

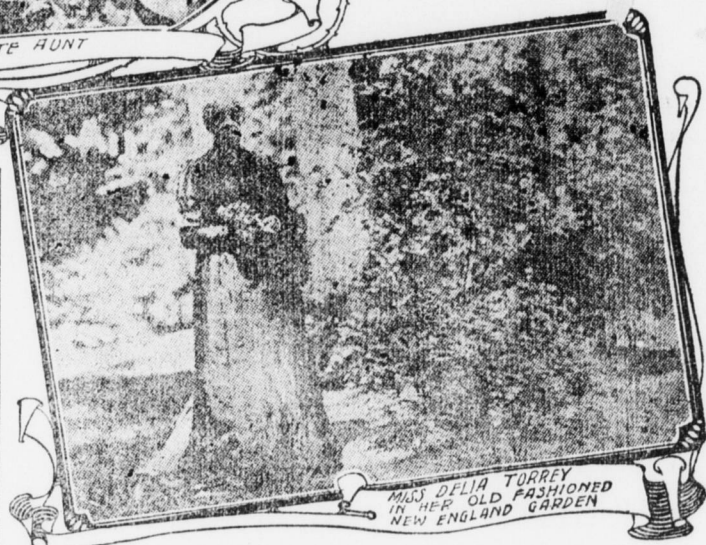
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MISS DELIA TORREY

tions for the old house and vivid memories of the matchless cookery of Aunt Della, particularly in the matter of apple pies. Furthermore, after the death of Judge Taft his widow made her home until her death with Aunt Della, and hither came William H. Taft at frequent intervals to visit his mother and his aunt.

The home of Aunt Della is located on the main street of the little village and within sight of the passengers on the trolley cars bound for Worcester, some half-hour's ride distant. The house is large, with a portico in front supported by columns rising to the second floor and it appears immaculate in the coat of white paint contrasted with the green shutters which one comes to look upon as inevitable in New England. The house is surrounded by flower gardens and conspicuous among the posies is a gorgeous Killarney rose which was transplanted from the White House at Washington for Aunt Della and which is her especial pride. The interior of the house is filled with r old ma-



MISS DELIA TORREY
IN HER OLD FASHIONED
NEW ENGLAND GARDEN

PRESIDENT TAFT'S favorite aunt, Miss Delia Torrey, is now in her eighty-fifth year and even if she did not have so distinguished a nephew as the president of the United States to land her to the skies she would be well worthy of public interest and admiration for she is, for her age, one of the most remarkable women in America. For the reader to appreciate the unusual qualifications of President Taft's favorite relative it is only necessary to relate that she has attained the age of four score and five she walks without aid of crutch or cane, seldom wears glasses except when reading; keeps abreast of the times by regularly perusing the leading daily papers; travels hither and thither at will, has perfect hearing; and takes more than a perfunctory part in her housekeeping and in that cookery which President Taft has made famous in his speeches. The chief magistrate does not let a year go by without making one or more visits to Aunt Della in her New England home and he has publicly confessed that one especial lure is found in the apple pies dear to his memory ever since boyhood and which he maintains nobody makes with such wizardry as Aunt Della. In return for her hospitality the president and his family entertain Aunt Della several times each year, both at the White House at Washington and at the president's vacation home on the north shore of Massachusetts Bay. The president has made Aunt Della a convert to the joys of motoring, and this

past summer he introduced her to another new experience, a cruise on the presidential yacht Sylph which was her first voyage on a boat of any kind in all her long life. The fondness of President Taft for Miss Torrey and her stately home at Millbury, Mass., is the more readily understood when it is explained that the old homestead in the little village in central Massachusetts,—the house that has been home to Miss Torrey ever since she was six years of age,—was the boyhood home of William H. Taft and his brothers. Mrs. Taft, mother of the president, always found the climate of Cincinnati very trying in summer and accordingly it became her custom to take the children and spend the entire heated term each year with her only sister in the homestead at Millbury. No wonder that "Bill" Taft grew up with many close friends here, dating from the days when he played "first base" on the ball team; and with strong associa-

