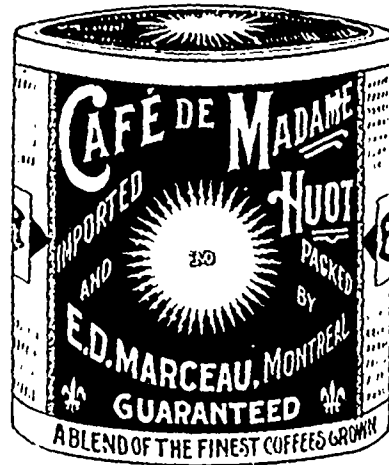


HE PUZZLED THE CHEF.

JACQUES, the maitre d' hotel of the Carlton Hotel, one day in discussion with the chef, was assured by the latter that he could smell and taste any dish and indicate precisely of what it was composed. Jacques declared he could get up a dish and so spice and disguise it that the chef could not name the principal ingredient. A wager ensued. When the chef was taking a half-holiday, Jacques put his wits to work and concocted a ragout. When the chef returned the stewpan was placed before him for critical examination. He tasted it, smacked his lips, cocked his eye, tasted again, smelt it—another taste. Alas! it was redolent of rich odors, the sauce was so artistically blended, the meat was so soft, so tender. What could it be—a wondrously prepared tripe? No! Calf's head in a new form? No! A new brand of macaroni? A thousand times no! The chef, in despair, at last reluctantly gave up guessing. Then Jacques owned up. It was a pair of old white kid gloves cut into strips and stewed in a sauce that artfully seasoned them out of all human recognition. The great chef paid up and acknowledged that for once he was beaten. Jacques spent the wager right nobly. He invited the whole kitchen—marmitons and dish-washers included—to partake of a case of Moet and Chandon (1893) when the work of the day was done, and threw in a box of prime cigars that the convives might blow a cloud on their way home.



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