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If she should happen to read these pointers she can't help but profit thereby.

Gather up the knives and wipe off the blades with crumpled paper; then stand the bunch in a pitcher of proper height, pour very hot water over the blades and be sure not to pour it over the handles; add a little soda water and let them stand till every thing else is washed. Wash them singly and quickly through clean suds, taking care that no dirt is left at the joint of the handle and blade. Rise in lukewarm water and dry while warm, unless there are still spots on blade or handle. Spots on ivory can be rubbed out with trip-oil mixed in sweet oil, and a clean flannel.

Mother of pearl seldom spots, but may be stained by fruit juice or any acid running down the blade.

Wash very clean then rub lightly and quickly with a little sifted whiting, wet with alcohol. Wash clean after the rubbing and when dry polish with dry whiting and a flannel or silk cloth.

**Steel Knife Blades.**

To clean steel knife blades easily and quickly, cut a good sized potato in two, dip the cut surface in bath brick or powdered rotten stone, lay the knife blade flat upon the table and rub the spotted surface hard with the potato. In a minute at furthest it should be bright. Wipe dry, wash, dry again and polish with a little dry bath brick.

Silver knives, stained with egg or vegetables, are best cleaned by wetting, dipping in fine salt and rubbing with a wet cloth. To polish such knives and keep them bright, rub fortnightly with whiting and afterward with a soft clean flannel.

**The Spare Knives.**

Spare knives should be washed thoroughly, rubbed clean, wrapped separately in soft white paper and put away in a tight box.

Carving knives and forks need to be well washed then to have a cloth over the point of the skewer run all around the joint. If they have horn handles the same skewer treatment should be applied to the horn ridges or else the ridges should be washed out with ammonia and water and a very stiff brush, brushing with the grain of the horn.

**TWO WINTER RECIPES.****Hot Water Sponge With Orange Icing.**

One cup sugar, 1 cup flour, half cup boiling water, two eggs, 1 teaspoonful baking powder.

Beat the yolks of eggs and sugar together until light; add boiling water, flour and baking powder; then add the stiffly beaten whites of eggs. Bake in two tins, lined with paper, in a moderate oven for twenty minutes. Wet paper with cold water to remove, put together with orange icing made as follows:

Take two tablespoons orange juice, add sugar enough to make a smooth paste, then cover cake. This will dry in a few minutes.

**Spiced Apples.**

One-fourth peck of apples, 1 cup of vinegar, half cup water, 1 cup brown sugar, 3-inch piece of stick cinnamon, 1 teaspoon whole cloves, 1 teaspoon whole allspice.

Put the vinegar, water, sugar and spices on and boil ten minutes. Wash, pare, quarter and core the apples, put into saucepan and pour the boiled vinegar over; put on and boil six minutes; remove cover and boil slowly until the apples are tender. Leave the spices among the apples.

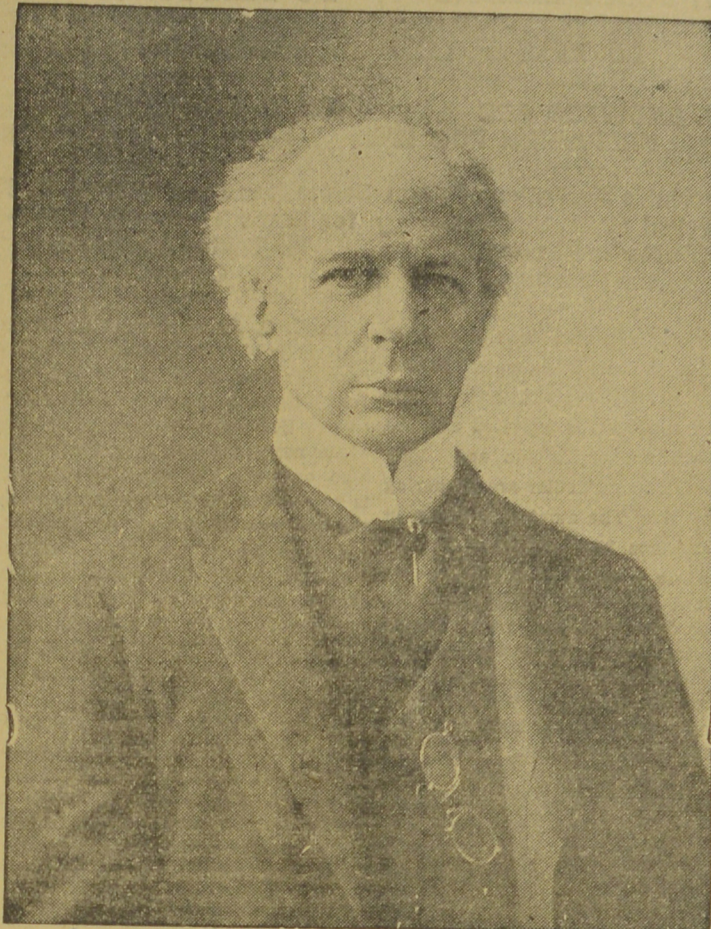
**HOUSEHOLD REMINDERS.**

To clean burnt aluminum ware use hot vinegar and salt.

