

is a stream of settlers and investors which seems to be increasing in volume. Moreover, Japanese, Chinese, Syrians, and other classes of immigrants are pouring in, until it looks as if Mexico would have to face civil and industrial problems like those of the United States. With the ensuing industrial development, there is great interest shown in educational development. This education, however, is entirely irreligious, and it is a lamentable fact that many of the rising generations are rather proud of the fact that they have no religion. Mere boys boast of being freethinkers. The need of religious schools and teaching to supplement the public education grows with the rapid development of the country.

The missionaries of the Breklum and of the Gossner Missionary Society send touching accounts of the famine in the district of India where they are laboring. One of them writes: 'We are face to face with a gloomy chapter in the history of India. The harvest is a total loss in many places. Already now, in the middle of the harvest, the prices are higher than they were during the great famine of seven years ago. There will be much suffering and many deaths.' Another missionary says: 'First the rain fell in torrents for many weeks, so that the rice was drowned upon the flooded fields in many places. Then the weather suddenly became clear, and from a cloudless sky the burning Indian sun shone upon the little seed which was left in the fields. Soon the earth was baked and hardened, the plants were burned, and the greater part of the expected harvest was destroyed. Since the extent of this failure of the harvest is great, famine must follow.' Another missionary sorrowfully complains that with the famine sickness is increasing everywhere and that bands of robbers are beginning to steal and plunder in the famine districts. Missionary Jeschke writes from Khutitoli, 'The price of rice is so high that our native Christians have had little to eat during the rainy season. Often I found the people sitting before their door at meal-time, while the children were crying within the house. My anxious question, why the children were crying, brought the answer, 'We have nothing to eat and our children cry, because they are hungry.' I have found people who had not touched rice for weeks. They had been living on leaves, roots, bulbs, young bamboo-shoots, and different kinds of fungi which they boil and, often reluctantly eat.'—'The Missionary Review of the World.'

**Amusing the Children.**

A successful indoor game for children, of from 7 to 12 years of age, is made by means of the famous barley candies, says 'Good Housekeeping.' These represent both animals and toys and are very inexpensive as well as wholesome. The game consists in putting several of these candies into a dish and covering the whole with a napkin. Each child comes forward in turn, draws a candy, concealing it from his comrades. He then retires to an adjoining room, examines his candy and decides how best to act out what it represents. He comes back to the room and acts it, the other children guessing what he represents. At the end, the children vote as to who was the most successful in his acting, and a simple prize is his reward. I remember one child who drew a candy cat; instead of meowing as might have been expected, she curled herself up in a little heap, began to purr and lick her paws and wags her face in a very clever imitation. The children were all delighted, and she received the prize.

**Selected Recipes.**

**BUTTERED APPLES.**—Pare and core eight tart cooking apples. Put them in a baking dish, filling each hollow with sugar mixed with a tiny pinch of nutmeg or cinnamon, or stick a whole clove in centre of each. As the apples cook gently in the oven, baste them well with melted butter mixed with a little boiling water. Keep the apples covered. Make a syrup of one cup sugar, half a cup water and small pieces of cinnamon stick

Boil five minutes and when the apples are tender, but not broken, lift them carefully into a dish and pour the syrup over them.

**DUTCH CREAM NUT CANDY.**—Stir together two cups of brown sugar, two cups of white granulated sugar, one cup of sugar house syrup, one and one-half cups of cream. Boil the mixture until it hardens in cold water, but is not brittle. Then add about one teaspoonful of vanilla extract, and stir in the nuts. Hickory nuts are best, but almonds, blanched, will do. Remove from the stove and beat till it grows very stiff.

**RICE PAR EXCELLENCE.**—Wash a cup of rice through plenty of cold water; then boil in three pints of salted water for twenty or thirty minutes. Pour into the colander and drain; then turn into a well buttered hot saucepan; spread a large tablespoonful of butter over the top and cover with a hot lid and place in the oven, let remain until rice is well dried and swollen; turn into a heated dish and serve.

**VEAL LOAF.**—Set aside to cool a pound of lean veal which has been boiled in just enough water to cover it. Boil down the liquor while the veal is cooling. Add celery, salt the grated peel of a lemon and the juice, and salt and pepper. Chop the veal and add a cupful of chopped ham. Cover all with the liquor in which the veal was cooked and turn

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