

INDIGESTION.

Successful Use of Olive Oil For That Disagreeable Malady.

One has only to consider how olive oil is used in the warm parts of Europe where the olive is cultivated and how ghee is used in India in order to satisfy oneself that oily matter may be taken with facility in hot countries as well as in cold. You hear nothing about indigestion in these lands; you find that a bad olive harvest or scant supply of ghee is a great national calamity. A Hindoo servant of a friend who kept up his Indian habits of eating in London has told me that in his own case nothing would make up for a deficiency of ghee or butter, and that his experience in this matter was the common experience of his countrymen at home or away from home. Indeed, it may be taken for granted that oil may be used in large quantities throughout the year in hot, olive growing countries of the south of Europe, not only without making the people bilious or out of order in any way, but with unmistakable benefit.

Dr. Cohnheim at the international medical congress detailed his experience with large doses of olive oil in cases of severe gastric distress. In his first case the young man had suffered from an injury in the gastric region, and it seemed probable that an ulcer had resulted. The pain on eating was so great as to make him avoid food. A wineglass of olive oil taken before meals gave complete relief. The same remedy was tried in other cases in which stomach discomfort was a prominent symptom. Even in cases of gastric cancer relief was afforded to many symptoms. In cases of pylorus stenosis most satisfactory results were secured as far as the alleviation of symptoms was concerned. Cohnheim has treated 12 cases of gastric catarrh by this method with uniformly good results whenever the patients bore the oil well. Patients who had lost so much in weight as to appear almost cachectic began immediately to gain in weight and within a couple of months had gained from 15 to 30 pounds.

Professor Mathieu of Paris said that in certain parts of the country, both of Germany and France, olive oil is used as a family remedy for all stomach pains and has a high reputation. In his practice at the Hospital Andral Dr. Mathieu has often used this remedy and knows how efficient it is where less simple remedies have failed. He recommends it with confidence, despite the fact that it is a popular hygienic rather than a drug medicine.—Dr. M. L. Holbrook in Health Magazine.

CHAMPAGNE MAKING.

Why It Is Not More Extensive in the United States.

"What the dickens is the reason," asked an inquisitive friend of a well known California wine man, "that we can't make as good champagne here in the United States as they do in France?"

"Because it doesn't pay," replied the wine man promptly. "There is no physical reason why we can't do it. We have the climate, we have the soil, and the champagne grape, grown from imported cuttings, does just as well here as it does in France. But there is no money in the business. The situation is briefly this," continued the Californian. "To make high grade champagne requires an enormous investment of capital. After the stock is bottled it must mature for several years in subterranean vaults at a constant temperature of 45 degrees.

"In Reims and the other champagne districts of France the old Roman catacombs are utilized for that purpose, and their existence has undoubtedly made the business possible. They are tunneled for miles through solid rock, and if they had been excavated for use as wine vaults their cost would have been prohibitive. You can see, too, on a moment's reflection that the ripening stock must be very large in order to return a decent profit. It must run up into the millions of bottles, meaning the tying up of a small fortune every season. In France, where the people are educated to solid investments and slow returns, that sort of thing is practical; but here—no. An American wants to turn over his money quickly and won't listen to a proposition involving four or five years' inaction.

"Out in my district the winemakers have all they can do in supplying the market with claret and still vintages, and they very naturally argue that they would be foolish to sink a lot of money in a champagne plant that would bring them to a standstill for years. We are making a little good champagne in this country now and have been doing so for some time past, but the reason why we haven't entered the field as serious producers is the one I have just skeletonized."

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Correct Accent by Phonograph.

It has long been supposed that France, or a Frenchman, is necessary for the acquisition of a proper French accent. This is no longer so now that an economical substitute for the Frenchman has been found in the phonograph. It is understood that a corps of French professors are spending their whole time in conversing into phonographs. A professor's day's work is to fill thirty phonographic cylinders. These cylinders are destined to go forth bearing precious French accents into thousands of happy English homes. A book has now been prepared, called "The Pictorial French Course." It contains thirty lessons, each illustrated by a picture ingeniously portraying the objects alluded to in the lesson. Each lesson corresponds word for word with one of the phonographic discourses. All that the student has to do therefore is to set his phonograph going. The book will tell him what it is saying. It will be seen that the new system is pictorial-oral.—London Daily Mail

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Uncle Rastus Protests.

"I 'bjeck to all of 'em, yo' honah," said Uncle Rastus, glancing contemptuously at the white jurymen that had been summoned to try his case.

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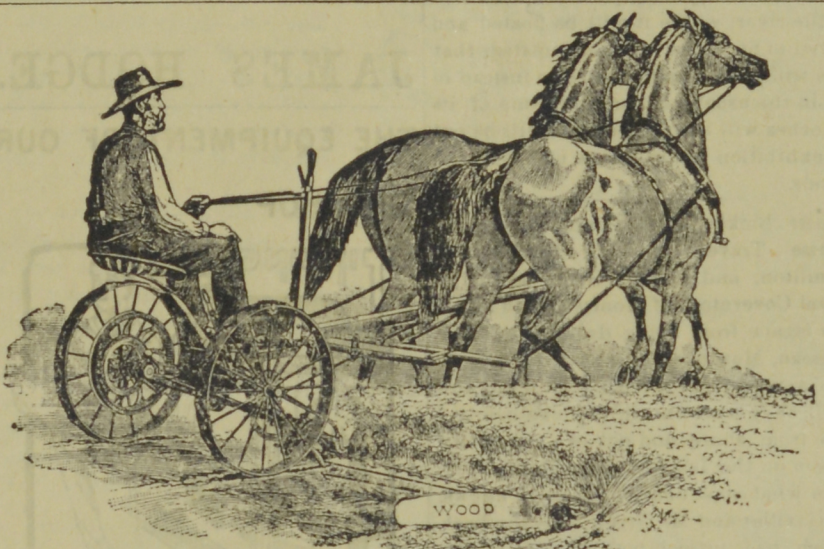
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