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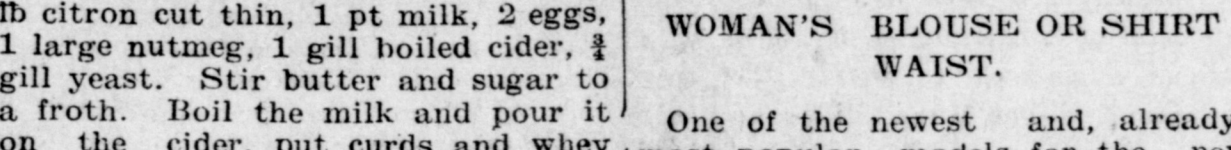
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OUR NATIONAL PRESERVE. Plans for a Game Preserve in the Rocky Mountains. Both the large and the small game of the various provinces of the Dominion will be represented in a national park which it is proposed to establish in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. Several reasons have combined to influence the Government to favor this project. In the first place the park is intended to serve as an asylum and breeding ground for those magnificent varieties of big game which there is reason to fear are about to become extinct. In this category are the buffalo and the mountain lion. The Rocky Mountain goat is also reported to be growing exceedingly scarce. Then the park is expected to be a great centre of attraction for visitors, especially those interested in the study of natural history, as well as to sportsmen. There is already a small park at Banff, where the national preserve is to be established, but at present it contains only a few acres. The intention is to set apart a reserve of at least ten times that extent. The park will not contain less than about 3,000 square miles. The territory to be selected is admirably adapted for the purpose, for while it includes some of the wildest and grandest Canadian scenery, the land is entirely unfit for settlement. It consists of both mountain and dale, and includes the famous Yoho Valley. The Government will stock the park with every variety of wild animal known to be native of Canada.

About the ...House FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

The following recipes have been used for years and are without fault. The first one is known to be over a hundred years old. Continental Cake—Two pounds flour sifted, 1 lb 3 oz butter, 1 lb 3 oz sugar, 1 lb 6 oz raisins seeded, 1 lb citron cut thin, 1 pt milk, 2 eggs, 1 large nutmeg, 1 gill boiled cider, 1 gill yeast. Stir butter and sugar to a froth. Boil the milk and pour it on the cider, put curds and whey warm (not hot) on the flour for dredging the fruit, add the eggs well-beaten, one-third of the butter, and sugar, and the yeast. Let it rise till very light, then add remainder of butter and sugar and let it rise again. Stir butter and sugar to a froth. Put it in baking pans and let stand till again light. This cake must be well beaten each time it is worked over.



WOMAN'S BLOUSE OR SHIRT WAIST.

One of the newest and, already, most popular models for the new shirt waist takes its name from the famous artist of American girls and is quite charming enough to be taken from one of his popular drawings. As shown it is made of soft finished white pique and is both smart and serviceable, and is chamber, batiste, madras, Oxford, silk light weight swiss and all the list of waisting materials are equally suitable. The features, which are the plait running from the shoulders and the ornamental stitching, are entirely new this season and make a most distinctive effect.

The fronts are laid in one deep plait, each of which runs from the shoulders to the waist line where the extra fullness can be arranged in gathers or adjusted to the figure as preferred. The back may be either plain or made up an applied yoke but must be drawn down in gathers at the waist line. The sleeves are in regulation shirt style with cuffs three eighths of an inch wide, and a plain stock worn with a fancy tie. The closing is effected through an utility box plait which, however, is slightly wider than those of last season.

To cut this waist for a woman of medium size, 34 yards of material 21 inches wide, 34 yards 27 inches wide, 3 yards 32 inches wide, or yards 44 inches wide will be required.

