

THE ISLAND.

You, my friend, in your long-tailed coat, With your white cravat at your withered throat. Praying by proxy of him you hire. Worshipping God with a quartet choir.

CUPID AND CONSERVATORIES.

HEY had somehow become separated from the rest of the guests, and found themselves alone in the conservatory. "How fortunate it is," she said, "that there are conservatories."

But it was No. 8, and his name was on her program for that one, so there was no reason why they should hurry back to the ballroom if they preferred the conservatory.

THE HABIT OF SAVING.

Individuals who save and accumulate sums of money for lucrative investment are individuals who form the habit of saving. To be prodigal of your resources is natural. It is a survival of the primal nature.



CAULIFLOWER FRITTERS. Have cauliflower boiled, but still in shape. Cut into neat pieces, dip into batter and then drop into boiling fat. Serve very hot.

BROILED EGG PLANT. Peel the egg plant, cut in half-inch slices, dip each slice in oil, dust with salt and broil over a clear fire. Just a suspicion of chopped green pepper sprinkled over the broiled egg plant may prove to make it more attractive.

ITALIAN SOUP. Cut a raw chicken into small pieces. Add to it half the quantity of raw ham; a chopped green pepper, a slice of onion and three plants of white stock. Put in a tablespoonful of rice and let cook for two hours.

CURRIED PIGEON. Cut the pigeons in halves and cook till quite tender. Have in a frying pan two ounces of butter in which have been fried a sliced onion; take out the onion, put in the pigeons to fry till brown. Moisten them with a very little stock, stirring into this salt, paprika and a tablespoonful of curry powder.

LAMB, CHOPS, POMPADOUR STYLE. Have the chops of uniform size and thickness and fry in butter on one side for a minute or two. Take out the uncooked side down in a buttered baking-pan and put on the cooked side a forcemeat of chopped tongue and chopped truffles moistened slightly with sherry. Bake for five or six minutes.

DUCHESSE POTATOES. In the beginning have just mashed potatoes, but have them very mealy and light. If there are eight potatoes, whip into them two eggs, the whites and yolks beaten separately. When the eggs are thoroughly incorporated add some rich cream and beat with the egg beater.

HINTS TO THE HOUSEWIFE. To spot a carpet sweep it with a stiff, half-worn broom; to save a carpet dip the broom in clean hot suds once a week, then shake it out and hang it up. This also makes the broom last twice as long as it otherwise would.

One ingenious woman hangs pretty china plates on the wall by the following method: Three or four large dress hooks were slipped over the edge of each plate; wrapping cord was then run across the back of the plate from hook to hook, fastened securely in the centre, with a loop to hang the plate up by. White hooks being used, they were scarcely noticeable when the plates were hung.

To replenish a coal fire in a sick room, or in any place where it is desired to avoid the noisy rattling of the coal, place in a newspaper or paper bag and lay the bag carefully on the fire. The magazine of a coal stove can be filled in this manner with little or no noise.

A straight valance of leather in soft green, rich brown or castor shades gives a decorative touch to the furnishings of a library or a den that is exceedingly effective, particularly as leather is a dominant feature in the house furnishings of today.

A Canadian doctor, when called to prescribe for insomnia, always advises, before drugs are employed, a hop pillow instead of feathers. It is made of a thin muslin slip stuffed with hops and hop leaves and sprayed fresh with alcohol every night before the patient goes to bed.

Quite extensive coal mines are now being worked on the island of Suratra in the Dutch East Indies.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The ideal man is he who gives thanks that some people are as well off as himself and others better, observes Puck.

For a new industrial college shortly to be opened in Paris a chair of automobilism is to be jointly supported by the State, the Department of the Seine and the city of Paris, says the Motor World.

The complaint that New Yorkers hurry too much falls to take into account that most of the crowds are hurrying to get out of the city, avers the Washington Evening Star.

Who can blame the Czar for refusing to establish a Russian Congress when he reflects that it probably would establish a Congressional Record and a free seeds distribution? inquires the Savannah News.

The Browning Society, of Philadelphia, has condemned "white" lies. The black variety will remain current, as heretofore, remarks the Chicago Post.

The Sultan of Turkey is trying to negotiate a loan of \$15,000,000. He has probably been reading the Chadwick literature, suggests the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt is said to have added a million and three-quarters to his fortune in the last few months. A hard-working young man, certainly, and one who will never come to want.

