

Delicacy

Frenchman's...
Pomato, or the big white...
delicacy by nearly all French...
and not a few Britons, when it...
properly cooked with butter, garlic...
parsley and daintily served in a...
dish with scones in which each...
is a very tasty morsel.

It must not be thought that the finest...
these edible spalls are just picked...
anywhere and sent to the market...
they are. Small farms exist in...
parts of France, and especially...
the Burgundy hills, where the...
selection and fattening of...
has been brought to an...
art.

The small in its wild condition, live...
in grass, on shoddy banks and...
the vineyards, is hunted by school...
children, many of whom make quite a...
business profit on a wet and rainy...
afternoon when the molluscs are eas-...
ily found.

They are then taken to the small...
pens, where they are graded accord-...
ing to age and size and placed in spec-...
ial pens. Here they are given green...
of special delicacy, which in-...
cludes a number of fragrant plants...
not allowed to grow fat.

The last stage of fattening, which...
takes ten days, takes place when...
the molluscs of the snails are selected...
and fed with oatmeal. This not only...
softens the shell but softens its body...
retaining all the natural flavour...
excepted from the carefully chosen...
from which it has previously...
been freed.

Mr. Pomato greedily eats the oat-...
meal, not dreaming that this is the...
last meal it will ever have. When it...
is gorged itself for ten days it is...
then out and placed in great porce-...
laine rats with wired covers, where it...
is left to fast and clean itself before...
it is washed in brine and water and...
served.

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take a chance. Put WEED...
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them at Bowring's Hardware De-...
partment.—Dec 17, 1925

Do You Read in Bed?

The traditional danger of going to...
sleep with the candle alight is not...
a chief or only harmful factor of...
the "reading-in-bed" habit.

Often the reader lies on the side...
with the eyes and books are slant-...
ing to each other. To attempt to...
read in this position is extremely...
harmful to the sight even in the best...
lights and should be avoided at all...
costs.

Print And Eyes Parallel.

You must read in bed, see that the...
light is good and that the print of...
the book and your eyes are parallel...
and not too close together—another...
valuable danger. To achieve this...
with the most comfort you must have...
your back with the light from be-...
hind.

Inducing Wrinkles.

Remember that any straining of the...
eyes tends to produce those fine wrin-...
kles of the skin round the eyes, prob-...
ably as potent a reason as any—for...
wrinkles especially—for being careful.

To try and read by the light of only...
one candle is too hard work for any...
pair of eyes; have two or more. Bet-...
ter still, use a lamp or a soft electric...
light which would not flicker. In any...
case, the print you read should be...
parallel to the eyes.

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are formed of teeth of various depths...
narrow cutting tooth first makes a...
preliminary channel, then a broader...
one, following accurately in its...
path, shears out a little metal on...
each side. The next tooth broadens...
the smooths out the grooves and the...
operation continues in the same way un-...
til the thread is finished cleanly and...
accurately.

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Thirty Million Dollars Deficit
United States Shipping Lines Suffered Heavy Losses During Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Shipping Board, in its ninth annual report made public here, shows among other things that it has reduced the total losses for fleet operation from about \$41,000,000 in the fiscal year 1924 to about \$30,000,000 in 1925, and that it has proceeded with the liquidation of claims and settlement of counter-claims netting \$43,853,325. It tells of the reduction of the number of operating managers of Shipping Board vessels. Government aid of some kind is advocated to insure the continued existence of the American Merchant Marine.

The report shows that the trend of American shipping since 1923 has been downward, while the trend of British shipping has been slowly upward. Among the recommendations made in the report is one for the construction of two vessels of the same type as the George Washington, to be operated with the Leviathan in the North Atlantic service. Increase in the service of the United States Lines is proposed despite a loss of \$2,515,862.95 by those lines. On the subject of Government aid, the report says: "Government aid alone, either through preferential tariff duties, preferential tonnage dues, or subsidies more or less direct, can secure the operation and continued existence of an adequate number of American merchant ships under private ownership."

"Provision should be made for a permanent merchant fleet, to be built in American yards and maintained and operated by American labor, the purpose which Congress had in mind and which it supposed it had accomplished when it enacted the law of 1920 and created the present Shipping Board."

"If the law which already provides for one form of Government aid is not to be utilized, then a substitute should be provided, but whatever form of aid is given, it should not be to special services, but should be general in its provisions, so that any American shipping firm willing to undertake the building and operation of American ships will be entitled to the same aid and the same opportunities to secure that aid that any other concern may have."

"About 80 per cent. of American tonnage in operating on overseas routes is Government-owned. Half the remaining 20 per cent. is owned by industrial carriers not employed to any considerable degree in the competitive field. Conditions have been such that practically all American flag services, other than those operated as industrial carriers, would have to be abandoned to foreign ships if they were not maintained by the Government."

The report goes on to outline the Shipping Board's policy of increasing the efficiency of ship operation by the consolidation of routes and management, elimination of duplication, protection against foreign alliances and other means.

New Engines for Motor Railways

While the efficiency and economy of the motor-ship at sea long has suggested the advantage of motor-locomotives, the chief drawback to practical use of the internal-combustion engine on our railways has been its lack of flexibility. In other words, because it is essentially a one-speed engine, it is found incapable of widely varying output of power to meet changing demands. Though remarkably economical on ordinary stretches of road, the motor-locomotive cannot start a heavy train unassisted or climb a steep incline.

Three of the most recent attempts to remedy this difficulty by auxiliary steam or electrical transmission were shown recently in Popular Science. The locomotive has just been completed for the Russian Government at the Hohenzollern Works in Germany. It employs electrical transmission, with five driving motors, placed one in front of each pair of wheels.

A 1200-horsepower Diesel submarine engine forms the main power plant. The radiators are adequate only in cold weather. In warm weather a cooling tender must be added. While electrical transmission is found to involve a loss of 30 per cent. in efficiency, this machine is said to be remarkably easy to control.

The other two locomotives both use steam as the auxiliary, one being designed in France and the other in England. In each case steam acting below the pistons in the cylinders, starts the locomotive. After the necessary speed has been reached, the steam is used in combination with oil.

600 Ways to Curl Hair

Six hundred patents for new devices to meet the age-old desire of women for curly hair have been issued by the U.S. Patent Office. These devices include methods of waving hair by means of hot air and steam, by ironing, by combs and curlers, and by

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