

About the House

WHAT TO DO WITH PEACHES.

Peach Bavarian Cream—Ten fresh peaches, half a pint of cold water, one pint of cream, half a box of gelatin...

Peach Fritters—Either the fresh or canned peaches may be used. They should be cooked in deep fat...

Simple Peach Pudding—Line a deep glass dish with thick slices of sponge cake, soaked in sherry...

Peach Cream Pudding—One quart of pared and sliced peaches, three eggs, one pint of milk, three-quarters of a cup of sugar...

Peach and Rice Pudding—One dozen large peaches, scant half cup of rice, two cups of sugar, cup and a half of cold water...

Peach Mousse—Use very ripe fruit. Peel and slice enough to make a quart. Rub them through a strainer...

of the fruit, shaping it into a tapering mold. On the top layer put four more pieces of peach...

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Notes of Interest About Some Prominent People.

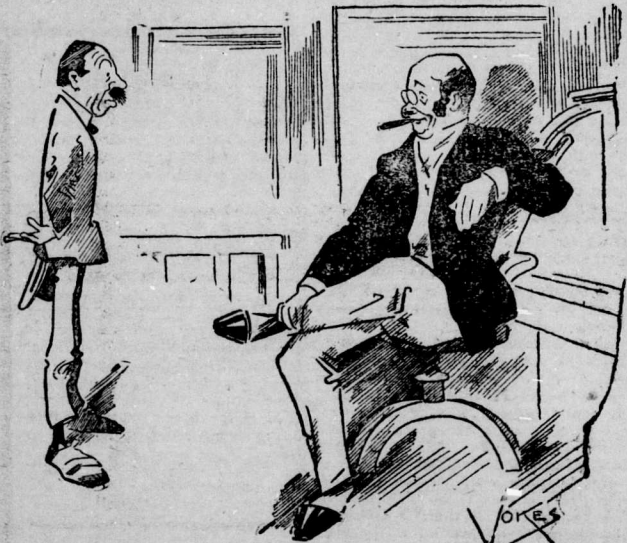
Mr. Seddon kept for many years the first nugget of New Zealand gold which he unearthed in his digger days. When the Earl of Onslow was Governor of the Colony...

FROM A WORN TABLECLOTH. With many of us it is a domestic tragedy when the best tablecloth ends an honored existence. Of course in the hands of a thrifty housekeeper this is not until its spotted surface has been adorned with sundry bits of embroidery...

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS. Laces that are only slightly soiled may be rubbed with magnesia and left overnight in the powder. It adds to the efficiency to lay a book weight of some kind on the lace...

HARD SOAP. Place a gallon of good soft soap in a kettle to boil, stir in a pint measure level full of common salt...

HOW THEY COMPARE. The Scotsman earns on the average £45 a year, the Englishman £38, and the Irishman £20. Scotland spends £3 per head per year for upkeep of police, roads, bridges, harbors, education, etc.



TOO FAR FOR HIM.

Superintendent of the R. R. Co.—So you want a job as fireman, eh? Applicant—Yes, sir. Superintendent—I'll have to ask you a few questions. How far is it to the North Pole? Applicant—Gee whizz! If you're going to put me on that line I don't want the job.

SIGN YOUR LETTERS.

Many People Write Letters and For get the Signatures.

"Many people write letters that they forget to sign," said a postoffice clerk. "People come to us every day with such letters in the hope that they may be able to trace the writers."

"A certain business house in this city brought in a letter one day minus the signature and containing a ten dollar bill to pay for certain goods ordered. It came from a village in the interior of the state, and was sent to the postmaster of the place, with the request that he ascertain the name of the writer, if possible. He failed to do so, and the matter rested for some time. One day we received a letter from the same town asking us as to the reliability of the firm to which the letter had been written, saying that the writer had sent the firm money for an order of goods and had received no reply. It turned out to be the person we were in search of, and the mistake was explained. But this was an exceptional case."

Premature Anxiety. "A long time ago, when trains traveled more slowly than they do now and 'way' trains were more common, two high railway officials got on a train at Philadelphia, intending to ride out about thirty miles, said an old railroad conductor. They had a lot to say to each other, and the train, which stopped at every woodpile, worried them a good deal."

