

ON COOKING WHALE

Whale in Sausage Not Gastronomically Inviting.

LOG BOOK OF PRENTICE MULFORD

Shark's Head - Social Position of the Sea Cook - A Whale, but Not Always Social, Member of Society - Mexican Butcher and Sausage Friends.

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WAS an experimental cook, and once or twice, while cutting in whale, water in the whale's stomach.

When a whaler is trying out oil, she is blackened with the greasy sort arising from the burning blubber scraps from stem to stern. It falls like a storm of black snowflakes. They sift into the blubber cove. Of all this cookery got its full share. It tinged my bread and even my pie with a funeral tinge of blackness. This dock at such times was covered with "horse pieces" up to the top of the bulwarks. "Horse pieces" are chunks of blubber a foot or so in length, that being one stage of their reduction to the size necessary for the try-pots. I have introduced them here for the purpose of remarking that on my passage to and fro, from galley to cabin, while engaged in laying the cloth and serving up services of gold plate and silver wear, I had to clamber, wade, climb and sometimes, in my white necktie and swallow-tail coat, actually crawl over the greasy mass with the silver tureen full of "consomme" or "soup Julien," while I held the gilt-edged and enameled menu between my teeth. These were trying-out times for a marlin's head butter.

Shark's head does not rank high at sea. He stands very near the bottom round of the ladder. He is the subject of many jests and low comments. This should not be. The cook should rank next or near to the captain. It is the cook who prepares the material which shall put mental and physical strength into human bodies. He is, in fact, a chemist, who carries on the last external processes with meat, flour and vegetables necessary to prepare them for their invisible and still more wonderful treatment in the laboratory which every man and woman possesses - the stomach - whereby these raw materials are converted not only into blood, bone, nerve, sinew and muscle, but into thoughts. A good cook may help materially to make good poetry. An indigestible beefsteak, fried in grease to leather, may, in the stomach of a general, lose a battle on which shall depend the fate of nations. A good cook might have won the battle. Of course, he would receive no credit therefor, save the conviction in his own culinary soul, that his beefsteak properly and quickly broiled was thus enabled to digest itself properly in the stomach of the general, and thereby transmit to and through the general's organism that amount of nerve force and vigor, which, acting upon the brain, caused all his intelligence and talent to sit in a row, and thereby conquer his adversary. That's what a cook may do. This would be a far better and happier world were there more really good cooks on land and sea. And when all cooks are Blots or Soysers, then will we have a society to be proud of.

While whaling in Margarita bay, we "kidded" the Henry about one hundred miles inland, where the whales abound. In so kidding, it was necessary to stifle out low water portions of the channel daily, when it ran a mere creek through an expanse of hard sand, sometimes a mile from either shore. At high water, all this would be covered to a depth of six or seven feet. The Henry grounded at each ebb, and often keeled over at an angle of forty-five. From our bulwarks it was often possible to jump on dry ground. This keeling over process, which repeated every twenty-four hours, was particularly hard on the cook, for the inconvenience resulting from such a forty-five degree angle of inclination extended to all things within his province. My stove worked badly at the angle of forty-five. The kettle could be but half filled, and only boiled where the water was shallowest inside. The cabin table could only be set at an angle of forty-five. So that the permanent use of the upper side had great difficulty in preventing themselves from slipping off their seats on and over that table, those on the lower side had equal difficulty in keeping themselves up to a convenient feeding distance.

Capt. Reynolds, at the head of the board, had a hard lot in the endeavor to maintain his dignity and sitting perpendicularity at the same time on the then permanent and not popular angle of forty-five. But I, steward, butler, cook and cabin boy, bore the hardest tribulation of all in carrying my dishes across the deck, down the cabin stairs, and arranging them on a table at an angle of forty-five. Of course, at this time the deck used in rough weather to prevent the dishes and platters from slipping off was made into permanent use.

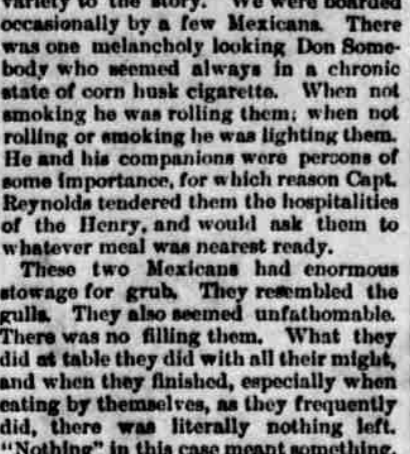
MINING FOR GOLD.

