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About the House.

SALT IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

Besides being a necessary ingredient in many kinds of cookery, an appetizing addition to the many articles of raw food and the prime necessity in catching a bird, the laundress puts a trifle of salt in her wash, adds it in larger quantity to the water in which she washes gingham and other colored fabrics, rubs it well into the spots where oxalic acid has been applied to remove iron stain to neutralize the acid or smooths the flannel by rubbing it upon salt, sprinkled on a bit of paper.

The housewife adds a pinch of salt to the water in her bouquet boiler that the flowers may retain their freshness; scours the tea or coffee stains from the cups with it; has a portion put in whitewash to make it adhere more closely to the surface where applied; obtains a good result by throwing a handful into the coal fire with no explosive result; if the wood fire gets beyond her control and the chimney catches fire, a quantity thrown into the stove serves as a damper to the flames; if the brick gives way in her cooking range a paste of equal parts of salt and wood ashes mixed with cold water and given a little time to harden will support the hearth; for cleaning every article of brass or copper salt with vinegar or a slice of lemon is called into use, and is followed by brick, polishing with a soft dry towel.

In the nurse's department the "home doctor" applies the strong solution of salt and vinegar to the sprain; the heated salt bags, or salt mingled with hops, for the relief of severe pain; for a sprain on the back he rubs together salt and yolk of an egg; for inflamed eyelids or slight spots of skin poisoning, uses the weak solution of salt water; applies dry salt as a dentrifice, cleansing the gums; as a dry shampoo, rubbing salt into the hair to be combed out in the morning, leaving a clean scalp; administers salt for hemorrhage of the lungs or stomach; or a spoonful in a glass of cold water for the present; rootings in the cradle of the deep.

"That man you went up to clean the house is awfully stylish, Harry." "Does he wear a silk hat?" "No, but he beats the carpet with a golf-club."

"I've got a bright idea, George." "Exclaimed the maiden fair To the young man by her side, Don't you believe in the saying that 'No doubt,' will he, and I'm sure, If you would consent to go With me and face the minister, 'Til have a bright-eyed one, ah!"

When a man gets in the swim he shouldn't splash too much of his joy on the people on the bank. Ignorance isn't bliss when a man has to make his mark in the world because of his inability to write his name.

Wife—"Is Mr. Griggison a good story-teller?" Husband—"Fine! He has been married eight years, and his wife believes everything he says." "How long has he been married?" "Eight years." "Does he tell any good stories?" "Yes, he does. He tells the story of the man who was married eight years, and his wife believes everything he says."

Mother—"I am afraid Mr. Criswick is not serious in his intentions." Daughter—"He is awfully bashful, you know; but he is offering himself placemant. Last night he wanted me to take his arm."

A ROYAL WEDDING. The King's Bride Revered the Old Customs of Her People. The marriage of the King of Servia to Fran Draga Maschia was celebrated according to ancient Servian customs, the quaintness of the newly made bride entrance into her husband's house is worth noting.

As the queen descended from the carriage at the main entrance, a piece of white linen, woven in the country, was spread upon the ground. This was rolled up after the bride had crossed it, in order that no other foot might tread upon it. From this linen night garments were prepared for the king and queen. At the entrance her aunt presented a sieve of wheat corn, of which the queen took three handfuls, threw the corn over her head, and then emptied the sieve upon the ground. On the threshold a plate of bonbons was presented to the bride. One of these she placed between her lips, while the other half was bitten off by the king. The setting of the crown denoted that the bride brings joy and prosperity into her new home, and the divided bonbon that no bitterness shall divide them.

The bridegroom then took into his arms a newborn boy, kissed him, and laid him in the arms of the queen, who, after kissing him three times, and raising him high above her head, restored him to his mother with a present of a new shirt. This child is called "the most essential," the symbolic act signifying that, for a newly married pair, the most necessary thing to have in the house is a child. For this special ceremony the minister, Lazar Popovic, lent his new born son.

After all these ceremonies the queen still stood outside, nor could she enter the konak until she had placed two loaves of bread beneath her arms and taken a bottle of wine into her hands. With these emblems she crossed, at length, the threshold of her future home. At the first meal of the newly married pair bread and wine must be taken by both to denote that henceforward all they have shall be equally divided between them, and that their married life shall be passed in unity and fidelity.

THE SCENT OF THE ONION.

By Any Other Name 'T would He as Far From Sweet.

