

Kiss No Light Matter With Early Christians

Among the early Christians the kiss of peace was a sacred ceremony, observed upon their most solemn occasions. It was called the seal of prayer, and was a symbol of that mutual forgiveness and reconciliation which the church required, as an essential condition before anyone was admitted to the sacraments.

The Roman civilians at length took the kiss under their protection. Their code defined the nature, limits, incidents and such like of the "right of kissing."

The kiss had all the virtue of a bond, granted as a seal to the ceremony of betrothing; and if the husband-elect broke the engagement, repenting of what he had done, he surrendered a moiety of the presents received in the ceremony of betrothing. In consequence of the violence done to the modesty of the lady by a kiss.

In much later times the kiss was esteemed to be a ceremony of particular obligation. Julia, in "Two Gentlemen of Verona," after exchanging a ring with her lover, completes the contract by a kiss:

"And seal the bargain with a holy kiss."

The last instance in which the kiss formed the subject of serious regulation was when the Empress Catherine of Russia instituted assemblies of men and women to promote the cultivation of polite manners. Among the rules she directed that "no gentleman should force a kiss from or strike a woman in the assembly, under pain of exclusion."

Doctor's Long Fast in Interests of Science

The first fast of long duration undertaken for scientific purposes, and with the possibility of imposture eliminated, was completed about fifty years ago by Doctor Tanner of New York, who went wholly without food for forty days, from noon of June 29 to noon of August 7, 1880.

During that period there is satisfactory evidence that Doctor Tanner ate no food. He drank very little water and no other liquid whatever. His weight at the beginning of his fast was 157 pounds and at its conclusion 121 pounds, showing a loss of 36 pounds, or almost a pound per day.

He consumed meat and fruit in liberal quantities at the end, showing that the old theory of this being dangerous was not true—at least not in his case.

Weather to Order

Equipment for washing, circulating and keeping the air at the proper temperature is installed in buildings of the National Zoological park at Washington to protect the health of 2,600 animals and birds, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. In most of the houses, conditions like those of an ideal June day are maintained with a temperature of 68 degrees, relative humidity of 40 to 45 per cent and the air slowly moving. The installation has made possible the safekeeping of animals that ordinarily would not thrive in American climate.

Snakes Used Medicinally

A French doctor says that in many houses in his district dried adders are preserved, and when any member of the family catches a cold or suffers from chills and fever, he is given a dose of liquid prepared from pieces of the dried snake boiled in water for a quarter of an hour. This opens the pores and causes the patient to perspire.

Pieces of dried snakes are also sold by chemists to drive away, among other things, the rosy rash that accompanies measles.

Wearied of Old Song

Should old acquaintance and old tunes be forgot? Not by the judges of a mouth organ contest in London recently, they say. As a preliminary test each of the 152 contestants was compelled to play "Annie Laurie," and one judge said that after hearing it 152 times he sang it in his sleep. Players came from all parts of Great Britain. One entrant insisted on playing in front of a mirror, and another swayed in semi-circles as he gave the Scotch classic.

Toys Thought Wonders

Less than 200 years ago, three quite ordinary mechanical toys attracted great attention when they were exhibited. One was a figure that played the flute, another a tambourine player, and the third a swimming duck. Lifelike canaries that sing naturally when they are wound up are commonplace toys nowadays. The first of this type of toy was shown at the great exhibition of 1851 in England.

Good Timber Tree

The black walnut is more fortunate than many trees in that it has only a few common names. Throughout its entire range of 850,000 square miles it is called walnut, black walnut or walnut tree, says the American Tree association. It is found from southern New England to Minnesota and south to Florida, and is an important timber tree, producing excellent lumber and fine nuts.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Time once was when, as shadow fell, We thought with joy of the dinner bell. Now we tighten our belts, less space to fill, And shrink at the thought of the dinner bell.

Mayfair's newest fad is the wearing of corsets outside instead of underneath the dress, says a London fashion correspondent. These fashionable corsets are made from costly materials such as the lowly "coat-of-mail" corset of the past never dreamed of using.

The most popular fashion is a black chiffon evening frock, corseted in the new manner with diamante embroidery and silver lace. At first glance it looks as if the wearer has a glittering girdle clasped around her body, laced down the back in the old-fashioned way with a silver string. The scintillating silver ornamentation of the dress, however, is quite pliable despite the realism of its design and shape.

A London dressmaker said of the new fashion:

"The corset style of trimming for evening dresses is much more attractive than it sounds. It lends itself to many ideas and emphasizes a good figure far more 'dressed' than some of the recent all-done-alike modes."