Occupations Adopted Preparatory Thereto.

PRENTICE MULFORD'S NOTE BOOK

Beef Peddling - Provision Peddling - The Mountain Flight of the Mexican Hunter - The Gold Hunter - "Creeching" a Rocky Camp - Our Mining Company.

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HAVING finished my own tribulations and those I fed as a sea-cook, I resolved to go to the mines.

With pick and sledge and crowbar and bent bits of hoop iron we pried and pounded and scraped, and scraped and pounded and pried all the hot day long, or else were doubled up in all sorts of back aching, back breaking, body tiring contortions, drawing up and down lengths from some deeper "potholes" or crevice spoonful after spoonful of yellow mold. It did hold considerable gold, and heavy gold too. But it took so long to get the mold. This was in the latter part of September. The termination of the dry season was reached. The first rain came. It came at night. It drizzled through our brush house. I sent my streams down the rocky mountainside, and some of these streams found their way under us. We had lain and endured the rain from above dripping on our faces and wetting our clothes. In those times one's day suit served for a nightgown. But when the aqueous enemy undermined our position we had to turn out.

It blew a gale. How the wind howled and tore up the canyon! We tried to kindle a fire. Match after match was blown down. Finally a blaze was attained. Then the rains descended heavier than ever and put it out. The chief misery was, we could not at night find our way out of the canyon to any place of shelter. Nor could we walk at all to keep warm. There was "standing room only." All about us were the steeply inclined rocks, molded into every irregularity of shape. We were obliged all through the night to lie down, shivering and shivering in our thin summer clothing. Daylight we made our way to the camp of the Split Rockers. They gave us some gin. It was common gin - very common gin - but the comfortable and soothing remembrance of that gin after such a night exists for me even unto this day. I wore a black cloth cap. The rain had washed out the dye, and this dye had coursed over my brow and cheek, and down my neck. I noticed that I seemed to be more than a usual object of interest to those about me, and wondered, until a friend advised me to consult a mirror. I did so, and found my face marked like a railroad route map. Such was my inauguration in mining at Hawkins Bar. What glorious old times they were!

What independence! What freedom from the trammels and conventionalities of fashion! Why care for conventionalities if we did our work on the bottom of our pants, or wear, for coolness's sake, our flannel shirts outside the trousers? Who then was so much better than anybody else, when any man might strike it rich to-morrow? Who would beg for work or truckle, and fawn and curry favor of an employer for the mere sake of retaining a situation and help that same man to make money, when he could shoulder pick, shovel and rock, go down to the river's edge and make his \$3 or \$3 per day? Though even at that time this reputed \$3 was often \$1.50.

Even then reports of the paying capacities of claims were as apt to be watered as are stocks nowadays. PRENTICE MULFORD.

PRETTY GIRLS IN FURS.

OLIVE HARPER WRITES WISELY OF FASHIONS FOR WOMEN.

Wraps That Will Look Well When the Heavy Winter Comes Are Knewed Akin.

Mademoiselle Evening Dresses for a Size of Small Gown.

(Special Correspondence.)

New York, Jan. 30. - I always knew the New York girl was a daring creature and that nothing daunted her when it was something calculated to enhance her already manifold attractions, but for all that I was hardly prepared to see her wearing a fur dress. It was in one of the eminently respectable Fifth Avenue omnibuses that I used her - not in a Belgian horse car and I spent a quiet ten

minutes in taking in every detail of her costume. The skirt was made of real Astrakhan fur, which is black and glossy, and the broken lines in its surface gave a most beautiful series of lights and shadows. Over this was a full and elegantly draped tunic of dark hunter's green ladies' cloth, looped up with black silk cord and crocheted balls. The tailor fitting basque had cuffs, collar, lapels and a pointed piece down the center of the back all of the fur, and V shaped pieces were also let in at the top of the sleeves. With this she wore a dainty little hat of the green cloth trimmed with a band of the fur and a single black crocheted quill. Her gloves were wool color.

Very stylish wraps, which will be worn until warm weather is actually upon us, are made of plush, with a high collar and front and back piece of Persian lamb. The shoulder pieces are gathered in a way to make them stand up nearly to the ears. These wraps are pointed back and front. Another peculiar wrap is of seal plush, and has a high collar which can be turned down if desired. There are sleeve pieces bordered with plush ball fringe. They hang open. These wraps have scarcely more than a yoke in the back, but the front reaches down in quite long tails.