It is interesting to make inquiry into the cause of this unfortunate quality of the onion. It is simply due to the presence in some quantity of another mineral matter in the bulb-sulphur. It is this sulphur that gives the onion its germ-killing property and makes the bulb so very useful a medicinal agent at all times, but especially in the spring, which is the season for taking brimstone and treacle in old-fashioned houses before sulphur tablets came into vogue.

Now, sulphur, when united to hydrogen, one of the gases of water, forms sulphuretted hydrogen and then becomes a foul-smelling, well-nigh a fetid, compound. The onion, being so juicy, has a very large percentage of water in its tissues, and this combining with the sulphur, forms the strongly scented and offensive substance called sulphuretted allyls, which is found in all the alliums.

This sulphuretted allyls mingles more especially with the volatile or aromatic oil of the onion; it is identical with the malodorous principle found in nasturtium, which is almost the symbol of all smells that are nasty. The horseradish, so much liked with roast beef for its keen and biting property, and the ordinary mustard of our tables both owe their strongly stimulative properties to the same sulphuretted allyls, which gives them heat and acridity, but not an offensive smell, owing to the different arrangements of the atoms in their volatile oils.

This brings us to the most curious fact in nature, that most strangely yet most certainly constructs all vegetable volatile oils, in exactly the same way—composes them all, whether they are the aromatic essences of cloves, oranges, lemons, cinnamon, rose, thyme, verbena, turpentine or onion, of nearly the same proportions, which are 81.4 of carbon to 11.4 of hydrogen, and obtains all the vast seeming diversities that our nostrils detect in their scent simply by a different arrangement of the atoms in each vegetable oil. Oxygen alters some of the hydro-carbons; sulphur others.

FLASHES OF FUN. Compensation.—Overton—I find nowadays that if a man wants to marry a girl he has to work till he gets her. Dashiway—But if it's the right girl he doesn't have to work afterwards. His Reason.—Cossigan—Casey hasn't drank a drop since he took out the accident, policy. Cassidy—Who?

Cossigan—He see he's noticed that it's always sober men that get hurt. I suppose you have been a good boy, said the youngster's uncle. Well, as the answer. I haven't had to be as anxious as usual. You see, we only have one circus summer nowadays.

Jones—She's a fine looking woman; and she's such a splendid carriage she has! Smith—Splendid carriage! Guess there's some mistake. Never knew her to ride in anything but the trolley cars.

What are you buying all those trusses for? Doctor's orders. He tells me I need a little recreation and insists that I should go duck-hunting with him. Hubl Seem to me that's a sort of quack remedy.

Obliging.—First Traveler—Can we have beds here to-night? Obliging Hostess—Oh, yes, sir. First Traveler—Have you any—any—any—insects in this house? Obliging Hostess—No, sir. But we can get you some!

Then you regret being an old maid? I do. I might as well have been drowned by a husband and six children of my own as to be at the beck and call of the husbands and children of my six sisters and intimate friends.

Do you believe in the saying that a cat has nine lives? Yes, sir, answered the man who keeps irregular hours. And having observed the nocturnal habits of the cat, I am irresistibly led to the conclusion that staying out all night is highly conducive of longevity.

Did they have fresh vegetables every day where you boarded this summer? No, sir. Nothing was found, and we knew what the matter was. Shame-faced men came sneaking back to their homes, only to find that in their absence a SMALL ARMY OF THAMPS had pillaged almost every house in the place.

A similar scare had a more real cause in the case of the Spanish town of Malaga. One night last June a hollow, roaring sound brought every soul out into the streets. Then came a quivering of the ground, and with shouts of "An earthquake!" the whole population rushed away from the city, and took refuge on the hills outside.

In the island of Skye is a township known by the queer name of Snizort. It is inhabited by Crofters, who pasture their animals on the surrounding hills. The Crofters' Commission ruled that they might graze cattle, but not sheep, on Pen Glannaig, a mountain forming part of Lady Macdonald's estate. February last of the present year was fixed on as the date for the withdrawal of the offending sheep. But the Crofters refused entirely to obey, and on the appointed date, the town was deserted, and its population from young boys to old men of eighty, was scattered over the hillsides, awaiting the invasion of Lady Macdonald's men, the sheriff's officers, and the police. Happily, the state of affairs has been put to an end to amicably, and Snizort no longer.

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SOME CURIOUS INCIDENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD.

An Endeavored Gold Mine—Bested Trial, see—Inquiry Committed While the Inhabitants Were Away at a supposed Fair.

It was three young Germans who found the richest goldmine in the world. They were starving at the time, and three weeks later one survivor only of the party came staggering into the nearest mining-camp, where he, too, died from fever and exhaustion. Before his death he told his story to one man who had been good to him, and confided in him a lump of queer conglomerate, which was actually.

