

THE KAISER TO UNCLE SAM.

I would not be your enemy. I love you far too well. My deep affection, verily,

Bevolent were all my plans Toward folk within your gates. And so I urged the Mexicans

"FINE FEATHERS."

"Miss Brown!" The face he turned up to Robert Faulkner's gaze was not the face of the San Francisco man's peach,

"You don't need the pink and silver frock," he said softly. "I like you better this way, little girl. Who cares for pink satin?"

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been so busy, and I've never had pretty clothes. Perhaps, if they'd ever found out I was there—but they didn't."

"Fools!" Faulkner's tone expressed profound contempt, but Mary Brown was more tolerant.

"Men aren't like that," Faulkner protested. She looked at him in mild surprise. "Oh, yes they are. You didn't know I was there."

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and drawn by white rats. There are so many things to be seen when one's eyes are opened. "I feel like Cinderella." Mary Brown turned to say good night and Robert Faulkner took her hand. It was cotton-gloved; but so small that it was lost in his, and it trembled a little. The trembling was his undoing.

"I have had a nice time," she told him shyly. "But when the clock struck twelve Cinderella had to go home—and sit by the fire." "Tomorrow night, Cinderella," said the boy of twenty, "I am coming to call on Mary Brown's mother—and I shall bring your slipper."

The hall door opened hastily and shut. The Prince was alone on the tenement house steps, but up the dark stairway Cinderella was running, in shabby shoes but with her thoughts on crystal slippers.

Maude Radford Warren says in the December Woman's Home Companion: "In a sense, every woman in France is a nurse and a mother to the soldiers."

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Health and Happiness

A SERIES of articles on the relation of bacteria to milk now being published in the Watchman: Aug. 17—The Bacterial Content of Milks Supplied to Bellefonte. Aug. 24—How the Number of Bacteria in Milk is Determined. What Are Bacteria? Aug. 31 and Sept. 7—Environmental Influences upon Bacteria in Milk. Sept. 28—Sources of Bacteria in Milk. Oct. 5—Influence of Temperature upon the Growth of Bacteria in Milk. Oct. 26—Effect of Bacteria upon Milk. Nov. 9—Relation of Disease Bacteria to Milk.

PRESERVATION OF MILK AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BACTERIAL COUNT.

It has been shown (No. 24, Sept. 28) how milk becomes contaminated with various kinds of bacteria which find in this medium most favorable conditions for development. The result of this contamination is that the period during which milk has a commercial value for food purposes is greatly lessened with resulting losses of considerable economic importance.

From these two points of view, therefore, (1) the economic, (2) the hygienic, it is highly important that means should be adopted that will result in improving the keeping quality of milk and at the same time insure freedom from bacteria capable of producing disease.

An improvement in the condition of milk may be secured, (1) by excluding bacterial life so far as practicable at the time the milk is drawn and subsequently holding it at temperatures unfavorable to the multiplication of the bacteria that do gain access; or by removing these bacteria wholly or in part after they have once gained access to the milk.

Preservation by Exclusion. The first method is followed in many dairies that supply high grade milk. The so-called "sanitary," "hygienic" or "certified" milk is usually a milk that has been handled in such a way as to prevent the introduction of most bacteria that under ordinary conditions would find their way into it.

How Children Can Help in the War. An editorial in the December Woman's Home Companion says: "You ask me, 'Do you think the children ought to have the same sort of Christmas as usual?'"

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FARM NOTES.

Sandy soil ought not to be heavily manured at any time, but should receive frequent small applications. —Pennsylvania has imposed as a penalty for conviction for a second offense under the game law, imprisonment equal to one day for each dollar of the fine and denial of license to hunt for two years.

It takes 50 per cent. more feed to put a pound of ham on a 150-pound pig than to put a pound on one weighing 40 pounds, and 83 per cent. more feed for a 350-pound pig. Keep the pigs gaining while young on pasture and dairy by-products, if available, always supplemented with a grain ration.

Now that the country's bumper potato crop is flowing into markets in an ever-increasing stream the wise housewife will take advantage of this cheap source of starchy food and will give the tubers a very important place on the dinner table.

It is well known that potatoes are a nutritious and healthful food, of which one may eat freely without ill effects. As a matter of fact, say the Department specialists, there is something more which can be said for the potato, for the liberal consumption of them helps to supply the body with alkaline salts which it needs for normal health.

The prices received by producers for cattle, sheep and hogs, September 15, and chickens, October, have gained 52.7 per cent. in the general average from 1916 to 1917, according to the latest report of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The highest price at the farm per 100 pounds, live weight, reached during the year under review, was \$8.70 for beef cattle in May, \$11.08 for veal calves last September, \$10.15 for sheep in May, \$13.06 for lambs last September, \$15.69 for hogs last September, and 18.1 cents per pound for chickens October 1 of this year.

Winter Care of Bees.—Beekeepers lose from one-tenth to one-half of their colonies every winter by failing to feed and protect them properly. That loss is too large, bee specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture believe, and in a statement issued recently they declare these losses of important sources of sugar can be reduced to less than one per cent.

Protection of the live and providing foods of good quality for winter stores will conserve the energy of the bees and enable the colony to pass the winter safely outdoors. If the hive is placed within a box about six inches greater in each dimension than the hive itself, and the space between filled with dry sawdust, leaves, or other insulating material, the necessity of heat generation by the bees is reduced to a minimum.

Care must be taken to see that the hives have proper food stores. Food such as honeydew honey or honeys with a large percentage of gum, which may cause a rapid accumulation of excrement in the bees, are undesirable, but may be corrected by inserting a frame of honey in the middle of the brood chamber after brood rearing has ceased.

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"What will you have for breakfast?" inquired the waiter. "What's the use of my sitting here and guessing? You go ahead and bring me what the law allows for today."—Washington Star.