An Arkansas matron who has lost track of her husband offers a reward of \$20 for his return to her, "dead or alive." She must want to make a few broken remarks to him, thinks the Baltimore Sun.

Always kill a wounded bird or other animal as soon as you can, advises George T. Angell in Our Dumb Animals. All suffering of any creature, just before it dies, poisons the meat.

Thousands of women handle the cash of individuals, firms and corporations, says the Albany Times-Union. Seldom is there any delinquency. When one woman proves dishonest the thing arises to the dignity of big news.

If the Chinese Exclusion law was not in effect every laundryman in the Flowery Kingdom would go to Wall street, where, one day last month, a million dollars of washing was done, declares the New York American.

The shoemaker sees only your shoes, the clothier only your clothes; but the plumber sees the last penny in the bottom of your purse, the Lynchburg Advance declares.

A permanent watch is hereafter to be kept on the Frederick the Great statue, states the Buffalo Courier. Thus do gifts bring increased responsibilities and expenses. But better have the cranks try to blow up bronze or stone men than live ones.

There is a time when death is much easier for a man than to fulfill his duty, and if one dies just for the sake of death he cannot execute the duty that is assigned him, says Marj General in his book, "A Daughter of Japan." True bravery is not in throwing away one's life, or courting death, but in doing one's duty at the hazard of one's life. You must not forget that.

The bigger the country, the louder the methods required for fame, and the smaller the chance for the individual to stand out where the whole community can see him, says Collier's Weekly. It is natural to mankind to desire limelight and a pedestal. Man is anxious not only to see, but to be seen. It is not vanity; it is not, in spite of Milton, an infirmity; it is a corollary of our social nature.

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Record School Attendance. Remarkable records in attendance were disclosed at the prize distribution in the South Lincolnshire elementary schools. At Dorrington two girls each received a gold watch for attending school for seven consecutive years without being absent once.

A boy at Spalding Central School had attended school six years, two boys attended five years and eight boys attended four years without a break. In the Girls' Central School in the same town one scholar had attended seven years, another six years and others five and four years without a single absence.—London Daily Express.

A Weighing Contest. Here is a jolly kind of entertainment for you boys and girls to make use of the next time you give a party. It will please your little guests ever so much.

Get two sets of scales, one to weigh large articles and one for the smaller things. For some of the tiny objects suggested below it will perhaps be better to buy a cheap pair at a toy shop. Having arranged for the weighing, select a number of articles to be weighed. Have these as unlike and deceptive as possible, so that there really will be great difficulty in deciding. For instance, the following list:

- A man's hat and a book. A pair of scissors and a bunch of keys. A boot and a pasteboard box (containing, say, a stone or something very heavy). A large book and a pasteboard box (this one empty). A watch and a bottle of ink. A pen nib and a feather. A pin and a little piece of paper. An envelope and a postcard. A one-cent piece and a bow or ribbon. A doll and a shoe. A newspaper and a package of tacks. A rubber ball and a sponge.

Monocles for Women the Fad. No longer is the lorgnette the badge of the New York grande dame. The newest fad in this direction is the monocle for women. Of course, the woman of fashion could not risk her "make-up" by sticking the glass in her eye. Instead, she has the lens set in gold and holds it to her eye Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont invariably uses a monocle at the opera, and hers is set in a gold filigree frame. Poising the single glass, she surveys the other women in the parterre. Mrs. J. Fred Tams, famed as the mother of the beautiful Violet Cruger, also uses her monocle on all occasions. The glass tangles from a chain set with pearls. Few of the younger women have taken up the monocle, because it implies impaired eyesight. There is Mrs. Astor, for instance, who never uses any optical aid in public except her opera glasses.

Joy Dethroned Reason. Hugging to her breast a big store doll that breathes artificially, "Queen Esther" of the East Side crooned and sang as she sat in the psychopathic ward of Bellevue hospital.

The doctors say that the girl is hopelessly insane—her reason dethroned by the sudden joy of her life as "saleslady" at the doll counter of a great New York department store.

Esther Bloomstein is her full name. Her life was that of suffering and sorrow in the gloom that hangs like a pall over the tenement house district. She never had a "dolly" of her own; she never had any childhood.

She secured a holiday position in a store. The sudden joy at the transition overcame her.—New York Exchange.

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