ALMOST HALF GOLD. This mine—Whiteman by name—started out to find the mine which was to make him earth's greatest millionaire. But in that wilderness a rock and scrub he never managed to locate it. Yet he would not give it up. Every year he would re-appear in Emersdale, the nearest township to the locality where the lode was supposed to lie.

Every time he passed through the place, within five minutes every pony and horse and mule in the place would be stolen and saddled, and the whole turn themselves into so many detectives, and follow Whiteman for days, each desperately hoping that his might be the luck to fall upon this amazing prize.

So far, the Whiteman Mine, in California, has not yielded up its secret. The famous black Emperor of Hayti, Christophe, died worth fifteen millions, but where he hid his treasure no one knew.

Many years later a man entered a gambling resort in the town of Cap Haytien, and laid down upon the green table a handful of ancient Spanish doubloons. The players were all agog at the sight of these romantic coins, and a whisper arose that the man must have stumbled upon the treasure of Christophe.

President Hippolyte heard of the affair. The wretched gambler was SEIZED AND IMPRISONED. But he refused to speak. Hayti is not a civilized country. Torture was tried. The man was stubborn as a rock. Not a word could he get out of him. At last they let him free again, and set detectives to follow him. They had no need to do so. With one accord, every inhabitant of Cap Haytien who was not bedridden silently crept out into the street after the man of mystery. But he, laughing in his sleeve at their discomfiture, passed on. The entire army of Hayti, as well as most of those amateur detectives, have since been digging up the earth along his trail. But so far the secret has not leaked out.

The wonderful gold surrares and silver coins of A.D. 300, found lately near a town in South Wales, were unearthed by some navvies, to whom the coins appeared merely as so much silver and gold. In the struggle which ensued for their possession, many scattered, and the vase which contained them was broken. When the value of the find was known, the extraordinary, spectacle might have been seen of some 400 people—more than half the population of the village—stampeding to the spot. But, though they dug up the entire mound, they found nothing.

It was a boy who came rushing into the town of Matawan, New Jersey, with startling intelligence that one of the GREAT OIL TANKS of the standard Oil Company had burst. The whole population armed themselves with cups, dippers, and buckets, and left for the spot in a hurry. Some gathered for as much as a barrel of oil out of the tank, and some had flooded the town, so deserted was the town by its population that two houses were burgled unhindered by tramps, who calmly walked off with their booty in broad daylight.

Bothers of this kind in America have unlimited check. Fearful consternation was caused in the town of Alexandria, Indiana, one night last spring, by the sudden pealing of the bells of a church outside the town.

Wondering whether it was fire, war, or cyclone, the people sprang out of bed and ran towards the scene of the noise. Nothing was found, and they knew what the matter was. Shame-faced men came sneaking back to their homes, only to find that in their absence a SMALL ARMY OF THAMPS had pillaged almost every house in the place.

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SOMETHING ABOUT ARMIES. It is very true that a part of the Army until the time of Charles XII of Sweden.

Until the time of Charles XII of Sweden the artillery was not considered a part of the army; the man serving in it were not soldiers, but regarded as mechanics; the officers had no army rank; Charles XII, gave artillery officers a rank and regularly organized the artillery into companies. The battle of Pavia demonstrated the superiority of the gun in the hands of the Spanish infantry. The musket carried a two ounce ball, and sometimes brought down at one fire two or three mailed knights. The French sent a flag of truce to remonstrate against the use of such barbarous weapons.

Alexander, had four kinds of cavalry—the cataphract, or heavy armoured horse; the light cavalry, carrying spears and very light armor; the neobolabian, or mounted archers, used for out-posts, patrols, and reconnoitering duty; and the dimachos, or troops expected to act either as cavalry or infantry. Alexander the Great had no army rank; Charles XII, gave artillery officers a rank and regularly organized the artillery into companies. The battle of Pavia demonstrated the superiority of the gun in the hands of the Spanish infantry. The musket carried a two ounce ball, and sometimes brought down at one fire two or three mailed knights. The French sent a flag of truce to remonstrate against the use of such barbarous weapons.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS. An engagement ring is the advance guard. Mixed ailments cause many serious ailments. The most profitable style is the turn-stile. A fish isn't necessarily crazy when it is in-seine. High water doesn't necessarily raise the price of milk. Many a poor lookback has managed to shine in society. Wearing a rough-riding hat doesn't give a man a war record. Some people spend so much of their time in trying to be amiable that they haven't time to earn a living.