The Old Surf Bath. It is not so many years ago when surf bathing of a very primitive kind prevailed at the eastern end of Long Island and, for aught I know, at other points. Every Saturday morning or afternoon, as the tide willed, throngs of the summer big farm wagons trundled down to the beach and were swung around abreast of the line of breakers.

Legs That Hear. One of the strangest and most unexpected of the uses to which we could imagine a leg as being put is that of an organ of hearing. Yet such seems to be one at least of the functions of the fore legs in the cricket.

All He Wanted to Know. "My dear," he said softly. "Well?" she returned, with some asperity. "There is just one thing I desire to know in order to be contented with my lot."

Artificial Flymaking. The trade of artificial flymaking is the lightest fingered business in the world, and it is not one man or woman out of 5,000 who can learn to tie flies. These tyers are remarkable for their beauty and delicacy of their hands, and only the cleverest of fingers can deal with the "niggling" work of knotting hairs that can hardly be seen.

Thoughtful. "Well, he's a very thoughtful and good hearted fellow anyway." "I can't see it. I was at his home yesterday, and it never occurred to him to ask me to stay to dinner."

Willie's Query. Little Willie—Say, pa, this book says nature never wastes anything. Pa—I guess that's right, my son. Willie—Then what's the use of a cow having two horns when she can't even play on one?

Counterbalanced. Mr. Brown—Darling, your butcher gives you short weight for your money. Mrs. Brown—But consider, my dear, the long wait you give him for his— Illustrated Bits.

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GULF STREAM MARKS.

The Course of the Flow Through the Ocean Plainly Indicated.

The color of the stream is perceptibly deeper blue than that of the neighboring sea, this blueness forming one of the standard references of the nautical novelists. The depth of color is due to the high percentage of salt contained as compared with the cold green water of higher latitudes, observation having shown that the more salt water in solution by sea water the more intensely blue is its color. Thus even in extratropical latitudes, we sometimes observe water of a beautiful blue color, as for instance, in the Mediterranean and in other nearly landlocked basins, where the influx of fresher water, being more or less impeded, the percentage of salt contained is raised by evaporation above the average, says the National Geographic Magazine.

Another important fact in connection with the stream is its almost tropical temperature, due to the fact that its high velocity enables it to reach the middle latitudes with very little loss of heat. Upon entering its limits the temperature of the sea water frequently shows a rise of ten degrees and even fifteen degrees. It was this fact that gave to the stream in the later years of the eighteenth century and the earlier years of the nineteenth an importance in the minds of navigators that it no longer possesses. In those days the chronometer, invented by Harrison in 1765, was still an experiment. Instruments were crude and nautical tables often faulty.

The result was that the determination of the longitude was largely a matter of guesswork, a vessel after a voyage from the channel to America often being out of her reckoning by degrees instead of by minutes. The idea, first suggested by Benjamin Franklin, that the master of a vessel, by observing the temperature of the surface water, could tell the moment of his entry into the gulf stream and could hence fix his position to within a few miles was hailed with delight.

The method was published in 1790 by Jonathan Williams in a work lengthily entitled "Thermometrical Navigation: Being a series of experiments and observations tending to prove that by ascertaining the relative heat of the sea water from time to time the passage of a ship through the gulf stream and from deep water into soundings may be discovered in time to avoid danger." In this work he makes a patriotic comparison of the gulf stream to a streak of red, white and blue, painted upon the surface of the sea for the guidance of American navigators.

Don't Be a Second Class Man.

You can hardly imagine a boy saying: "I am going to be a second class man. I don't want to be first class and get the good jobs, the high pay. Second class jobs are good enough for me." Such a boy would be regarded as lacking in good sense if not in sanity. You can get to be a second class man, however, by not trying to be a first class one. Thousands do that all the time, so that second class men are a drug on the market, remarks Success.

Second class things are only wanted when first class can't be had. You wear first class clothes if you can pay for them, eat first class butter, first class meat and first class bread, or, if you don't, you wish you could. Second class men are no more wanted than any other second class commodity. They are taken and used when the better article is scarce or is too high priced for the occasion. For work that really amounts to anything first class men are wanted.

