in the Emerald Isle of Interest to Irishmen.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has appointed Thomas Bodkin to be a Governor and Guardian of the National Gallery of Ireland.

The Westmeath Rural Council has informed the Department of Agriculture that they have all the labor and machinery necessary to take off the harvest.

The High Sheriff presided at a meeting held in Ballina Town Hall, when 600 Certificates of Honor were presented to relatives of men who are on active service.

Mr. Foster, of the War Office, has promised Mr. Field, M.P., that the Government would soon begin the building of a depot in Dublin for Government stores.

The proprietor of a travelling picture show was fined £50 at the Cahill Petty Sessions for evading payment of the amusement tax.

The directors of the Ulster Bank have decided to convert the agency at Newtonhamilton, County Armagh, into a permanent branch.

About £3,000 were realized at a sale of works of art, held in Dublin, in aid of the Irish War Hospital Supply Depot and the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

A representative of the Department of Agriculture has taken possession of 1,000 acres of land in Roscommon County under the Compulsory Tillage Regulations.

The Chief Secretary of Ireland has given his approval to the scheme for the building of 88 cottages in the Boyne street area of Dublin.

The Athlone Rural Council have taken over the Tullywood bog to provide fuel at a nominal charge to the laborers and small farmers.

The falling off in the toll rents and customs at Athlone this year is due to the farmers refusing to sell their produce at Government prices.

Four valuable cattle, the property of Daniel Power, Ballydeck, died as a result of drinking a mixture which had been prepared for sheep-dipping.

A memorial service for those members of Trinity College, Dublin, who have fallen in the present war was held in the College Chapel recently.

A service in memory of the Derry officers and men who fell during the third year of the war, was held in Derry Cathedral on a recent Sunday.

The Dungannon Rural District Council have adopted a direct labor scheme which will effect an annual saving of £500 and increase the pay of laborers.

HIS MAJESTY'S TENANTS.

Queer Rents Which the Holders of Some British Estates Pay to King.

In June 18th, the date of Waterloo, the Duke of Wellington paid King George the rent for Strathfieldsaye, the estate presented to the Iron Duke for his great victory. The "rent," duly entered in the King's rent-book, is a miniature Napoleonic standard, which will rest for a year in the Guard Room at Windsor above the bust of Wellington.

The owner of the Foulis estates, in Scotland, pays rent to the King for these lands by sending him a bucketful of snow every year. As Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Britain, is handy, and as snow lies on it sometimes the whole year round, and always well into summer, a small bucketful can generally be obtained!

On the other hand, the tenant of Credenon, in Bucks, has to send a garland of roses to the King as rent for his estate every year. Doubtless he does the thing well—roses piled up and running over. It is more than probable that the Queen looks forward to this rose rent day!

The lord of the Manor of Addington has one of the most comical rents of all to pay, and if the King ever looks down his rent roll he must be hugely tickled, especially in these days of food shortage. The rent is a bowl of porridge. As the King is said not to appreciate porridge, perhaps the rent is winked at!

The holder of the Corbet estates undertakes to provide the King with a fitch of bacon during the whole time he is leading his troops in person. He has thus escaped rent since George II. led at Dettingen, for, though doubtless George V. would gladly lead his armies to battle, he knows it to be far wiser to leave it to the experts.

A short time ago the King's stock of fuel was increased by the addition of two faggots. These came from the Corporation of London as rent for certain lands. The City Remembrancer had duly to attend at the Law Courts with the faggots and get a quiet-receipt for them.

But the funniest of all rents on the King's rent-book is the one which insists on the holders of certain lands down Dover way holding the King's head when he is seck! As King George, like his great uncle, William IV., is a sailor King, and has travelled farther, by thousands of miles, than any monarch either of this or any other age, it is not likely that he will call on anybody to pay his curious rent.

For tourists' conveniences an English firm is compressing tea into blocks that resemble plug tobacco.