

Rosa Mystica.

BY FELIX J. O'NEILL.

And sought a flower queenly,
With petals spun from grace.
To breathe a special perfume
To fill a special place.

Not like the pink and pansy,
To deck our planet's breast,
But for a role sublimer
This blossom must be dress.

He walked amid the field-flowers
His hand could pull but one
With petals pure and fitting
To wrap his infant Son.

Selected Receipts.

OYSTER SAUCE.—One half pint of oysters, one pint of boiling water; boil three minutes, skim well; stir in one-half cup of butter, beaten to a cream with a tablespoonful of flour; let come to a boil; serve with boiled turkey.

PEPPERMINT DROPS.—Make by stirring into the juice of one lemon all the sugar possible, and flavoring with few drops of oil of peppermint. The white of an egg may be used instead of lemon juice. Drop on white paper and dry at a little distance from the fire.

PINEAPPLE CREAM.—Line a dish with slices of stale cake, cover with slices of pineapple, peeled and the "eyes" removed, powder thickly with sugar. Pile high on the top layer sweetened cream whipped very stiffly, and place all on the ice until removed to the table. If preferred, the cream may be served on a separate dish.

TO KEEP BOILED MEAT PALATABLE.—There is a simple treatment of boiled meat which keeps it palatable. If you wish to cut the meat when hot after dinner plunge it again in boiling water or in the water it was cooked brought again to a boiling point, and there let it remain until cold. You will find that it will thus absorb enough moisture to keep it tender and juicy. Do not place it in the refrigerator warm.

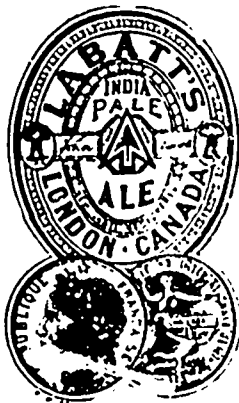
QUEEN OMELETTE.—A delicious omelette may be made by this receipt: Into a quarter of a pound of dry-sifted flour, mix one tablespoonful of herbs so finely minced as to be almost powder, a little salt, cayenne pepper and a salt-spoonful of powdered sugar. Beat three eggs very light, and add to them one teaspoonful of mushroom catsup, the juice of two large tomatoes, and a cup of warm milk; stir in the flour by degrees and fry to a delicate brown. This amount will make two omelettes.

What Shall we put in Place of the Saloon?

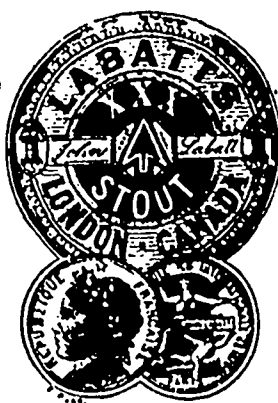
If you destroy the saloon, what will you put in the place of it? Nothing, gentlemen conservatives—absolutely nothing. If I kill a rattlesnake, I am in no fever to make his place good in the general economy of nature. The saloon is just as deadly a foe to the moral world. Believe me, my brother temperance reformers, our sole business is to kill that snake. This maudlin plea that workingmen must have some refuge from their miserable homes breaks down the moment you think of the women and children in those same miserable homes. If we address ourselves to any phase of this problem, it will not be to furnish places to draw off the men by themselves, but to make the homes places where the entire family can live in normal decency and comfort. The saloon is always and everywhere the deadly foe of the home. It would be poor business for reformers to replace it by some device which perpetuates one of its worst features—the falling away of the men of the family to a life of separate masculine amusement and indulgences. —Rev. Dr. J. H. Enoch in the Outlook.

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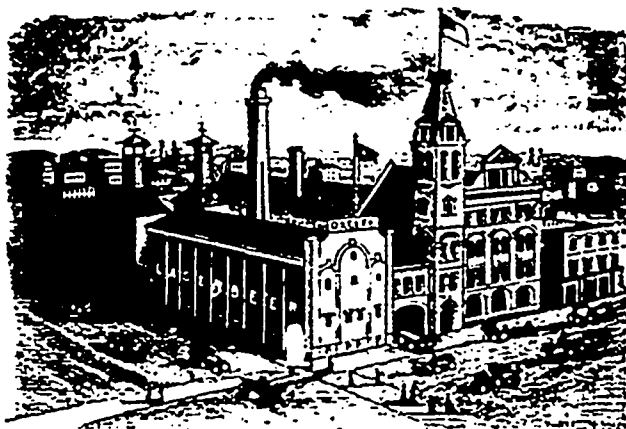
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