

A WRITER IN McLEANS DESCRIBES A PULLMAN CAR AS AN HOTEL ON WHEELS

Arthur Lowe has an interesting article on Hotels on Wheels in McLean's Magazine in which he says:

"On Canadian railways, sleeping, parlor and dining car services are grouped in one department. The Canadian Pacific and Canadian National together have sufficient sleeper accommodation to 'put up' over thirty thousand travelers at night—excluding those who make the best of a bad job in the day coach. At a pinch the two companies could take care of an equal number of people in the dining and cafe cars.

"On the majority of railways in the United States, the sleeping coaches are owned and operated by the Pullman Company, but the Canadian Pacific owns and operates its own sleepers. In this particular department, the company has altogether 787 pieces of equipment, which includes 583 sleepers, tourists, compartment and observation cars, 145 dining and cafe cars, and 69 parlor cars. On the National lines the majority of sleepers are operated by the Pullman Company, but close control is maintained by the sleeping car department of the railway. Design today is pretty well standardized and it is difficult to spot the difference between a Pullman and a company coach.

"Sleeping car design has undergone a violent change in the last twenty years. There was a time when art triumphed at the expense of hygiene; when every bit of exposed wood was duly decorated with symbolic carvings. Fortunately the era passed with the coming of the vacuum cleaner and today absence of dirt is compensation enough for any seeming chasity of line. Indian temple effects have passed into the limbo of forgotten things with oil lamps, silk slips and

colored cushions. In spite of its simplicity, however, a modern sleeping coach costs anything from sixty thousand and up—which is reason enough for the elimination of superfluous adornments. A modern dining car costs approximately the same as a sleeper, but an extra fifteen thousand dollars is required to equip it.

"With a railway, the supply of available sleeping coaches must always exceed the demand, for the demand is exceedingly elastic. A train may pull out of Winnipeg fifty times with only sufficient passengers to fill three coaches; it may pull out the fifty-first time with passengers enough to fill six coaches—and the extra coaches must be read and waiting.

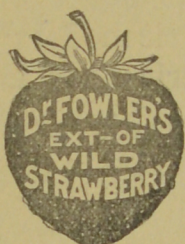
"The majority of transcontinental train grow, avalanche-like, as they cross the Dominion. A train leaving Vancouver, for example, may begin modestly with three sleepers. At Calgary an extra sleeper is hooked on; at Winnipeg two more found necessary, and so on in steady progression until the laboring engine pulls in to Montreal, Saint John or Halifax.

"Sometimes, of course, the reverse procedure is followed and a train decreases in length, but usually the coaches comprising the original train make the complete trip. As far as possible efforts are made to determine the number of coaches which will be required at any given point in advance. The conductor telegraphs ahead the accommodation he has available, and the number of through passengers he is carrying. With this information taken in conjunction with the probable number of passengers who will board the train at the given station, a fairly accurate estimate can be made of coach requirements.

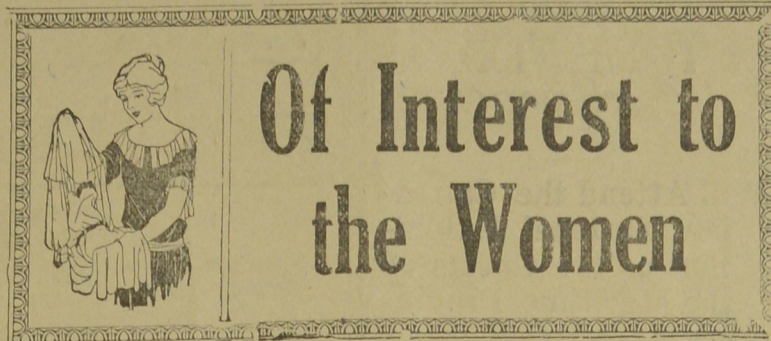
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FRESH CORN GRIDDLE CAKES

1 cup fresh corn
1 cup flour
1 cup milk
1 or 2 eggs
3 teaspoons baking powder
1-4 teaspoon salt
Husk the corn, remove all silk with brush; then either cut from cob or grate on coarse grater, add the milk and well beaten egg; then the sifted flour, baking powder and salt and mix well. Bake on hot well greased griddle until nicely browned on both sides.

VEGETABLE LOAF

3 cups grated fresh corn
3 cups mashed potatoes
2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
1 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper or seasoning to taste
2 eggs
17 teaspoon grated onion or a little grated nutmeg.
To the hot mashed potatoes add the grated corn, butter, seasoning. Beat the eggs until light, keeping 1 teaspoon to brush the top of loaf; add to the mixture and mix lightly. Brush bakish with butter or margarine put in the mixture; smooth the top and brush with the egg. Place in moderate oven and bake 30 minutes, or until a nice brown. Serve with tomato sauce made as usual.

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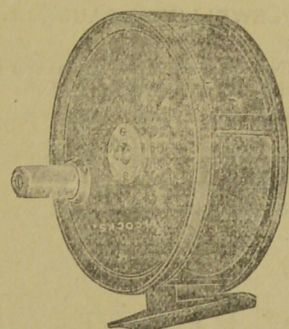
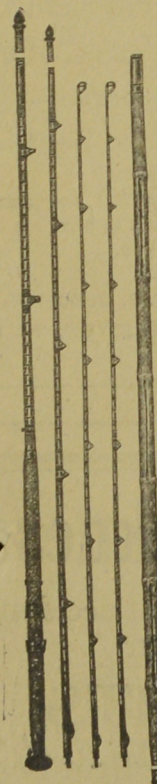
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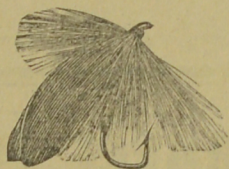


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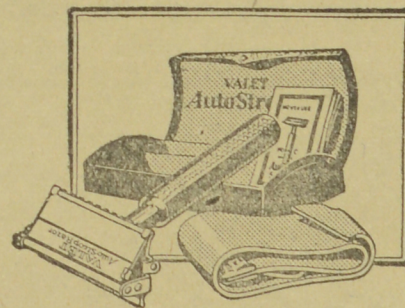
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