

LEAP YEAR RIGHTS OF WOMEN WERE ONCE FIXED BY STATUTE, MEN WERE FINED FOR REFUSING

London, Feb. 15—Discussing Leap a joke, although the origin of the year, with 29 days in February, the custom is lost in the mists of antiquity.

"In 1288—a leap year—a law was enacted in Scotland declaring that it is statute and ordained that during the reign of Her Most Blessed Majesty, for each known as leap year each maiden lady of both high and low estate shall have liberty to bespeak the man she likes, albeit he refuses to take her to be his lawful wife he shall be mulcted in the sum of one pound or less, as his estate may be except that he is betrothed to any other woman she shall then be free.

"The motive of this devastating enactment is not clear. It was not, so far as one can learn, an age of surplus women, or one in which men were unduly backward in the arts of courtship. The fact Scotland at the time was under the rule of the maiden Queen Margaret is suggestive, but misleading, since she, the ill-fated 'Maid of Normandy,' was a mere child who had never set foot on Scottish soil.

"No one, it seems, has ever succeeded in tracing any reasonable, or even plausible, connection between the customs of courtship and the occurring of leap year, but it was not only Scotland that this superstition won statutory recognition. A few years later a similar law was passed in France, and in the 15th century the custom of spinsters proposing every fourth year, with penalties for recalcitrant males, was legalized in France and Genoa. In England the custom was never legally enforced, but there is no law against it."

"In the British Isles, however, it has been considered more reasonable, and it is certainly less confusing, to give February an extra day, rather than have two consecutive days bearing the same date. The English term 'leap year' is almost self-explanatory. The effect of interposing the extra day is that after February 29 every date 'leaps over' the day of the week on which it would have fallen if February's tale of days had not been increased. Thus last year, March 1 was on Tuesday. This year it will be on a Thursday, and so on with the remaining months.

"There were grave dangers to be encountered when the right of spinsters to propose marriage in leap year was seriously upheld. For at one time this hoary tradition went beyond

EACH PERSON HAS A FAVORITE WAY OF INJURING HIMSELF

(New York Sun)

What is your favorite method of bumping your head? Some might think that a bang on the scone by any other means would be just as painful, but there are those who uphold the superior efficacy of special forms of self-assault.

Mr. Grivvish, the vacuum cleaner salesman, was one of the trio who discussed the matter the other day. His favorite calamity is walking into doors in the dark.

"If there's one open anywhere at all," he said, "I barge right into it. Many painful experiences have taught me to keep my hands out in front of me, touching one another; but if I let my fingertips separate even a couple of inches, the space seems to exert a suction more powerful than the strongest vacuum motor we sell, and that's pretty powerful, I'm telling you. The edge of some door just rushes into the gap, and I drive my poor skull right against it in full stride.

HEART WAS SO WEAK Had to Stay in Bed

Mrs. F. Wilson, Lethbridge, Alta., writes:—"My heart was very weak, and I had to stay in bed for five weeks with it."

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The janitor stopped mopping the hall to make exception.

"It can't be as bad as what I do constantly in the dark," he moaned. "That's bending over quickly to pick up something bringing my nose down on the back of a chair. Oh, what a jolt! You not only get a terrible pain, but your nose bleeds and your face turns black for about a square foot around each eye."

"No matter how often I do it, I never learn. Some time or other I drop something in the dark, make a quick grab for it, and—bang! Walking into a door is mild compared to it!"

"Well," interjected Mrs. Kiffen, whose occupation is noted down in the census as housewife, "I don't need to be in the dark to bump myself. Every closet door in my kitchen has a tricky catch and a habit of opening unexpectedly. If I bend over the sink or stoop to get a pot from the cupboard under the cabinet, the door overhead is liable to swing softly outward. Then I straighten up quickly and bring the top of my head right into the sharp lower corner of the door."

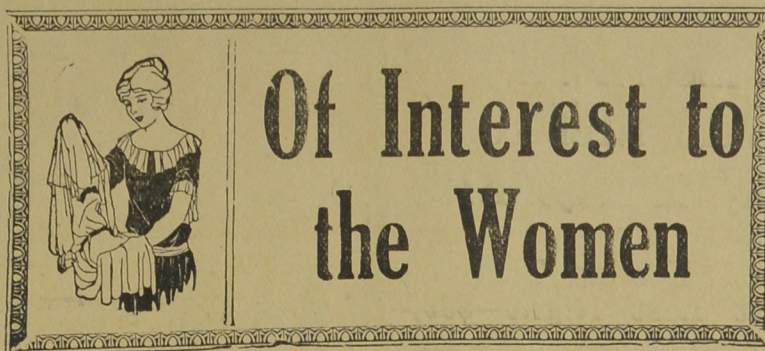
"The pain begins in the pit of your stomach and moves out in all directions. Your ears ring, your eyes go dizzy, you get sick all over, and you just know your skull is fractured. Every now and then the skin is broken, and when you see the stain on your hand you're sure you're mortally injured. Nothing could hurt worse!"