hogy and quaint china calculated to provoke envy in the breast of any collector of antiques. There, too, is the old family Bible with its interesting chronicle of the various members of the clan for many generations past. In addition to her other accomplishments Aunt Della writes a clear legible hand and she has plenty of practice in penmanship for she receives a heavy volume of mail now that her nephew's praise has made her known by reputation to the great American public. Many of the letters that come to Miss Torrey contain requests for her favorite recipes, particularly those that embody her formulas for the vaunted apple pies. Aunt Della declares that some of the recipes that have been attributed to her had no such origin, but she smiles indulgently at the disposition to make her an oracle for Yankee housewives who would reach the masculine heart through the stomach.

The KITCHEN CABINET

YOU have no right to be blunt and call a spade a spade, if your spade digs up the happiness in the hearts of those who hear.
—S. E. Eastman.
We cannot at the same time be both loving and thoughtless.
—Jenkin Lloyd Jones.

Chafing Dish Dishes.
As the bracing and cool days of autumn come upon us, the chafing dish which has been having its vacation time, is welcomed with a real delight. There are so many appetizing dishes which are only prepared and served in perfection from the chafing dish.

One of the most charming things about a chafing dish is the seeing a dish made before the eyes. For a beginner it is best to start with something simple, like fried bacon or liver and bacon. Rub the blazer with onion and put in the bacon. When crisp, lay in thin slices of liver which have been rolled in flour. Serve each piece of liver with a slice of bacon.

Curried Salmon.—Chop one small onion and brown in the blazer in a tablespoonful of olive oil, mix together a tablespoonful of flour and a teaspoonful of curry powder, add to the onion, stir and cook until bubbling, then add three-fourths of a cup of hot water, a teaspoonful of salt, the juice of half a lemon and the salmon.

Sardines on toast are another simple and tasty dish. Heat the sardines and put on pieces of toast cut the size and shape of a lady finger. Serve with chopped onion put on lettuce leaves arranged around a platter.

A Savory Rechauffe.—Stir together a tablespoonful of jelly, apple, currant or grape and two tablespoonfuls of butter in the blazer until melted. Lay in slices of rare roast beef or cold mutton or lamb; season with salt and pepper, turn often and serve.

Creamed Lobster.—Chop the flesh of a medium-sized lobster. Beat the yolks of two eggs and mix with two tablespoonfuls of cream. Season with salt, onion juice, pepper and nutmeg. Melt two tablespoonfuls of butter in the chafing dish. When hot add the lobster meat; when hot add the seasonings. Serve on buttered toast.

Curried Eggs.—Take six hard-boiled eggs, slice crosswise into four thick slices. Brown a small onion in a tablespoonful of butter, add a tablespoonful of flour, a teaspoonful of curry powder, half a teaspoonful of salt and a cupful of stock; cook until smooth, then add two tablespoonfuls of cream and the sliced eggs.

ROUPE for Home Comfort.—Take of thought of self one part, two parts of thought for family; equal parts of common sense and broad intelligence, a large medium of the sense of the fitness of things; a heaping measure of living above what your neighbors think of you; twice the quantity of keeping within your income; a sprinkling of what tends to refinement and esthetic beauty stirred thick with Christian principles of the true hand and set to use.
—Anna C. Powers.

Dusting.
Dust, like the poor, is always with us, and the process of dusting consumes a large part of the time of the house wife. Many thrifty workers carry a small dust cloth in the pocket, then when going upstairs dust the treads and banisters; on coming down dust the railing.

Now that we are beginning to realize that dust contains living germs, many of them disease germs, which are only waiting for favorable conditions to develop, we should use more care in the removal of dust. Brushing with a feather duster only stirs up the dust to be taken into the lungs through the air we breathe.

An amusing story is told by Max O'Rell: When visiting in this country, his hostess and he came into a room where a maid was wielding a duster with more vigor than judgment, and replied, when asked what she was doing: "Why, I'm dusting." Her mistress requested her to "please undust."