Pin the entire conversation at a dinner table, of their mothers and fathers, where there are guests, and faith with the food, and a good share of the time of the waitress is taken up in satisfying them. When I was a girl I had to sit still, say nothing, and eat what was given me, and what I accepted on my plate I was obliged to eat. Children are not brought up like that now. The waste of good food and the amount of spending money of the youth, is really most all the father in order to gratify them. The family of to-day don't seem to lay up for the future. I blame the indulgent mother. It is the middle class that are the most extravagant. What possible excuse is there for a man with five or six children to live in the most extravagant way, and when he loses his money, through no fault of his own, blow his brains out and leave a woman alone to fight the battle without means? For years this family must depend upon their relatives and friends and those that have advanced in the last few years. The nursery is one of them.

THE UP-TO-DATE BABY.

It isn't correct any more to have things daintily pretty for the new born baby just in order to have them daintily pretty, says a writer. It is no longer the proper thing to swathe the little body in yards and yards of muslin and lace and put him or her in billows of down and silk, perfumed with rose and violet. Up-to-date mothers, in longer view with each other on the point of delicate elaboration. They do not vie at all any more. Their one object is to have their babies as comfortable as possible for the new comer. Sometimes they give a sigh for the pretty bow or frill of lace, but after all, everything in the new fashion looks so clean and sensible and wholesome they come to see the other was only a perverted taste and take no pleasure in it. Things have advanced in the last few years. The nursery is one of them.

PLASTER STATUES.

Many of the cheap plaster of Paris ornaments are in reality quite ornamental, but they soon show the effects of dust and smoke, and must be cast aside unless one knows how to clean them. They can easily be cleaned to look like new by the following plan: Make ordinary cooked starch into a thick paste, only thick as it is. Rub the plaster statue with it, being sure that some of the starch adheres to every part. Set it away for a day, when the starch can be peeled off and white. Sometimes a second application is needed, if it is badly soiled, but usually one will suffice.

RESTLESS GOLD FISH.

It may not be generally known that there is a cruelty in the keeping of gold fish. Half of such captives die from sheer want of rest. As fish have eyes so formed that they cannot endure the light, in a glass vessel they live in an entirely wrong place, as is evident from the way in which they dash about and go round and round until fairly worn out.

TOO INDULGENT MOTHERS.

Florida Vining writes as follows: It is barely possible I may be growing rusty myself, but I see children ten years old and upwards who mou-

BONBONS AS STIMULANTS.

Chocolates Said to Be a Long Way Ahead of Liqueur.

It is a well-known fact among certain business men and women who are apt to become tired before the end of the day's work that two or three chocolate creams or a piece of sweet chocolate eaten in the middle of the afternoon will have all the reviving effect of coffee and none of its deleterious results.

It has been determined by science that sugar is a much better stimulant than liquor of any sort," says the Worcester, Mass., Gazette. "An experiment was tried several months ago upon dogs, with some very remarkable results. The animals were a breed of runners, and two of equal speed and endurance were taken, especially trained for the purpose. One was given a regular allowance of whiskey, and the other a ration of sugar. After a period of time had elapsed the two dogs were taken out for a long run, with the result that the sugar fed dog ran faster and further with less fatigue than his whiskey brother. And all the time the various scientific journals made some considerable comment about the experiment. Now the circumstance is again called to the public attention by the fact that the soldiers in the Philippines have consumed 40,000 pounds of a certain brand of chocolate bonbons for existence. The use of the diet in the Philippines is explained by the army surgeons on the ground that in tropical countries plenty of sweet is necessary for the preservation of the health of the troops. The men have proved the correctness of the theory.

BEYOND A DOUBT.

The soldier boys find that the feeling of a need of liquor is absent when they have plenty of chocolate or other kinds of sweets.

