

SUPPLEMENT TO THE COLUMBIAN, APRIL 24.

Dinner Table Novelties.

Among dinner table novelties every one wants a chafing dish. Castors are coming back and pickle dishes are going out. So are finger bowls, alas! Wine glasses are changed at every course. The menu of a grand dinner this week was printed on half dollars. Ice cream glasses are retained as souvenirs by the guests at some entertainments. Favors which are given at dinners, etc., in some cases assume gigantic proportions, viewed financially. I went into a novelty studio on Fifth avenue one day to price some pretty butterflies, intending to take home a dozen and a half to grace a certain occasion that evening. I found that the "cute little things" were sixty dollars a dozen.—New York Cor. Pittsburg Press.

The Lukewarm Bath.

The newest "fad" for the lengthening of days is the lukewarm bath. The human body absorbs a considerable quantity of water in a lukewarm bath, which causes a softening of the tissues. Falconet demonstrated by the scales that a person remaining in the lukewarm bath for an hour absorbs through the skin more than three pounds of water. The bath has a tendency to decrease the number of pulsations and respirations, and consequently arrest the rapidity of the consumption of vitality.—Herald of Health.

The Women Did Not Care.

The Rapid, during her last cruise, had a curious little experience, reminding one of the legendary story of the Sabine fair, who, having once been abducted by bold bad Romans, had no mind to return to their homes. Captain Castle received information that one Goral, a chief in the Solomon islands, had made a raid and carried off ten women. When he arrived at Goral's stronghold, however, he found that the ladies preferred to remain in their new domicile, and were by no means anxious to be rescued.—London World.

She Wants an Asp.

A taxidermist on Sixth avenue, who also deals in birds and animals, states that the taste for unique pets is steadily growing in New York. He constantly receives orders for such unconventional members of the kingdom of comparative anatomy as frogs, coons, possums, jack-daws and crows, and one woman wrote recently to request that he secure for her "an asp like the one used by Fanny Davenport."—New York News.

Over One Hundred, but Active.

The ladies of Trinity African Methodist Episcopal church, Long Branch, gave a Martha Washington tea party Thursday night. The feature of the party was the impersonation of Martha Washington by Aunt Judy Cummins, who is said to be 111 years old. Mrs. Cummins is spry and enjoys good health. She surprised the young folks by the ease and grace with which she led the grand march.—Newark Advertiser.

Steamed oysters are a nice change and are very appetizing served in their shell. Buy the oysters unopened, wash thoroughly, using a brush or coarse cloth; place them separately in the steamer or in a large sieve put on top a large pot of boiling water. The deep shell must be undermost in order that no juice may be wasted. As soon as the oysters open they are done, and should be served at once, with pepper, salt, butter, etc., to taste.

The daughter of Rev. Dr. Henry Wilson, the assistant rector of St. George's Episcopal church, in New York city, a cultured young woman who has shone in fashionable society, has joined the Salvation Army. This is only the outgrowth of her interest in city mission work, and in donning the simple uniform of the army and subjecting herself to its severe discipline she feels that she is enlarging her circle of usefulness.

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Some Tobacco Statistics

IMPORTANT FACTS GATHERED BY THE CENSUS AGENTS.

The census statistics of the production of tobacco have been completed. They are of great importance, as showing the shifting that has taken place. The Northwest, it is predicted, will eventually become a great tobacco-growing region. The tobacco there now is wholly for home consumption and cuts no figure even in the primary markets of the United States. But the special agents of the Census Office report that there are large areas in that region which could be profitably utilized in the culture of tobacco for export.

A remarkable decrease is shown in the New England States, which were once large producers of tobacco. This is accounted for by the fact that the importation of Sumatra wrappers has practically driven the seed-leaf growers out of the business and compelled the abandonment of so many farms as to cause general alarm. Superintendent Porter says that the high duty on Sumatra leaf imposed by the McKinley bill has greatly encouraged the growers of that section and predicts that the crop this year will be a phenomenal one.

The increase in New York and Wisconsin, both of which States were formerly heavy producers of seed-leaf, is due to the fact that the planters were driven into growing the export variety, the Sumatra having compelled them to abandon seed leaf. The

most remarkable increase during the past ten years has occurred in Florida, where the number of pounds produced has increased from 21,000 to 500,000 pounds. Northern capital has poured into the State, syndicates have purchased large tracts of what was supposed to be worthless land, factories have been erected and a general era of prosperity has set in. The tobacco grown is of the finest variety, frequently bringing 50 to 75 cents per pound in the leaf.

The figures for Pennsylvania are as follows: 1890, 26,956 acres, 28,672,787 pounds; 1880, 27,566 acres, 36,943,272 pounds.

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