

His Mother-in-law

"You've come, have you," said my mother-in-law, in a deep voice as she stood on the threshold grimly surveying me with eyes that shone like hard, greenish-blue gooseberries, behind her spectacles. For such modern trifles as eyeglasses were as unsuited to my mother-in-law's fine Roman nose, as a point-lace collar would be to the Venus de Milo. I could feel her glance penetrate to the very marrow of my bones, and yet I contrived to keep a bold, front as I stood facing her.

HOUSEHOLD.

CAKE MAKING. First of all, look over your receipt and see that everything it calls for is in the house. Use only the best flour, and sift it before either weighing or measuring it. Allow it to sun at least an hour before you are ready for it. The butter must be only the very best, and all the salt washed out of it. Use a wooden spoon for mixing, and line your cake-pan with greased paper. Everything depends upon the baking. The fire should be moderate, but sufficient to cook through the entire baking. If it browns before rising, the oven is too hot. You do not require as hot an oven as for bread. An authority says that cakes bake in about eighteen minutes; thicker ones in about half an hour; thick loaves in an hour, and fruit cake requires nearly three hours, according to size.

THE RETIRED BURGLAR.

HIS ENFORCED STAY IN A CLOSET IN WHICH HE HAD HIDDEN. Another Lucky Escape of This Enterprising Gentleman—Heard a Story Read Before It Was Published—An Amusing Experience Well Told. "Maybe you remember my telling you," said the retired burglar, "about the easy time I had once in a house in a thunderstorm, where the folks all hid in a closet and left the house to me? But I had an experience in a house once, with a closet mixed up in it, that wasn't so pleasant. This time I was in the closet and somebody else was outside.

ROSES AND VIOLETS.

The delicate pink of the Rothschild rose is composed of the bodies of thousands of the identical microbes which bring death through consumption to so many of our friends and relatives. The violet and pansy get their color from the cancer microbes, the tulip from the scarlet-fever bacillus. Likewise, every time you inhale the scent of any flower you are in reality gulping down mouthful after mouthful of the most terrible poisons. There is no way of disinfecting flowers, as they are actually composed of microbes, and if you take the latter away no flower is left.

TELEGRAPHY ON THE CONGO.

It is Now in Operation for More Than 800 Miles Up the River. A cablegram from the Congo the other day said the telegraph had been stretched along the river as far as Equatorville, the station on the left bank of the river where the equator crosses the Congo. There is now telegraphic communication from Banana, at the mouth of the river, to every station on the Free State for 830 miles inland. The line is to be pushed right up the river until it places all the white stations on its banks in communication with one another.

HERO OF ELANDSLA:GTE.

Probably, writes former Major Tappin, in the Cape Times, the real hero of Elandsdla:gte will prove to be Lieut. Micklejohn, of the Gordon Highlanders. This young officer, one of the "Barge Boys," helped the charge in an endeavor to embrace the Boer flank. Supported by a party of Gordons, says that paper, Micklejohn, waved his sword and cried out to his party haltingly gathered round him. But the Boer ranks were alert, and poured in a deadly fire on the gallant band. Lieut. Micklejohn was killed three times through his upper right arm, once through the right forearm, a finger blown away a bullet through the left thigh, two bullets through the helmet, a "snick" in the neck and his sword and scabbard were literally shot to pieces. He has by now lost his right arm, but, happily, being left-handed, we may hope for his continuance as the valiant commissioned officer he is.

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