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HOUSEHOLD
BROILED PORK STEAKS.
 Cut some lean slices of pork
 about half an inch thick. Heat
 the gridiron and rub it with fat,
 then lay on the meat and keep
 turning quickly from one side
 to the other. When cooked,
 put on to a hot dish, sprinkle
 with a little very finely rubbed
 sage, and pour over some good
 gravy.

BAKED APPLES AND RICE.
 Peel and core medium-sized
 apples and stuff them with rais-
 ins, a clove or two and some
 finely chopped nutmeats then
 roast until the apples are ten-
 der. Have rice boiled plain,
 and put a little mound on each
 plate with an apple on top.
 Over all pour a syrup made by
 boiling a quarter of a cup of
 brown sugar with a quarter of a
 cup of water. Whipped cream
 may be put over the top.

SCALLOPED POTATOES.
 Wash and pare potatoes and cut
 in one-quarter inch slices. But-
 ter a baking dish, put in layer
 of the sliced potatoes, sprinkle
 with salt and pepper, dredge
 with flour and dot over with
 one-half tablespoonful of but-
 ter. A little grated cheese
 may be sprinkled over each lay-
 er if desired. Repeat until the
 baking dish is nearly filled then
 cover with hot milk. Bake one
 and one quarter hours in a mod-
 erate oven or place on the back
 of the stove and cook slowly.

CHOCOLATE CUSTARD.
 Two tablespoonfuls grated
 chocolate, 2 cupfuls milk, 2
 eggs, 1/2 cupful sugar, 1 teaspoon-
 ful vanilla extract.
 Put the chocolate and 1/2 cup-
 ful milk into a double boiler
 and cook until smooth, then add
 the rest of the milk, and when
 hot pour it over the sugar,
 which has been mixed with the
 yolks of the eggs. Return to
 the fire and stir until it begins
 to thicken, taking care that it
 does not boil. Add the vanilla
 extract, and when cool pour in
 to small glasses. Beat up the
 whites of eggs until stiff then
 beat into them 1 tablespoonful
 sugar. Divide this meringue on
 the top of the custards.

CRANBERRY PIE.
 One quart cranberries, 1 pint
 water, sugar and pastry shell.
 Wash the cranberries and
 place them in a saucepan; add
 the water and cook them until
 tender; put through a sieve and
 to each cupful of cranberry pulp
 add an equal amount of sugar.
 Return to the fire and cook un-
 til the fruit will jelly, taking
 about ten minutes. Allow it to
 cool and fill the pastry shell with
 it. Decorate with designs cut
 from pastry and baked. Serve
 cold. The filling should be
 quite firm when done.

**Great Britain To Use
 Giant Aircraft Carry-
 ing Six Men**
 New York, Feb. 17.—The British Govern-
 ment has just ordered ten torpedo-carrying
 tri-plane hydro-aeroplanes of a type never
 before used in naval warfare, and which are
 to be built as rapidly as possible in this country
 according to a letter received tonight by the
 New York Times. They are to be the latest
 development in aviation, equipped with every
 modern device and will carry six men and a 3.12
 inch rapid-fire gun in addition to the quick-
 fliers.
 Details of their construction and novel


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features and the uses to which they are likely
 to be put are set forth in the letter, which
 says:
 "The new machine, of which one has been
 practically completed, is several times greater
 than any now in use in Europe. The most novel
 feature of its construction is that it has three
 planes instead of two, as have the other big
 machines now part of the equipment of the
 Royal Naval Aviation Corps.
 Its size places it in a class by itself. The
 wings are 138 feet over all and the body of the
 machine is 68 feet long. The fixed tail horizon-
 tal is 126 square feet and the rudder 54 square
 feet. The hull of the hydro-aeroplane weighs
 8,000 pounds and its motors close to
 4,000. The estimates on which the order
 was obtained from the British Government
 and which are based on actual performances
 call for crew of 8 men, weighing 1,200
 pounds gasoline and lubricating oil weighing
 6,200 pounds and a dead-weight load of
 bombs of more than 3,000 pounds.
 "The motor equipment is widely different
 from anything now being used, even by the
 greatest German four motor of 250 horse-
 power each, making a total of 1,000 horse
 power, and these will drive two tractor pro-
 pellers and one pusher propeller, set at the
 rear of the machine. The machine, fully
 equipped, will weigh about 21,000 pounds and
 a minimum speed of 75 miles an hour, with its
 full load is called for. With fewer men and
 several hundred pounds less load it is estimat-
 ed that it will make 100 miles an hour, and
 will have a cruising radius of about 750 miles.
 "The three Propellers give a wonderful
 speed in climbing, and for this reason, it is
 expected that the new tri-plane will be wonder-
 fully efficient in chasing Zeppelins. It will be
 able to raise to their favorite altitude of over
 ten thousand feet with speed enough
 miles an hour—for the tri-planes will not be
 service—they will soon overtake the midnight
 raiders. Their great mobility will then give
 them the supreme advantage and shells from
 the 3.12 inch rapid-fire gun are likely to ex-
 plore the Zeppelins. As these tri-planes are
 water-bats, they will not fear the Channel
 and will be able to follow their quarry al-
 most to the home hangars.
 "One of the newest features of the tri-
 plane is an ordinary screw propeller, driven
 by a sixty horse power motor, which will be
 used when they are on the surface of the
 water. They will be able to make fair speed
 with this and will be able to maintain enough
 headway to always keep under the control
 of the pilot. This screw propeller will also
 make it possible for the machines to be easily
 brought into harbor and placed on their
 "mother ships."
 "Another distinctly American improve-
 ment which is to be fitted to all ten tri-planes
 according to the terms of the contract, is the
 improved Sperry Stabilizer. This is arranged
 so that it forms an absolute control for the
 machine and can be used for ascending, des-
 cending and circular flights.
 "Attached to the four great motors are self-
 starting devices which obviate the necessity
 of the screw having to turn the engines. By
 using the self-starters, the tri-planes can be
 brought into action with much greater speed
 than in any other way, and this speed opera-
 tion is now a prime consideration.
 "In addition to other improvements the new
 machines are to be heavily armored.
 "The torpedo-launching device which will
 be used on these battle-cruisers, is a new de-
 vice also, and is expected to be very efficient.
 The torpedoes developed for these aerial de-
 stroyers are a new invention and will prove
 very deadly when used against enemy vessels.
 Their design is a secret at present.
 "These tri-planes will cost about \$50,000
 apiece, making a total of \$5,000,000 for the ten."