Much using of the broom is often unnecessary, to pick up loose threads and brush up footmarks takes less time than ordinary sweeping, which leaves the dusting still to be done. Dusting is an art. For plain surfaces a soft, absorbent cloth, slightly damp is the best, using a brush and pointed stick to reach corners and cracks.

The cloth should be shaken and well washed after using. The manufactured dust cloth which contains an oil and holds the dust is quite a popular one at present.

"Possibly we shall some day again build our houses or dwelling places so simple and elemental in character that they will fit into the nooks of the hills or along the banks of streams or by the edges of the woods without disturbing the harmony of the landscape or the songs of the birds."—Edward Carpenter.

The sensible furniture of today is without grooves and carving is easily dusted. The less upholstered furniture the better and more sanitary is our home. Chairs may be as comfortable of rattan or wood with movable cushions and the hominess for which we strive is not lost, for a cushion will add a spot of color and make a restful seat at the same time.

Nellie Maxwell

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Kidney troubles are too dangerous to neglect. Little disorders grow serious and the sufferer is soon in the grasp of diabetes, dropsy or fatal Bright's disease. Doan's Kidney Pills cure all distressing kidney ills. They make sick kidneys well, weak kidneys strong.

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TO SAVE TIME.



Algy Weaking—Miss Wise, I—that is—Gladys, I—er—desire to—aw! really—
Gladys Wi—Keep right on; I'll consider yo proposal and have my answer ready by the time you have gotten it out of your system.

When Woman's Work Is Do
Somebody said, "Woman's work is never done." Anything that emancipate er from this form of slavery is h d with joy. This is the reason for the constantly increasing popularity of "Easy Task Soap," the h d, white, pure laundry soap, the h d. Add to this the fact that it post ly does not rot or streak the ck a.s., that it launders laces, linens, flannels, silks, bedding, table cloths and all fabrics perfectly, and you will understand why it should be in your house right away.

Experience Teaches.
"Sure, and O! t'nk it pays to be honest, after all," said Pat. "O! t'roled that phoneyweight business in my grocery store lasht year, and O! losht money by ut."
"How so? Did you get found out?" asked his friend.

"No, sorr," returned Pat. "O! made the mistake of fillin' me weights wid lead, so thot Ivery mon thot come to me for wan pound of sugar got twinty-three ounces to the pound."—Harper's Weekly.

Editorial Favor.
"A month ago you rejected a story of mine."
"I remember. Thought it was rotten."
"I had offered it for \$7, and you turned it down."
"So I did."
"Well, I sold that story for \$40. Here's another story. May I ask the favor of one more rejection? It seems to help."

Physicians Everywhere Use Resinol With Very Great and Unvarying Success.
During the last six months I have prescribed Resinol in numerous cases of acute and chronic skin diseases and chronic ulcerations with very great and unvarying success. It is a reliable preparation, and its action is prompt and pleasing.
A. F. Volkman, Baltimore, Md.

Some men try to save money by not paying their debts.
Not Responsible.
Nurse—What's that dirty mark on your leg, Master Frank?
Frank—Harold kicked me.
Nurse—Well, go at once and wash it off.
Frank—Why? It wasn't me what did it!—Punch.

DISTEMPER
In all its forms among all ages of horses, as well as dogs, cured and others in same stable prevented from having the disease with SPOHN'S DISTEMPER CURE. Every bottle guaranteed. Over 600,000 bottles sold last year \$3.50 and \$1.00. Any good druggist, or send to manufacturers. Agents wanted, Spohn Medical Co., Spec. Contagious Diseases, Goshen, Ind.

The average married man kicks because his wife worries because he doesn't get home right on time, but suppose she didn't care whether he ever came or not?

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Mrs. Winstow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, and cures colic. It is the best medicine for infants. Sold by all druggists.

An optimist believes in mascots; a pessimist believes in hoodlums.

WHY NEW ORLEANS

CITY IS LOGICAL POINT FOR WORLD'S PANAMA EXPOSITION.

