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HOUSEHOLD
A GOOD APPLE PUDDING
 Peel core, and quarter some
 tart apples. Stew in enough
 water to cover until tender.
 Skim out on a plate to cool.
 Add one cup of sugar, and two
 tablespoonfuls of butter to the
 apple water. Place where sug-
 ar will melt but do not boil.
 Make a rich biscuit dough and
 roll it thin. Spread apples thick-
 ly over it and roll as you would
 a jelly roll. Place in a buttered
 pudding pan and pour apple
 water over it, sprinkle with
 granulated sugar and a dust of
 cinnamon. Bake 15 to 20 min-
 utes or until well done. Slice
 across roll in portions and ser-
 ve with cream.

Cooking for the Child
CROUTONS AND HOT MILK
 Cut any crusts or scraps of
 bread left over into neat, uni-
 form pieces, about half an inch
 square, put on a baking tin and
 set in the oven. Watch closely,
 shaking the pan frequently as
 you would a corn popper, un-
 til they are all delicately brown-
 ed. Serve with a bowl of hot
 milk seasoned with pepper and
 salt, or if liked better it may be
 flavored with sugar and van-
 illa.

BARLEY PUDDING.
 3 ozs. pearl barley, 1 oz. su-
 gar, 1 egg, 1 pint milk. Steep
 barley all night in cold water,
 put it into a pan with the milk
 and sugar, boil till thick, beat
 in egg, pour in pie dish, and
 brown before fire. Serve with
 milk.

SPLIT PEA SOUP.
 Wash one pint split peas in
 cold water and drain. Put over
 a good fire, with two and a half
 quarts cold water, a ham bone,
 any scraps of ham or bacon or
 bacon rind, enough to equal
 about an eighth of a pound of fat,
 salt pork; add an onion, quar-
 tered, with three cloves stuck in
 each quarter, and a little bou-
 quet, made from a sprig each of
 parsley, celery and a bay leaf.
 If you have no celery, use cel-
 ery salt. As soon as the con-
 tents of the kettle are at a good
 boil push back on the fire and
 simmer three or four hours un-
 til the peas are tender. Press
 through a coarse colander, sea-
 son with salt and pepper and
 serve very hot with croutons.

CREAMED POTATOES.
 Make a good heavy white
 sauce, cut cold white or sweet
 potatoes in dice, heat in the
 sauce and serve heaped up in a
 mound and sprinkled over with
 chopped parsley.

**Secret Compact
 Made At Kono-
 pisht**
 LONDON, Feb. 1—(Toronto
 Globe)—A curious article by Hen-
 ry Wickham Stead, foreign editor
 of the Times, appears in the Feb-
 ruary number of the Nineteenth
 Century. It is entitled: "The
 Pact of Konopisht," and deals with
 events alleged to have transpired

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immediately preceding the war.
 A fortnight before the assassina-
 tion of the Archduke Francis Fer-
 dinand and his wife, says the
 writer they were visited at the
 Castle Konopisht, in Bohemia, by
 the German Kaiser and Admiral
 von Tirpitz. Ostensibly the Em-
 peror went to Konopisht to see the
 rose gardens. The story Stead
 tells is that at Konopisht, the
 Kaiser and the Archduke make a
 secret compact.

The paramount desire of the
 Archduke and his wife was to
 make provision for their sons,
 who were debarred by the Haps-
 burg family law from attaining
 imperial rank. The Kaiser, it
 is said, unfolded his great scheme
 of the war.

Russia was to be provoked to
 conflict with Germany and Austria
 and France was to be instantly
 suited to the dust, while the ab-
 straction of Britain was considered
 certain. The Kaiser proposed to
 reconstitute the old kingdom of
 Poland, with Lithuania and the
 Russian province of Ukraine
 stretching from the Baltic to the
 Black Sea, was to be the inheri-
 tance of Francis and his eldest son.
 For the second son a kingdom was
 to be carved out, including Bo-
 hemia, Hungary, Serbia, the Sava
 coast of the Eastern Adriatic, and
 Silesia. German-Austria with
 Trieste was to pass to the present
 heir, the Archduke Charles Joseph
 to be incorporated in the German
 Empire. A pact would be created
 and a huge military and economic
 alliance made with the Kaiser
 supreme in Europe and peraps
 throughout the world.

Mr. Stead, in an analysis of the
 extraordinary circumstances, sur-
 rounding the assassination of the
 Archduke and his consort, seems
 to imply that it was connected
 with resentment against the Haps-
 burg family.

The writer suggests that the
 Kaiser persisted in forcing the
 war after the removal of his prin-
 cipal accomplice because the murders
 furnished him with a fresh and
 useful pretext.

Caught In Floods
 London Jan. 28.—A dispatch to
 the "Daily Telegraph" from
 Petrograd says:
 "A thaw in the Oginski Canal
 district has caused the Rivers
 Shara and Jasolda to flood the
 country, sweeping away trenches
 and fortifications which the Ger-
 mans built when the ground was
 frozen hard, according to a tele-
 gram received here from Minsk.
 "All the railways and roads have
 been turned into swamps, and the

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