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vide it into ounces and then re write your recipes in more scientific terms.

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VON HOLLWEG'S PEACE PROPOSALS

Berlin, Dec. 12 (wireless to Sayville).—Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech is reported by the overseas news agency as follows:

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg today announced to the Reichstag that Germany, together with her allies, "conscious of their responsibility before God, before their own nations, before humanity," had proposed this morning to the hostile powers to enter on peace negotiations.

Practically all the members of parliament answered the unexpected summons. The crowded house and the thronged galleries listened in attentive silence when the Chancellor rose for his speech. The Chancellor first outlined the extraordinary political situation, and then, in speaking of the achievements of the Central powers, made an announcement which possibly may be the turning point in the war, which for more than two years has held the world under its spell. The Chancellor said:

"The Reichstag had not been adjourned for a long period, but fortunately it was left to the discretion of the president as to the day of the next meeting. This decision was caused by the hope that some happy events in the field would be recorded—a hope fulfilled quicker almost than expected. I shall be brief, for actions speak for themselves."

The Chancellor said Roumania had entered the war in order to roll up the German positions in the east, and those of Germany's allies at the same time. The grand offensive on the Somme had as its object to pierce the German western front, and the renewed Italian attacks were intended to paralyze Austria-Hungary.

"The situation was serious," the Chancellor said.

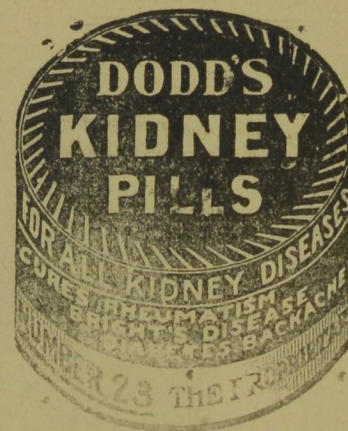
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In the recipes referred to a pinch of salt is, in fact, a tablespoonful, because their author chooses so to regard it. Used as he is to cooking for the tables of famous hotels and clubs, the "pinch of salt" used in most households is too diminutive for any consideration.

Scientific cooks bewail the fact that as yet cooking is not an exact science. Perhaps it never can be, but much can be done to standardize its terms.

Much already has been done, and it would be a very good plan if each housewife should go over the family recipe book and rewrite the recipes to conform to modern standards.

For instance, the recipe for chocolate loaf cake which you inherited from your mother no doubt calls for so many "squares of chocolate. Your mother doubtless used a certain brand of chocolate which is conveniently marked in squares. Perhaps you yourself use the same brand. But who knows? The chocolate of the future may not be creased into convenient little squares. Obviously the correct way to measure chocolate is to weigh it and to speak of it in ounces instead of squares. It is easy enough to weigh the whole cake—usually, in fact, its weight is marked on the wrapper around it. So it is a simple matter to di-



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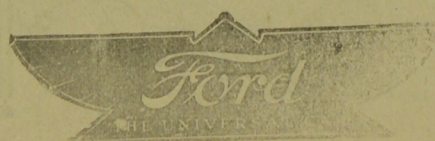
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