**Heavy Failures
 Are Looked For**
 London, Feb. 23.—A despatch from the Daily Express cor-
 respondent in Geneva says:
 "A banker, who has just re-
 turned here, after spending sev-
 eral months in Germany, tells
 me that the principal banks in
 the chief towns on the Rhine
 and also in Munich and Dresden,

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are in serious financial difficul-
 ties, and some big crashes may
 be expected within the next
 three months.
 "The losses involved will be
 at least £180,000,000," the ban-
 ker added, "and if the war con-
 tinued another nine months Ger-
 many would be ruined financial-
 ly."
 London, Feb. 23.—The Rot-
 terdam correspondent of the
 Daily Mail says he has reliable
 information to the effect that
 rioting is increasing in Ger-
 many. He telegraphs:

"Protest meetings, especially
 by women, continue to be held,
 notwithstanding severe police
 measures. The most serious
 riot which has so far taken place
 in Germany, occurred on the
 evening of Feb. 19, in Berge-
 dorf, a suburb of Hamburg,
 where a women's meeting was
 held in front of the Burgomas-
 ter's house, in protest against
 the butter and fat regulations.
 It developed into a big street de-
 monstration, people shouting
 'Down with the government.'
 The police, summoned from
 Hamburg, drove the screaming
 and struggling women into their
 homes after a street battle.
 A despatch from Zurich re-
 ports serious food protests and
 riots in Hanover.

**His Brother
 Was Different**
 A noted Philadelphia attorney tells
 one on himself. He left his native
 town in Tennessee years ago and located
 in Philadelphia to practise law. He
 has been uniformly successful. His
 brother, on the other hand, remained
 behind at the family homestead. Re-
 turning to his native town some time
 ago, the attorney met an old darky in
 the road.
 "Hello, uncle," he said. But the old

man did not recognize the boy he used
 to know in the prosperous looking citi-
 zen who addressed him.
 "Well," asked the lawyer, "how are
 the Blank family?"
 "Oh, they're all right," said the old
 darky. "Jim Blank has gone to Phil-
 adelphia and done made a lot of money.
 He's a lawyer, sah."
 "Is that so?" answered the attorney.
 "And his brother Tom, how is he?"
 "Has he made a fortune too?"
 "Lawdy, no!" answered the old
 darky, shaking his head. "He ain't no
 lawyer. Marse Tom, wouldn't take a
 dishonest penny from nobody."

Hens Relish Sprouted Oats
 Green food is excellent for poultry
 but it is sometimes hard to get, par-
 ticularly during the winter. Where
 cabbage, mangels, etc., are not obtain-
 able artificially sprouted oats make
 an excellent substitute. If properly
 prepared it makes as good a green food
 as there is. A leading authority finds
 the following method most successful
 for preparing it:
 "The oats should be soaked in water
 at a temperature of from 60 to 70
 degrees Fahrenheit, for about 48
 hours, in pails or galvanized wash-tub
 and during this soaking process there
 should be added from five to ten drops
 of formalin to kill the spores of moulds
 and to insure a clean, sweet feed.
 After soaking they are spread out
 about one inch thick on trays which
 are placed in a sprouting rack, seven
 to each rack, the trays being ten
 inches apart and kept at a temperature
 of about 60 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit.
 In from seven to ten days, depending
 on temperature, they will have develop-
 ed sprouts three to four inches long
 and a growth of roots, the entire mass
 being very tender and succulent.
 "About one square inch of feeding
 surface is supplied daily to each bird,
 or as much as it will clean up quickly.
 The oats must not be fed in excess as
 they are laxative and are apt to pro-
 duce diarrhea."
Odd Phrases
 "To sleep like a top" seems a very
 absurd phrase. It is a corruption of
 the French proverb, "dormir comme une
 taupe," to sleep like a mole. "Just the
 cheese is an Oriental phrase. The
 word 'cheese,' from cheez, Hindoosta-
 nee, means "thing."