Subsequent argument seemed to be ineffectual. No one converted any one else to a trial of his favorite method of private mutilation, and the merry discussion fell flat when Mr. Grivvish tried to sell Mrs. Kiffen a vacuum cleaner.

NEW UMPIRE IS APPOINTED

Chicago, Feb. 15—Appointment of Daniel A. Barry of Boston as an American League umpire was announced yesterday by President Edward S. Barnard.

Barry is a newspaperman. He has never officiated in professional games but is one of the leading amateur baseball and football umpires of the east.



CEREAL CAKES WITH BACON.

- 3 cups cold wheat cereal
- 1 tablespoon minced onion
- 1 teaspoon minced parsley
- Salt and pepper
- Cornmeal
- Bacon

Mix the seasonings with the cereal and form into small cakes. Roll in the cornmeal. Put in a greased baking pan and place strips of bacon on the top. Bake in a hot oven (450 degrees Fahrenheit) until the bacon is crisp. Serve for breakfast or luncheon.

RAISED MUFFINS.

- 1 cup scalded milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons fat
- 1 cup cold water
- 1-4 yeast cake
- 1-4 cup lukewarm water
- 1 egg or 2 egg yolks
- 1 quart bread flour

Add the sugar, salt and fat to the hot milk; when dissolved add the cold water and the yeast mixed with the lukewarm water. Beat the egg slightly and add to the first mixture. Add the flour, beat thoroughly and let rise over night. Fill greased muffin pans two thirds full and let rise until the pans are full. Bake in a hot oven (450 degrees Fahrenheit) twenty five minutes. Reduce heat for at least ten minutes.

LAYER CAKE.

- 3-4 cup butter
- 1 1-2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3-4 cup milk
- 2 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 3-4 teaspoon vanilla

Cream together the butter and sugar, and add the beaten egg yolks add the milk alternately with the flour and the baking powder sifted together. Fold in the beaten egg whites flavor and bake in two layers or in a loaf in a moderate oven. The yolks and whites may be beaten together and added with the milk.

POPOVERS.

- 1 cup flour
- 1-2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg

Mix the salt and flour, beat the egg slightly and mix with the milk; add to the dry ingredients. Beat only enough to mix well and pour into hot buttered gem pans or custard cups. Bake in a hot oven thirty minutes then turn out the fire or open the door and keep in the oven for ten minutes. Iron or earthenware is better than agate or tin for baking popovers.

COTTAGE CHEESE SALAD.

- 2 cups cottage cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1-2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 tablespoon scraped onion
- 1-2 cup finely chopped green pepper
- 1 small head lettuce, rather green
- 1-4 cup salad dressing of choice

Weak Throat Strengthened; Voice Was Impaired

For years past public speakers, singers and ministers have been users of CATARRHOZONE in order to give strength and clearness to the voice. Writing from his home in Hillsdale, N. B., Mr. John E. Nicholson says: "I had trouble with my throat and nose for some time, and could get no benefit with anything until I tried CATARRHOZONE, which improved me greatly, and I cannot say too much in its favor. I can now speak much more clearly, and am always ready to recommend Catarrhozone." Signed: John E. Nicholson.

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Of Interest to the Women

Mix the cottage cheese, seasoning mustard and onion until smooth; then add the green peppers. Clean and dry the lettuce leaves, shred and line plate with same. Then place bits of the mixture on it and put salad dressing of choice on top. Garnish with thin slices of green sweet pickles.

Paris, Feb. 15—They are putting lots of clothes on the chorus girls in all the big music halls in Paris this winter. Even the dancing troupes—most of them English—wear stockings in addition to opaque shorts and blouses and even fancier heavier costumes.

The political aspirant made a last attempt to arouse enthusiasm in his small audience.

"Gentlemen" he said "we need something to carry this precinct by the biggest majority ever known. What is it?"

And the reply came: "A different candidate."

Hubby—What in the name of heavens are these one arm lunch-room chairs doing here?

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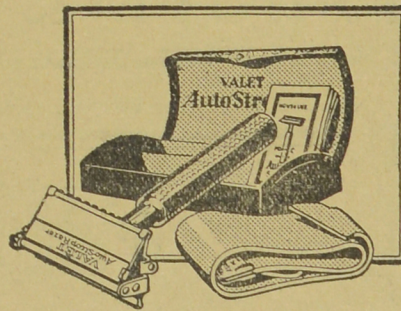
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