Its Geographical Position and Other Considerations Mark It as Most Suitable Spot for Dedication of Great Work.

Public sentiment has decided that the completion of the Panama Canal in 1915 shall be celebrated with a great International Exposition in which all the nations of the world may participate; and the question of where this Exposition is to be held will be settled by Congress at its approaching session.

New Orleans and San Francisco are contesting for the honor of holding this Exposition, and both cities have guaranteed immense sums of money as an evidence of their ability to finance so great an enterprise.

An Exposition worthy of the term "World's Fair," such as New Orleans proposes to build, will be a great educational movement. Its success as such, however, will depend entirely upon the percentage of our population who can secure its educational advantages, this in turn, depends upon its location, as the time in traveling to and from the Exposition, and the cost in railroad and Pullman fares, are the most important factors.

Considering these matters, New Orleans' claims to being the "Logical Point" for this Panama Exposition, seem to be fully substantiated by the following facts:—

New Orleans is 500 miles from the center of population in the United States. San Francisco is 2,500 miles distant therefrom.

Within a radius of 500 miles from New Orleans there are 17,500,000 people. Within the same radius from San Francisco there are only 2,000,000.

Within a radius of 1,000 miles from New Orleans, there are 65,000,000. Within the same radius from San Francisco there are only 6,000,000.

At an average of 900 miles from New Orleans, there are 70 of our principal cities with a combined population of 20,000,000. Averaging 900 miles from San Francisco there are only 8 large cities, with a combined population of just 1,000,000. The average distance of all these cities to New Orleans is 792 miles,—to San Francisco 2,407 miles.

Over 75 per cent. of the people of the United States could go to an Exposition there at an average expense for railroad fare of \$12.50, as against an average of \$27.50 to the Pacific Coast; and for several millions of our people, the Pullman fare and Dining Car expenses alone, for a trip to San Francisco, would amount to more than all their transportation expenses for a trip to New Orleans.

This is an important public question to be settled by Congress at the session which convenes in December.

Many of our readers will wish to visit this World's Panama Exposition, and it held in New Orleans a great many more could spare the time and money for the trip than could go to San Francisco. Therefore, we urge our readers to write to the two senators from this State and the congressman from this district, requesting them to support New Orleans in the contest.

The Retort Courteous.
"Now," said the suffragette orator, sweeping the audience with her eagle eye, "I see Mr. Dobbs sitting down there in the third row—a man who has condensed to come here tonight and listen to our arguments. He has heard what I have had to say, and I think we should like to hear from him, and get a man's view of our cause. Mr. Dobbs, tell us what you think of the suffragettes."
"Oh, I c-c-couldn't, m-m-ma'am," stammered Dobbs. "I r-r-really c-c-couldn't. Th-there are m-m-ladies p-p-present."—Harper's Weekly.

He Came by It Honestly.
"Lend me your pencil, Johnny." The small boy handed it over and teacher continued to correct the exercises of the class. When she finished she suffered a sudden lapse of memory and laid the pencil away in her desk. As she stood up to excuse the class she encountered the scornful gaze of Johnny's eyes. Rising in his seat he fixed her with an accusing forefinger and uttered the single word "Graft!"
Johnny's father writes for a current magazine.

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"Um."
"Now, can you build me a first-class comedy around that?"

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A careless philosopher says a man never knows who his friends are until he hasn't any.

A woman is judged by the society she's unable to get into.

STORY OF SHIRTS

"What is the best war speech you ever made in your life?" said a friend the other day to Capt. Joe Waters.
"I never made but one good war speech in my life," he replied. "And that was when I kissed the girls good-by and left with my company for the camp of instruction. Find friends gave me this and that with their farewells, and when the train pulled out, and it whirled around the bend and the last waving handkerchief vanished from sight, we sat down and began making an inventory of our effects. A white satin lined pincushion, with the name of the giver inside; a model housewife, with two kinds of scissors, thimble, needle, shirt and pants buttons, hooks and eyes, cotton tapes, recipes for stomach ache and cholera morbus, crochet needles, rheumatism cure, and a full pound and one-half of black patent thread in banks—bless their dear souls! Another 'housewife,' just like the first, a thimble, six pairs of socks, four woolen scarfs; another 'housewife,'—another—and another, a Bible, seven towels and a can of jelly, a dozen flannel worked napkins and another can of jelly.

