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**HOUSEHOLD**

**BERKSHIRE POTATOES.**  
Heat three cupfuls of milk  
with two small onions in a dou-  
ble boiler. Let stand a few min-  
utes, then remove the onions,  
Cream a small tablespoonful of  
flour with a large tablespoonful  
of butter and add to the above.  
Cook until milk is creamy, add a  
large pint of cold boiled pota-  
toes sliced and a tablespoonful of  
chopped parsley. Season with  
salt and pepper. When all is  
thoroughly heated turn into a  
battered dish and bake twenty  
minutes.

**GINGER BREAD.**  
Half a cupful of sugar, half a  
cupful of molasses, half a tea-  
spoonful of salt, half a teaspoon-  
ful of ginger, half a cupful of  
sour milk, in which have been  
stirred one heaping teaspoonful  
of soda, butter the size of a wal-  
nut, melted, two cupfuls of pas-  
try flour. Stir butter in last.  
Beat all together well.

**NUT BREAD.**  
This bread is especially nice  
for summer. Mix one-half cup  
of sugar, two eggs, two cups of  
milk and four cups of flour in  
which four teaspoonfuls of bak-  
ing powder have been sifted.  
Add one teaspoonful of salt and  
one-half pound of English wal-  
nuts. Bake three-quarters of an  
hour in a moderate oven.

**RHUBARB BATTER PUD-  
DING.**  
Wipe the stems of two small  
bundles of rhubarb, trim off the  
ends, top and bottom and cut up  
each stem in short lengths. But-  
ter a pie dish and nearly fill it  
with rhubarb, adding sufficient  
moist sugar to sweeten. Pre-  
pare a batter with one cup of  
flour, one-half cup of milk and  
two eggs, beat it well, pour it  
over the rhubarb and bake in a  
moderate oven. When ready  
turn out, pour a little melted but-  
ter over the top, sprinkle with  
sugar and serve.

**HOME-MADE VINEGAR.**  
Great danger lies in cheap  
acid vinegar, so the careful  
housewife makes her vinegar.  
Get a large crock or small keg  
to make it in. Use three pounds  
of very dark sugar, one cupful  
of strained honey, half a yeast  
cake and four gallons of warm  
water. If the jar is used, tie a  
piece of cheese cloth over the  
top and keep in a warm place.  
If the keg is used, put a little  
paste around the bung hole and  
cover with cheese cloth. Do not  
move or shake and in from one  
to two months, according to the  
heat, it will be a fine, strong,  
pure vinegar.

**Allies Ahead in  
Air Fighting**

London, Sept. 26.—An interest-  
ing document in connection with  
air fighting is the diary of a Prus-  
sian officer captured at the Somme,  
extracts from which are published  
and the authenticity of which is  
vouched for.  
The entries regarding aviation  
are as follows:—

"August 1, 1916. Our aviators  
are like hares; not one of them  
dares show himself on the other  
side of the lines.

"August 2. The French airmen  
fly over our lines at a height of  
600 feet, while not one of ours  
dares show himself. It is impos-  
sible for us to fire, for if we do  
so we are immediately bombarded  
with violence. So we have to  
stand for everything and to lie  
down in the trenches in a suffocat-  
ing heat and to suffer thirst and  
wait to be cut in pieces by shells  
or buried alive, or, if it please  
G.d, to get off safe and sound.

"August 6. Our aviators are  
inferior to such a degree that they  
do not stay in the air even at the  
distance behind the first line at  
which we now are. Our aviation  
is mighty inferior to the French  
and British. Thus, it is impos-  
sible to take a step out of the pro-  
tecting shelter of the wood. All  
the enemy aviators are almost con-  
stantly scouting around our little  
wood and sending back signals.

"In aviation we are distinctly  
inferior, whether we wish to recog-  
nize it or not. 'Germany mistress  
of the air,' that is a statement  
which is not true at all. This ex-  
plains the enormous losses which  
we are making here. There is no  
one to debarrass us from this  
scourge of the enemy aviation,  
which sticks to us without let-up  
all day long and even into the  
night."

"This moral defeat has had a  
very bad effect on us."

That the superiority thus won  
is no accidental occurrence, but a  
part of the wonderful scheme of  
organization which the French  
military chiefs undertook to bring  
about during the respite for pre-  
paration which the great victory  
at the Marne won for them, is  
now revealed in the publications  
of the French experts. Mr. George  
Batault has completed a study  
of the marvellous preparatory or-  
ganization of the mighty offensive  
at present under way at the Som-  
me front.

After the hasty and improvised  
means of resistance which the nec-  
essities of the early months forced  
on the French commanders there  
have come the scientific method  
and the new disposition of power-  
ful material handed in a new way  
he says in the Paris Journal. The  
great new war machine was built  
up behind the immovable barrier  
of the heroism and spirit of sacri-  
fice of the soldiers and of the gen-  
ius of the chiefs. He describes  
the immense workshops covering  
many square miles of ground be-  
hind the Somme front, the new  
roads, over which endless lines of  
trucks are constantly moving, the  
new system of railway lines, the  
artillery and munitions deposits  
filled to their utmost capacity, and  
the guns, from the famous 75s to  
the giant 340-millimetre cannon  
and the 400-millimetre howitzers.

"But the newest thing of all,"  
he says, "the marvellous and the  
most extraordinary in its conse-  
quences, is the absolute mastery of  
the French aviation service, which  
reigns in uncontested supremacy  
over all the broad stretch of the  
Picard sky."

**Something The  
Krupps Overlooked**

(Brooklyn "Eagle.")  
At last the Entente Allies seem  
to have gone the Teutons one bet-

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ter in building death dealing mach-  
ines. Much has been written con-  
cerning the new and terrible con-  
trivances introduced by the war  
but for the most part they bore  
the familiar "Made in Germany"  
trade mark. The Zeppelins, that  
now had enough practice in throw-  
ing bombs on undefended towns to  
make them seem practical for use  
in legitimate warfare, the famous  
42 centimetre guns that made  
chaos of Liege, Namur, Maubeuge  
and Antwerp, poison gas, flaming  
liquids, the submarine and improv-  
ed air craft were first used by the  
Germans.

Little by little the Allies have  
been finding ways to meet these  
mar-killing machines. The 42-  
calibre guns were not duplicated,  
but powerful and more tractable  
ordnance has been created, which  
is now being used with deadly  
effect in Picardy. The Zeppelins  
were not duplicated, but smaller  
and more serviceable aircraft were  
perfected, with the result that the  
Allies are now supreme in the air,  
as indicated by the "blinding"  
of German gunners on the Somme,  
where thirty German fliers are said

to have been destroyed in the re-  
cent fighting.

Now, however, the British have  
gone the Germans one better in  
introducing a new monster of des-  
truction. It is a tremendous arm-  
ored car, capable of being operat-  
ed in the convulsed ground that  
serves as a modern battlefield.  
This new machine, armored to  
withstand the heaviest shelling,  
defies trenches, levels barbed wire  
and other obstructions and carries  
guns that could not be moved by  
ordinary means. Moreover the  
juggernaut marches with the in-  
fantry, straight toward the Ger-  
man lines and over them.

The Entente will not win the  
war by such devices any more  
than Germany won it with her  
machines, but it is worth noting  
that all the contrivances for pro-  
ducing frightfulness are not now  
on one side. An up-to-date par-  
allel of the old admonition that  
those who live by the sword  
shall die by the sword is to be  
found in this new terror of the  
war that has been turned loose on  
those who first introduced new  
horrors in the slaughter of men.

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