

In the early and lamentable death of Father Ryan, the "Poet Priest of the South," the world has lost a good man and a true poet. "Those whom the gods love die young."

There is a butter large enough to state the fact of this until they are a light brown, sailing to your taste.

A handsome and very simple table set is made of light olive or cream-colored felt on this work in outline a single figure use silk of one color only, if you choose—the effect is good; on the other end put nothing but a band of plush or fringes; put this on both ends, of course.

Keep a cupful of powdered borax on your washstand. It will do wonders toward softening the skin. If you have been working about the garden or doing things around the house that tended to make your hands rough, when you wash them dip your fingers in the borax and wash your hands well with it.

A good fruit pudding is made of one coffee cupful each of grated bread, of apples chopped very fine, and of English currants; beat three eggs very light, flavor with grated nutmeg and lemon extract; sweeten to your taste. Mix thoroughly and steam for two hours and a half in a buttered pudding mould. Serve with wine sauce.

Many housekeepers complain that their cheese becomes dry, and some use a kind of bell glass to put their in. A very simple expedient will keep cheese in the best condition. Take a linen cloth, or cheese cloth, dip it in white wine, squeeze off excess of wine, and wrap the cheese in it. By doing this the cheese is not only kept moist but its flavor is improved.

Panada, which is well adapted for the diet of a sick child, is made by splitting three Boston crackers, then lay them in a bowl, add one tablespoonful of white sugar, a large pinch of salt, and a little little grated nutmeg. Pour over them enough boiling water to cover them, set a plate over a bowl, and then set the bowl in the oven, if not too warm, for an hour. This will sometimes be retained by a delicate stomach that rejects other food.

A pretty mat intended for the top of a small table is made of druff felt. The edges are cut in sharp points; between these points are made soft little tassels made of highly colored crevel. The border of the mat is made by working with gay embroidery silks any pattern which suits the fancy of the maker. The old-fashioned cross stitch or some modification of the latter stitch is pretty.

To make an excellent vermicelli soup, boil a leg of mutton for three hours; use water enough to cover it. Season with pepper and salt, add butter and herbs to suit your taste. An hour before serving stir into it a cupful of vermicelli. Keep the tea kettle on the stove, full of boiling water, and as the soup boils away add to it from the kettle.

Every cook knows how disagreeable it is to have the nutmeg or cinnamon that is added to the cream or sugar for pudding, sauer, rise to the top, and to have the first spoonful too highly flavored and the rest without taste. To remedy this, mix the nutmeg or cinnamon with the sugar before pouring on the cream; it will then be gradually distributed throughout the whole of the sauce. Pour the cream on a little at a time, and the spice will tend to dissolve.

To make Venus pudding, take a quart mold, butter it well, and ornament it with candied ginger. Make a rich custard of the yolks of twelve and the whites of six eggs, a pint of cream and one ounce of isinglass in sufficient milk to fill the mold. When it is cold add a glass of rum or sherry, pour the mixture into the mold and place on ice to set. Before adding the isinglass, put aside a little of the custard for sauce, add some glucose and seven toffins and serve cold with the pudding.

Old potatoes should never be pared before cooking. The most nutritious portion of the potato lies immediately under the skin, and this is generally all pared away. A small slice should be first cut from each end—this lets out the water—and the potatoes then put into water and allowed to heat slowly. They should boil as slowly as possible until done. Never throw away a cold potato, but slice it thinly and lay in a bowl, with a few slices of onions, a little pepper, salt and vinegar, a teaspoonful of oil, and you have a refreshing salad for lunch. The best way to cook sweet potatoes is to chip off each end and roast them in the oven. They should never be boiled; they are very nice steamed. If any are left over, they make a nice breakfast dish if sliced lengthwise and fried on the griddle, each piece by itself.