The Home of England's Wealth.

The Bank of England generally contains sufficient gold in sixteen pound bars to make 20,000,000 sovereigns. The bank, which stands in three parishes, covers three acres of ground and, as the current price of land in the vicinity works out at £1,000,000 an acre, it is easy to form an idea of the money value of England's wealth. The ratable value is about £1,000 a week. The bank employs about 1,000 people, pays a quarter of a million a year in wages and £35,000 a year in pensions. There are £25,000,000 worth of notes in circulation which have been handed over the bank's counter.—London Globe.

Starting the Conversation.

"I don't know what the trouble is," said the hostess in a tone of great annoyance. "My guests seem very distant and unsocial. I wish I could think of some way to start them talking to one another."

"That's very easily done," answered Miss Cayenne. "Is there a musician present?" "Yes." "Get him to play or sing something."

The Lapse of Time.

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A Soft Answer.

"Keep yer temper, laddie. Never quarrel wif an angry person, especially a woman. Mind ye, a soft answer's a best. It's commanded, and, forye, I makes them far madder than anything else ye could say."—London Tit-Bits.

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INFAMY'S SUCCESS.

Bit of Buccaneer History Connected With a Havana Theater.

The Tacon theater in Havana, one of the largest and most famous in the western hemisphere, was built by an old reprobate, Marti, who was a notorious pirate in his day and obtained immunity for himself by betraying his comrades into the hands of the Spanish authorities. One dark and rainy night Marti slipped by the sentry guarding the palace in Havana and entered the apartments of the captain general, who was writing at a table. When the governor general raised his eyes, and saw the cloaked figure before him, he reached for the bell.

"Stop, your excellency!" cried the stranger. "I am here on a desperate enterprise. I have come to deliver into your hands every pirate of the Cuban coast upon one condition—a pardon for myself."

"You shall have it," was the answer. "But who are you?" "I am Marti, and I rely upon the promise you have given me."

Preparatory to this interview Marti had appointed a rendezvous for the different bands, to which he conducted the Spanish force, and every pirate was captured and righteously garroted. As for Marti, he was not only pardoned, but was given a monopoly of the sale of fish in Havana, which made him a rich and thus eminently respected citizen, who ended his days in the odor of sanctity.

The World's Greatest Choir.

Russia boasts of the world's greatest choir. It is in the cathedral of Alexander Nevski in St. Petersburg and is attached to a convent erected in honor of the patron saint of Russia. Its members are all monks chosen from the best voices in all the Russian monasteries. With a fine singer appears among the novitiates, he is sent to the monastery of Alexander Nevski, where he is trained as carefully as an opera singer and remains there, doing nothing except assisting at the music at mass in the morning and vespers in the afternoon until he becomes aged, when he retires on a pension. Some of the voices are of marvelous strength and sweetness, and it is said that some members of the choir can shatter a thin glass into fragments by singing into it, so powerful are the vibrations of their tones. The monks are all vegetarians. They never eat meat. The rules of the church forbid them to shave, and their hair is worn like a woman's.

The Jellyfish.

The bay of Naples abounds in medusa or jellyfish, often growing as large as two feet in diameter and weighing fifty and sixty pounds. Some of them shine at night with a greenish light and are known as "noctiluca" (night lanterns) by the natives. The jellyfish sometimes make migrations in great groups, sometimes so large and so thick as to impede the navigation of vessels, like the floating plants in the Sargasso sea of the tropics. These shoals of medusa, as they are called, may be so dense that a piece of timber plunged in among them will be held upright as if stuck in the mud, and ordinary rowboats cannot force their way through them. Their migrations have never been explained. They are irregular and occur at no particular season of the year and under no particular influences.

What Some Names Mean.

The following gives the meaning of the names of the principal highland clans in Scotland: Mcintosh, the son of the First. McDonald, the son of Brown Eyes. McDougal, the son of Black Eyes. McConnelly, or Duncan, the son of Brown Head. McGreer, the son of a Greek man. McCreithbert, the son of the Arch-Druid. McKay, son of the Prophet. Campbell, Crooked Mouth. Cameron, Crooked Nose. Stewart, His Stay or Support.

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