"White liquor will undoubtedly be used for a long time to come, a substitute which is harmless in every respect will be welcomed not only by temperance people, but by those who need some stimulant to accomplish their daily toil in a world where the so-called strenuous life is almost a necessity in the struggle for existence. The old-time notion that sweet was unwholesome is thus exploded. As a matter of fact, many of the old ideas are being relegated to the rear of the car of progress. The old-time theories of sailors in the service of the Government with a daily allowance of grog. This was no army canteen beer, but a still finer and more potent. It was supposed to give men the strength and necessary courage to go into battle and win. That was a long time ago, but the old-time future may see a ration of sweet chocolate distributed to the gunners just before the signal to begin firing is given. This is no idle dream, but the result of scientific investigation, which has made this generation healthier than its predecessor, and which should make the next one nearly perfect.

"A moderate indulgence in certain kinds of liquor will make their use a subject of discussion for many years to come. If, however, the time has arrived when alcoholic are no longer used as a stimulant for those who need something to make possible the completion of their tasks, a greater strictness in the direction of temperance than in the past is to be expected. The various organizations for the promotion of that virtue have been able to make possible since first they began to agitate."

PRIVATE CARS.

Once a Luxury, Now Almost a Necessity.

"The private car," said a railway man, "is the best evidence in the world of the continued evolution of the business man."

"More and more private cars are being turned out every year, and where one person had a private car ten years ago, there are now ten or twenty who own them, or lease them for terms.

The presidents of railway companies were the first to have private cars. Then the heads of large concerns saw their possibilities, and soon found that they could hardly get along without them. The theatrical stars saw the advertising to be gained by having private cars, and, lastly, the rich man who wanted a comfortable privacy for himself or his family began to use the private car.

"The head of a corporation or other big business, who does much traveling, finds a private car a great convenience. He makes the car his office, and where he formerly lost a business day or two in travelling, he now loses little time at all. "A car built for the business man is practically a travelling office. Sleeping quarters are provided for only the man himself, his secretary, stenographer, and servants. "A special car intended more as a vehicle for pleasure than business, contains staterooms, a kitchen and a dining-room. The beds are of brass, there is an extension desk-table and there are arm-chairs, dressing lounges, cabinets, wardrobes, and all the conveniences and luxuries that can be put in such a vehicle. Such a car may cost from \$25,000 to \$50,000, and sometimes even more."

Miss De Muir—"Papa, this is Mr. Galloper—no, I mean Mr. Pacer." The Young Man—"I beg pardon, but your name is 'Trib'?" Miss De Muir—"So stupid of me. I knew it had something to do with horses, though."

NATIONS THRIVE IN TRADE.

OLD IRON SOLD AND CHEMICALS ARE SWEET.

Russia Started in the Old Metal Trade at the Close of the Crimean War.

The idea of a nation going into trade seems at first incongruous, but as the majority of European Governments are constantly getting into financial squabbles they have perforce to make money by setting themselves up in business.

Russia first started in trade at the close of the Crimean War. Money was scarce, so the Government, noticing that people were making lots of money by selling the old iron picked up on the battlefields and in Sebastopol, decided to act as auctioneer. Officials were appointed as mediums between the vendors and purchasers, and for their services in this capacity exacted twelve cents from both parties on every hundred-weight of metal sold. This brought Russia \$75,000 by the time all the old iron was bought up, says London The-Bells.

Spain goes in for trade whenever her finances want attending to. Two years prior to the outbreak of the war with America she decided to turn a honest penny by selling her old iron and plate marking. Accordingly an Act was passed making it compulsory for everybody whose income exceeded a certain sum to have their linen and plate properly marked, with an alternative of a \$100 fine for breaking the law. The Government did all the marking, and earned \$7,500,000 before the law was repealed a year later.

Eighteen months passed, and then Spain decided to take up bookbinding. The State was responsible for the imperative for all new books to be bound by the State, and supervised every bookbinding business in the country. Another law compelled the OWNERS OF ALL MULES born within a certain period to take the animals to Government officials for branding, at a charge of \$1 a head, and these two businesses brought versatile Spain in several millions.