Now also is the time when girls dance almost every night, and it is not so very easy to find something a little different from the ordinary ball dress.

The mother is superb in a thick, rich, old-fashioned "Cheney silk," with soft, old-fashioned green and brownish foliage on a silvery ground, the front of the waist filled in with lace and a lot of silver satin ribbon at the left side.

The rosy daughter, pretty, plump, small and dimpled, wears white tulle made very plainly, with a narrow waist of white satin ribbons. The skirt is of one plain, full length of tulle, half covered with very narrow white satin ribbons sewn on perpendicularly, ending at the bottom with little loops.

PRENTICE MULFORD.

BILLY CRANE'S LATEST.

His New Play, "The Senator," Which Has Been So Well Received.

For many years the name of William H. Crane (or "Billy" Crane, as he was generally called) was hardly mentioned unless that of Stuart Holman was used. Why? Well, he started out by himself at the beginning of this season theatre goes hardly knew what to make of it. But when his play, "The Senator," made its first appearance it was apparent that the new name was to make its money by the barrel. "The Senator" is big success.

EDWARD FARRER.

RECAPITULATION OF THE CHARGES MADE AGAINST HIM BY THE TORONTO EMPLOYEES.

Edward Farrer, editor of The Toronto Mail (Independent), is not a dangerously large or aggressive being; but he has either caused, or been the innocent means of causing, the biggest uproar in recent Canadian journalism. The public part of it began with a charge of treason against Mr. Farrer by The Toronto Empire (government organ), and has gone on to a personal suit against the Empire by Mr. Farrer, and criminal proceedings against the editor, David Creighton. Sandwiched between are interviews with many prominent American writers and a right lively discussion among Toronto papers.

The charges are serious. As is known to all reading men there is a committee of United States senators investigating the question of reciprocity with Canada, and Erastus Witman is doing his best to secure reciprocity. He recently said - or the Toronto Empire said - that he was thwarted by Mr. Farrer, and soon The Empire came out with the big statement that the latter had gone to Washington, had there secured a secret hearing before the Republican members of the committee, and had urged them not to agree to reciprocity, or arrange for any freer trade, for if they would "squeeze Canada" a little harder and longer, she would ask for annexation to the United States.

This caused much talk, and directly denials were in order. Senator Dolph, of Oregon, came first with a denial (which was telegraphed to The Toronto Mail) of an alleged interview between him and Editor Farrer, but to another correspondent he is alleged to have admitted that the editor had given them much information.

The Empire's agent gathered a deal of such evidence, and several Democratic

editors in the United States took up the matter. The accused Canadian came back with vigor and a mass of evidence. The Globe, the Liberal paper, took a hand, and The Empire gave more evidence, finally formally charging Editor Farrer with "Treason." The suit and criminal proceedings followed, and, says The Mail, the matter will be tried at the February assizes.

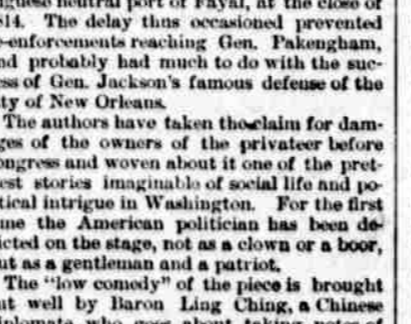
CHESHAM AND CHECKERS.

Chess problem No. 47 - By V. Schiffel, Vienna.



White to play and win in three moves.

Chess problem No. 48 - By W. McDermid.



White to play and win.

Chess problem No. 49 - Solutions.

FATEFUL BLOOD RELATIONS.

Helen, a married woman, died from the parent stem - malaria. They die of the same disease. Helen remitted fever, dumb ague and blood cancer, as there is no doubt that these endemic complaints are produced by contamination of the blood by the miasmata existent in both air and water in malarious regions. Helen's Stomach Bitters expels from the blood the virus with which malaria infects, but it does more than this, it neutralizes the atmospheric and aqueous poison and its germs before they have permanently crystallized in the system, and thus effectually protects against the fierce invasions of this diabolic brotherhood of diseases. Thus it is not only a remedy, but also a preventive, proving its value in its effect, perfectly efficient. Nervousness, biliousness, dyspepsia and kidney trouble also succumb to it.

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