Men, however, are asking: "Why when we thought we had been liberated from the old hook-me-up-the-back tyranny do we have to go back to the finger-nail-breaking routine of the past?"

There is a decided movement towards the flare silhouette (not the godelt). This new flare is shown on both coats and dresses, the skirts of which are slightly fuller in front or at the sides of the skirt on the bias, insetting circular pieces or plaits. But for all this, the straight-line silhouette still remains the most important.

Coats for winter will be very straight or with a slightly flaring line in front and a lot of inset fabric work seamings. Fur trimmings on coats promise to be very lavish. Several advance models have large fur collars with wide hem of fur all the way down the front.

Skirts remain as short as ever, except for a few instances where skirts dip at the back for evening wear. The short loose coat of the same material as the evening dress has become a very important factor in the mode. This was launched by the Paris couturiers several seasons ago, but it is only now becoming a very important accessory. The short sleeve has been taken up by many of the leading houses and it will continue to be shown for Riviera wear this winter. The long, tight sleeve and the full sleeve caught at the wrist will remain the smartest for town wear this autumn. The V neck, the square and the high round neck are the three types worn for daytime—for evening, the wide round and V-shaped neckline.

The general opinion is that there will be a lot of gray, tobacco brown, rust colors, deep blues and greens. The grays of most importance are the blue grays, pearl, mauve and taupe shades. The blues in the very bright shades and deep grass greens. The rust colors and tobacco browns are already worn by some of the smart women at the races. Rose beiges and yellow beiges will both be worn this winter as well as the faded old rose shades. White and black still continue to be two of the smartest colors for evening wear and are remarked in all collections.

There is scarcely a dress, or ensemble for that matter coming from across the seas which does not flaunt a scarf of some kind. Of the outdoor-togs, never overlooked or missed, but it is equally very much present on day-time dresses and even on evening frocks. It may be of the dress fabric—in fact, is very likely to be when it is accompanying an evening gown of printed chiffon or printed chiffon voile; or it may be of a contrasting material as is invariably the case when the dress material is plain, for it will sound the color note and often the print high note as well. On some dresses it is frankly supplementary—a happy afterthought; on others it is so much a part of the gown that one almost suspects that the design was worked around it. Is it entirely to Lanvin, who has so persistently backed the Deauville handkerchief, that we owe its popularity, or is it because it is so flattering with its kindly protection against the oncoming traces of the years?

If every dinner could be equally easy to prepare, tasty different from the last one, inexpensive and popular with the family, we housekeepers would cease asking ourselves this eternal question. Meat loaf or roll is one of the most economical meat dishes you can serve. Some of the cheaper cuts can be used in making it and every bit that is not eaten hot is useful for serving cold in slices or for sandwich filling. Any lean meat may be used if gristle and skin are trimmed off. From one-fourth and one-fifth as much pork as beef is a good proportion. Too much pork makes an overrich, greasy loaf. Many home-makers prefer to have a fresh piece of meat cut off and put through the grinder under their direction, or some like to take it home and grind it themselves. A very good loaf may often be made at considerable saving per pound from the trimmings the butcher accumulates from more expensive cuts. If the pork is not added to the beef a small amount of fresh suet should be put through the chopper with the meat.

So many different seasonings may be used in a meat loaf that it is difficult to give an exact recipe. Unless the family objects to the flavor, chopped or grated onion should be added to the meat. Thick cream sauce or brown gravy or eggs will be needed as a binder. Fine dry bread crumbs, or cracker meal also will help to hold it together. The flavor is greatly improved by combining canned tomatoes

with the meat mixture or serving in a sauce over the loaf.

For your loaf you will need 2 pound of ground beef, 1-2 pound of ground pork; 1 onion, grated; 1 cupful of thick cream sauce or gravy, or 2 eggs; 1 cupful dry bread crumbs or cracker meal; 1 to 2 cupfuls canned tomato; salt and pepper to taste dried celery tops, or other seasonings if desired.

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Amendment to Marriage Laws in New York State Opposes Quick Romance.

Quick romance will be dealt a severe blow in Olean and may not easily culminate in marriage through amendments to the New York State marriage law which becomes effective October 1.

Though a young woman reaches the age of majority at eighteen years she must, under the new amendment, provide the license clerk with a birth certificate, baptismal, employment or school record to prove she has reached that age. The amendment also prohibits issuance of a marriage license to any girl less than fourteen years of age under any circumstances, it was said.

Prospective bridegrooms must also be guided in securing license by the

new law. Any male applicant for a license between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one must provide similar birth or baptismal certificates or employment or school records to prove his age. No young man less than sixteen years of age may receive a marriage license.

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