Ship Saved by Oiling the Sea. The captain of the steamer Marmouse, arrived at New York from Paris, reports: "On February 20th a moderate gale struck the ship and gradually increased until it bore down on us with terrific force, blowing from the north-west. On March first a snowstorm accompanied the wind, and the sea ran mountains high, the wind howling through our rigging with perfect fury. The vessel became perfectly unmanageable. I ordered a man to go in each closet, the forward ports and starboard bough, and pour oil down the pipes on the water. I also had a bag of oil hung over the weather bows arranged so that the oil ran out on the water. The effect was marvelous, and after the oil had got well on the water the sea was calm as far as it ran, and the ship lay to comfortably. The oil completely stopped the sea breaking on the decks. The gale lasted until the 23d, when the oil was discontinued."

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Men of genius are like eagles—they live on what they kill; while men of talent are like crows—they live on what has been killed for them.

There are two things in this life for which we are never fully prepared—that is, twins. Love is like the measles; we can't have it but once, and the later in life we have it the tougher it goes with us.

The jealous man is always hunting for something he doesn't expect to find, and when he has found it he is mad because he has.

When a man begins to go down hill the whole world seems greased for the occasion. In the curious and interesting article of S. G. Benjamin, in the Century, we read of the pleasures and hardships of "Mountaineering in Persia."

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Diet of Different Nations. The diet of different nations proves that meat is not absolutely an essential of the Irishman's home and music are created from potatoes mostly; the English, kaff and whisky; an Italian is satisfied with a handful of bread and a bunch of grapes; so is the Arab, content with a little rice. The Frenchman's breakfast is coffee and butter, just as the Spaniard's breakfast is a cup of chocolate, a morsel of dry bread and a cup of water; but the Gaul must have his second and substantial breakfast at noon, and a dinner without the soup. The German has a Mittags Essen, or midday meal, at which soup is served; but the evening meal with the old fashioned Teufel is supper and not a late dinner. The French after a substantial breakfast of omelette, lingering over their wine and coffee and cigars. The American main is "Time is money," so he is sacrificed to greed. They rush on to high-pressure speed. Each Atlas who his special world upon his shoulders, followed by the inevitable chaos of debts, apoplexy, heart disease, and credit, assets, monetary tightness, stocks, bonds, a tumble in dry goods or grain, or railroad aggravations.—N. Y. Post.

More women have been named Mary than any other name which has been used on the feminine sex. It stands as the typical name for the holiest and most abject of women—for the virgin and for the wanton.

And in every language of Asia and Europe, as well as that of Egypt, the name appears almost without variation. It has been equal in favor with the tourists of France and the Puritans of New England, and it equally became literature or kitchen.

At one time it mar bring up a picture of a divinely painted face laughing in the rich bloom of an Italian galaxy and at another of a red-checked dairymaid with her bare feet in the dewy grass.

Two of England's few goddesses have borne it, and the most unapproachable man that Scotland ever produced has made it immortal. The pious women of France have dignified it, and the worst women of Russia have degraded it. There are as many Marys smiling at the evening suns that make the bright summer by the northern sea as at the luxurious days by the Mediterranean.

The name that the Catholic missionaries gave to the first converted maiden was Mary, and, perhaps, the first daughter of every family for all time will stand in imminent danger of bearing the name, for it is the first to be considered in naming girl babies, and when rejected is always thought of with lingering tenderness. How many lovers have loved it!

How they have associated it with piety and gentleness, with womanhood, and candor, and trust! What a fabled name it is! Its bearer seems predestined to sorrow, yet it is gladness, too. "My mother's name was Mary." What a pleasant thing to say! "My little daughter Mary." Could anything be prettier! "My sister Mary, who is dead." What a wealth of tender suggestions—"Mary, my wife." What picture of home comfort!—Chicago News.

Snowflowers for Fuel. A Dakota man thus writes to the way he grows snowflowers for fuel, and how one acre of them every year, and have plenty of fuel for one acre the other acre beside. I plant them in the hills the same as corn, only these seeds to a hill, and cultivate the same as corn. I cut them when the stalk or top flower is ripe, letting them lie on the ground two or three days. In that time I cut off all the seed heads, which are put into an open shed with a floor in it, the same as a corncrib.

The piece of ground selected to plant on should be highly enriched with manures. In the steps (prairie) region in the interior of Russia and Tartary, where the winters are more severe than here in Dakota, the snowflowers are, and have been for centuries past the best kind of fuel used.