

OUR SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER TABLE SERIES

A DIBT FOR MENTAL DYSPEPSIA, AND A CURE FOR HYPOCHONDRIA, BY F. O. BLOTT, OR ANY COMPLAINT OF A HY ORDER.

BY OUR SERIES EDITOR.

ALMANAC AND DIARY.

SHORT METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WEEK.

January.

Monday, 7.—The Great Conflict, by Horace Greeley, inaugurated in New York. The bookbinders at work on it, having struck the boss and for higher wages at the same time, were bound over; the books themselves were half bound.

Tuesday, 8.—A publishing house advertises a new religious book, entitled "The Spirit of the Sun; or, How to Make the Soul Sneeze with Devotion." The author, in giving his book this attractive title, is supposed to be up to snuff.

Wednesday, 9.—General Sheridan denies the rumor that he is a candidate for the Presidency or matrimony. He does not wish to rule or be ruled.

Thursday, 10.—Head Centre Stephens has to hide himself in New York to keep the enraged Fenians from hitting him, which they threaten to do if they catch him.

Friday, 11.—Simon Cameron nominated for the United States Senate. "Simon said war-war" and the old men were wagged their wigs.

Saturday, 12.—Sensuous Colman Day. The Editor having attended a course of lectures by Professor Blot, on Cooking, has been in a stew ever since.

PROFESSOR BLOT

And His Man "Jean" at the Assembly Buildings.

Being a family man and a great admirer of the cooks and cooking, I, with other members of the press, went to hear the Professor Blot over his French cooking (for the proper appreciation of this joke here dished up, you must understand that the Professor's name is pronounced Blot; reading it the other way would blot the pun out, so to speak), and to see Jean, dressed up in an apron and cap, both of which looked as if they had been just dredged with the flour dredger, stir the broth while the Professor added the spice, in the way of some garlicky remarks about American cooking. This lecture, which was the fourth in the Professor's course, was like all the others in its chief particulars, which consisted mainly in cooking meats away to nothing, and then with an onion making soup out of the broth.

Among his various dishes was



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excited so much interest; and before he proceeded further with the bill of fare, he would make some remarks on behavior at the table, giving the rules established in Paris for the government of good society in that department. You must not "castle" with your knife and fork—the knife moves in a horizontal direction, from right to left, and *cetera*, like the "rook," but cannot capture anything on the board; if it should move forwards or backwards from you, great care must be taken that your meat does not slip off your plate on to the cloth, or into your lap. Such movements, though sometimes made, are always attended with danger. The fork is more the power of the "knight," and can capture anything on the board within reach.

In carving a goose place your fork firmly into the bird, for the breast-bone may glance off, and the fowl slide into the lap of your guest. Should such a *contretemps* take place, do not stick your fork at the bird like a harpoon, as you might miss your mark, or at least terrify your guest; but simply say in a low tone, smiling, "Madam, I'll thank you for that goose!" This will put the burden of your awkwardness, like the goose, on the guest, and relieve you of the difficulty of getting it back to the dish. These remarks of the Professor were greatly appreciated by his fair auditors.

The Professor now returned to his bill of fare. The next thing he took hold of was "Boned frog." Taking the animal by the head, and severing the skin just below the ears, he, by a dexterous jerk, pulled the skin completely off until it just hung by the toes; he then blew up the skin, and presented his pupils with the sight of two "frogs," one boned and the other for fricassee. Jean took them and replaced the skin, when it was set aside for a future lecture. The next thing was "Equine, baked." Take a little sorrel, about fourteen and a half hands high, remove his harness, shoes, and skin, and then take his spare ribs and put in a pan with a bucket of water. While baking, make a gravy of a quart of oats, a little corn, and two onions, and baste the ribs well, when they will soon begin to fall out, and your sorrel will be fit for use. A lady here asked "where the sorrel would be along the roadside; a passenger railway sorrel would do. Another lady wished to know if you stirred it. The Professor said generally they were very difficult to stir until their ribs were well basted.

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INSURANCE COMPANIES.

DELAWARE MUTUAL SAFETY INSURANCE COMPANY, Incorporated by the Legislature of Delaware, 1852. Office, S. E. Corner Third and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia.

Table with columns for Assets, Liabilities, and other financial details of the Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company.

Assets of the Company, January 1, 1866. Total Assets: \$1,000,000.00.

Losses Paid Since 1852 Over \$5,000,000.00. Perpetual and Term Policyholders on Liberal Terms.

Office of the Anthracite Insurance Company, No. 311 W. 11th Street, Philadelphia, January 7, 1867.

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1829-CHARTER PERPETUAL Franklin Fire Insurance Co. PHILADELPHIA.

Assets on January 1, 1866, \$2,506,851.96. Losses Paid Since 1829 Over \$5,000,000.

Removal. The Girard Fire and Marine Insurance Company. New Office, Northeast Corner Chesnut and Seventh Streets, Philadelphia.

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RAILROAD LINES.

PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON AND BALTIMORE RAILROAD. Commencing Monday, December 31, 1866. Trains will leave Depot, corner of Broad Street and Washington Avenue, as follows:

Express Train at 4:15 A.M. (Mondays excepted), for Baltimore and Washington, stopping at Chester, Wilmington, Newark, Elton, Northport, Perryville, Havre-de-Grace, Aberdeen, Perryman, Edgewood, Magnolia, Chase, and Steamers Run.

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