When beef looks as if it going to be tough, rub it with a slice of lemon.

Oilcloth tacked on bottom of footstools makes them slide easier.

To prevent carpet from ravelling when cut, run two rows of machine stitching with the machine were it is to be cut.

**LIBERAL LEADER CRITICALLY ILL****SIR WILFRID LAURIER**

The Veteran Liberal Chieftain, who is critically ill from an infusion of blood on the brain.

**BRITISH GOV'T WILL TAKE CANADA'S SURPLUS WHEAT AT FIXED PRICE**

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Sir Thomas White stated today that it had been brought to his attention that some anxiety existed as to whether the exportable surplus of Canada's wheat crop of last year would be all taken at the price fixed by the British government. He said that the Dominion government had given its guarantee, which was made public at the time it was given, that Canada's 1918 wheat crop would be purchased at the fixed price, and that this guarantee was in full force and effect. The arrangement with the British government and with the Wheat Export Company, which acts for them, is that the exportable surplus of last year's wheat crop will be purchased by them at the fixed price and on this basis a large part of the surplus has been already purchased from the grain dealers who are handling the movement.

**WITNESSES OF THRILLING INCIDENTS SELDOM ABLE TO DESCRIBE THEM**

(Chicago News)

"Very few people have the faculty of telling the story of some incident they have witnessed," began the insurance collector. "But I have that faculty. That is why I can relate to you the true happening of the quarrel between Jammers and Wikers, our neighbors, who mixed up in a fistie scuffle over the ownership of a 50 cent snow shovel."

"I was passing Jammers' home when I saw Wikers coming down the street seemingly excited to a high degree. Jammers at the moment was shovelling the snow from his front walk.

Wikers asked for the return of his shovel.

"What do you mean, your shovel?" asked Jammers.

"Wikers said Jammers' shovel had been in his family for years. Then Wikers tried to prove his prior ownership by tipping Jammers behind the ear."

"That isn't how it happened at all," said the woman to whom the insurance collector was speaking. "Mrs. Harkin saw it from her front window and her story differs from yours in many ways. She said Wikers was walking down the street on his way to shovel the

**WHY BELGIANS STILL NEED HELP**

"In travelling through Belgium with the Belgian armies, I have been able to see the country recently tenanted by the Bochs in the condition in which they left it, and never was there such desolation anywhere. One cannot get away from signs of destruction, no matter where one goes, along the country roads or in the city streets.

Not only has property been destroyed and every means of livelihood taken away from the people, but the peasants, especially in the country districts, have been left destitute both of home and food. We travelled twelve miles yesterday through open country and as but one small instance of the vast plundering of the Germans, let me state that in all twelve miles I saw one solitary live animal did we see, and practically every tree had been felled, so you can imagine the dreary aspect of the scenery.

All the peasant women and children we met on our way, said a news correspondent, while they greeted us with cheers and received us into their homes with open arms, those that had homes, showed the greatest suffering from insufficient food and nourishment. They did not complain, but merely stated as a fact that they had not tasted meat for two months and had lived largely on soup and coffee.

The cry of the Belgians today is for food and clothing and those who would help, no matter how little, should send their contributions to their committee, or direct to the Central Committee, Belgian Relief Fund, 59 St. Peter street, Montreal.

**BEEF FOR MONTREAL.**

The Gagetown correspondent of the Telegraph writes: "Mr. Roger P. Scovil left on Saturday for Montreal with a carload of beef cattle to place on the Montreal market. This is the largest consignment of beef from one farm which has gone out of the place during the year, although a good number of carloads of beef bought in various parts of the county have been shipped out this winter. Queens county beef is in high favor among the Montreal buyers, showing one of the possibilities of the rich intervale lands along this part of the St. John river and its adjoining lakes."

snow from the walk of an elderly widow when Jammers ran out from between two houses and berated him about some incident that occurred last summer. The snow shovel slipped out of Wikers' hand and hit Jammers on the head. Wikers then fled down the street.

"Furthermore, Mr. Insurance, I have Mr. Dublin's story of the affair. Mr. Dublin was within six feet of the fracas when it happened. He says it was like this:

"Mr. Jammers was just stepping out of the Bonton general store, accompanied by his wife and children. He had made some purchases, among which was a coal shovel—remember not a snow shovel. Mr. Wikers had just pulled up in front of the Bonton in his little automobile.

"The two men exchanged a few pleasantries about the weather and everything, and Mr. Wikers invited the Jammers crowd to jump into his machine and he'd drive them home. Jammers and Wikers were sitting in front and they got into some kind of an argument. Jammers attempted to throw Wikers overboard, but lost his balance and fell out himself."

"I can explain it," said the insurance collector, "for I was right there at the time."

"So were the others," snapped the woman, paying her installment. "I bet you are all wrong."

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