"My recollection is that all of the other boys were served in the same manner, and got about the same amount of these contraptions. While it may be that my memory is faulty, yet for the life of me I cannot tell what became of all those fixins. But I remember certainly and well that four months had not passed until Ed Case of Company A emitted in the black of the night a cry that enveloped the mountains of Kentucky: 'Who in the h— has got a thread?' The echo danced around from one rock to another and the answer always was: 'Damfino.'"
"We had one fellow named Bill Whiting. His wife presented him with the finest woolen shirt I ever saw. It was all hemstitched over with fancy colored tapes and lace, with mattress worked in gold and silver, and such legends as 'The Friends at Home,' 'The Country,' 'From Your Wife.' When he put that shirt on—at Louis-

ville, I think it was—he looked for all the world like a circus getting off the cars. His wife evidently had no idea of war. She imagined her husband would put up over night at the best hotels, and would have the benefit of wash lists and laundries. But that shirt was born to no such destiny. It was never to know a washwoman, or to be soiled into a tub.

"And speaking of shirts, some fair and patriotic girl who was a member of a Dorcas society, made a shirt to be sent to a soldier; it was evidently intended for a man at least a foot shorter than I am, and, therefore, you know, he wouldn't be very tall. Upon it was pinned a tab, asking the recipient, whoever he might be, to acknowledge the receipt of the garment. It was unfortunately apportioned to a man who went by the soubriquet of 'Chimbley Dan,' he was about seven feet two inches in altitude, and built after the pattern of a continued story that runs for about so many consecutive weeks and then is announced to be 'continued in our next.' Chimbley Dan tried on the shirt and thought a long time, and finally concluded that he would answer in rhyme; and this is what he had the cheek of a government to write to her:
"Like a man without a wife,
Like a ship without a sail,
The oddest thing I know in life,
Is a shirt without—a proper length."
—Kansas City Journal.

North Carolina Rattlers

The state museum now contains the largest rattlesnake, mounted, in any collection in the world. It may not be generally known, but it is true that in North Carolina the largest rattlers are found. The United States snake experts are the authority for this statement.

It must be borne in mind that the skin of a snake can be greatly stretched, so that after it has been removed it can be pulled out in any way to make the snake appear longer or of greater girth. In this case the taxidermist, Tom Addicks, made a perfect plaster cast and on this mounted the skin, which was made to fit precisely and to conform to every measurement.

This snake is 5 feet 11 inches in length, 11 inches in girth and weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces. It has 12 rattles. The width of its body, lying flat, is 4 1/2 inches. The length of tail from vent to rattles, but not including the latter, is only 4 1/2 inches. The head is 2 1/2 inches wide. The snake is of the diamond variety. It is mounted nearly at full length. It was killed at Baylock, near Lake

Ellis, by J. J. Ballard, with one blow on the head with a small stick, so that not even the skin was broken. He took this care so as to secure for the museum in perfect condition a snake which was the largest he had ever seen.

Near the same place Mr. Addicks, Herbert Brimley and Mr. Brimley's two little sons had an exciting and peculiar experience with another rattlesnake, and a rather large specimen too. As they were walking Mr. Brimley stepped over the snake while his son Arthur saw it and stopped. The snake was in coil but was as gentle as the traditional lamb. A noise was put over his head. He did not rattle, but was lifted and carried along. Not until his bearer struck a bush with him did this serpent turn in the alarm.

The bite of the rattler does not appear to affect other snakes. In the state museum a rattler bit a king snake so deep that blood flowed quite freely but there was no further damage. This rattler bit another rattler but with no result. Raleigh correspondence Forest and Stream.