Italy and France have both made a good thing out of their businesses as the national tobacconists. Italy pockets a profit of \$40,000,000 a year in this manner, and France \$75,000,000, with an additional million from the sale of matches. The Italian Government also clears \$15,000,000 a year by the State lotteries, retains a monopoly of all the flags used in the country, and makes a handsome profit by the sale of snow from her mountains, which is brought down in buckets by night and sold for refrigerating purposes.

Greece has tried many ways of making money of late, but none of them has been successful. The Government makes and sells all the playing cards used in the country, and also retains a little bronze badge which finds a ready sale at twenty-five cents each. The national emblem. These two monopolies produce \$2,500,000 a year. Sweden goes in for banking, and conducts a State bank which is responsible for a revenue of \$750,000 per annum.

It is rather surprising that Austria should choose the ungenial occupation of sweeping chimneys in order to raise the lacking millions, but such is the case. Some time ago the Government announced that every chimney must be swept once a month and the Government would do it for a fee of 35 cents per chimney.

ALL THE CHIMNEY-SWEEPS in the country were pressed into the Government's service, for no competition was allowed, and Austria managed to accumulate \$4,000,000 a year in this manner, in addition to fines of \$50 each, which people were compelled to pay for breaking the regulation. Moreover, the Government built and conducts swimming baths throughout the country, and realizes \$7,500,000 a year by her State lotteries.

Attached to pawnbroking, or France would not interest herself in the business in addition to her trade in tobacco. The Mont-de-Piote at Paris is the national pawnshop, which the Government conducts, and it brings in the very respectable revenue of \$5,000,000 a year. Anything may be pawned for a profit of a cent to an elephant—both of which it may be mentioned, have figured among the pledges before now—and money is lent at the rate of 7 per cent. interest.

NEW UNIFORMS.

The British Army's Future Fighting Kit.

The War Office has at last decided upon the new military uniforms in detail, and the transformation of the soldier is expected to commence about the middle of the year, says the London Daily Mail. The ceremonial dress will be the full dress as present used, and will be worn with a top for walking out, while the service dress—the fighting kit—will be an entirely new one, of special material, replete with the latest improvements, and designed alike for rough wear and comfort.

The service dress is, in fact, designed with a view to furnishing a comfortable uniform, light enough to wear in spring and autumn, and in warm weather at home, and also with the addition of warm, under-clothing for wear in winter. It consists chiefly of a rain-proof drab mixture cloth. The great coat is to be light and supple, with a small cape attached, capable of being easily put on or taken off, and easily folded. The jacket is of a very light drab mixture serge of Norfolk pattern. It will have a turned-down roll collar, shoulder rifle patches, two breast pockets with flaps, and two breast-side pockets with flaps, placed at the waist and with a false plait down the center of the back. It is intended to be loose fitting.

Every man will wear on a particular colored ground the title of his unit. This will be a curved strip on the upper arm of the jackets and the great coats. A headress of new design of thick material with broad brim and various-

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THE GUNS OF THE MIKASA. The trials of the improved Elswick gun mountings for the barbette guns of the Japanese battleship Mikasa seem to prove that they are a long way in advance of anything yet in use in the British navy. From the after barbette, firing unaimed shots, the gun was on one occasion loaded and fired in thirty seconds, an improvement of twelve seconds on the best previous performance. But the most remarkable result was achieved by the forward barbette, which, firing aimed shots from one gun, got off three shots in a net period of 97 seconds, or at an average rate of one round in 33 1-3 seconds. As, however, the gun's crew was merely a scratch lot, it is probable that the Mikasa will beat this performance in the future. She will at any rate approach the rate of two rounds per gun per minute, which means that from her four 12-inch guns alone she will be able to hurl three tons of steel at an opponent within that time.

"I can't understand, Bobby," said his father, "why you should quarrel so much with Tommy White. Your mother tells me that you quarrel with him most of the time." "I can't help it, pa," replied Bobby, thoughtfully; "I think I must get my disposition from you or ma."

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