

3 MORE SNOWSTORMS, SAYS S. MOKEMACHER, AS BLISS SIDESTEPS

Aged Andalusia Prophet Stands by His Onions, Bristling With Proof of Storms to Come Ere Winter Ends.

"There'll be three more snow storms ere the winter ends." Old Simon M. Mokemacher made this remark this morning after he had spent fifteen minutes in his private garden, bedded in by tangled saplings cunningly planted by Mokemacher and even more cunningly interwoven by nature.

The old prophet had just been told what George S. Bliss, local weather forecaster, had to say about snow. The official predictor was asked if he thinks it will snow any more this year. He laughed a short, sarcastic laugh and replied: "Nobody can forecast snowstorms but goosebore and groundhog weather prophets."

"The underdog," ejaculated Mokemacher, when this was repeated to him. "I'm not a goosebore and I'm not a groundhog. The asseveration of the official weather forecaster is no reflection on my system, so why should I resent it. I simply stand by my onions. Mr. Bliss can't tell whether it will snow three times more or not. Take out your little notebook, young man, and mark it down—three more snows ere winter ends."

Mokemacher has what he claims to be an infallible system for prophesying the weather. He says it is a simple system, and today he consented to explain it to a reporter who followed him from the store at Andalusia to his hermit home and garden.

"The greatest authorities are agreed," he said, "that there is little difference between animal and vegetable life. Could they discover the connecting link the evils of this world would be solved instantly. My life work is searching for that link, and I may say I am in a fair way to find it. My experiments are being conducted on onions."

"To make a long story short, I can forecast the weather accurately by the amount of resistance being put forth by my private growth of highly developed onions. Under my system of grafting, I have developed an onion that is as mild, as pleasant to the palate and the nose as a strawberry, in its own season. But when storm is in the air the onion marshals all its latent strength.

"This special kind of onion is covered with a coat of hair so marvelously fine that it cannot be discerned by the naked eye. Ordinarily, it is almost impossible to see this through a powerful microscope, but when a storm is coming this hair stands up like that on the neck of a savage dog. It is infallible.

"Today I found the hair standing up like bristles on my onions. Also I detected a quivering in the onion itself, and from this I am certain there will be three more snow storms."

"How do you determine the number?" Mokemacher was asked. "That's the secret; that, in conjunction with the hair standing up and the quivering of the vegetable, is not only the secret, but it is the proof that I have found the connecting link between animal and vegetable life."

"Will you not reveal it?" he was asked. "I will not," said Mokemacher. "Why should I?" Exhortation and entreaty were in vain. Mokemacher was brought to tell, but he remained obdurate. He was courteous, but he would not tell. His visitor was treated to a cup of steaming coffee in the little two-room stone house, the old weather prophet built with his own hands 35 years ago, when he started his experiments, according to his story, and then escorted to the outside world through the maze of underbrush.

"You keep in touch with me," was Mokemacher's parting remark, "and I'll keep you informed about the weather. And also keep your eye open for three more snowstorms this month and ere the winter ends."

WOMEN WRITERS MEET

Housewarming at New Club Rooms

Attended by Members.

Sixty members of the Women Writers' Club were present last night at the "house-warming" in the new club rooms, 1210 Locust street, established through the generosity of Edward W. Bok, editor of the Ladies' Home Journal.

Mrs. Frederick W. Rockwell, who is responsible for the artistic decorations of the club, and Mrs. Edward W. Bok were made honorary members. The announcement of a gift to the club of a practical working library from Mrs. Bok was greeted with enthusiasm.

Miss Edith M. Burtis, head of the Deseambling department of the Ladies' Home Journal, the club's president, assisted by the other officers, welcomed the members. Those receiving with her were Miss Gertrude Garnell and Mrs. Eliza Kleinberg, vice presidents; Miss Ida Van Aulen, treasurer; Miss Jennie Owen, corresponding secretary; Miss Rebekah Elliot, recording secretary, and Mrs. M. W. Ayers, Mrs. J. H. Brown, Miss Emily Carpenter, Miss Jessie Duval, Miss Dorothy Mills and Miss Dorothy Bauer, the members of the Council.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

THE RED BIRD'S CALL

ONE of those early spring days when everybody wants to be outdoors, a red bird began hunting around to find a good place to nest.

He hunted through two or three trees, around a grape arbor and in a lilac bush. By that time he had used up all his ambitions for work.

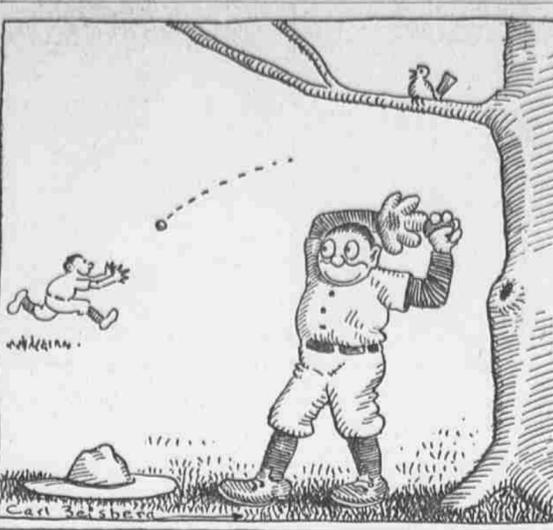
"What's the use of my rushing around this way to find a nesting place when I have the whole spring for that. This kind of a day is made for singing, not for working.

So he flew to a sunny branch and began to sing. "Come here! Come here! Come here!"

In a house close by a mother had settled herself at her sewing. "If simply must sing these silly songs this week, singing will soon be here and the children need those thinner clothes."

She stretched and sewed diligently for a while, then she stopped suddenly and listened.

BOY SCOUTS



BOY SCOUT BASEBALL TEAMS BEGIN SPRING PRACTICE.

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ACTUAL COOKING IN CAMP

By T. L. TIERNY, Director of Camp Pegu.

[This is the third of a series of articles on cooking by Mr. Tierney.]

As stated in a previous article, this division of the general subject of cooking is the hardest to impart and certainly the hardest to do, and do well. My first suggestion in connection with this part of the subject would be careful watchfulness and "watchful waiting"; and it is as applicable to cooking as to a delicate political situation. It requires the undivided attention of the cook to the actual cooking if he hopes to place before his comrades a well-cooked meal.

Perhaps one of the mistakes most often made, especially by beginners, is to place all of the various articles for the meal on the fire at the same time, regardless of the length of time required for each to cook, and as a consequence part of the meal becomes cold before the rest is ready. For instance, if you were going to have potatoes and beef for the same meal, the beef should go on the fire at least an hour to an hour and a half before the potatoes. If you were going to have potatoes and creamed beef, the potatoes should be cooking 15 to 20 minutes before you start the beef.

In other words, it is up to the cook to learn the length of time required to cook each and every article and then plan his cooking accordingly. Learn to gauge the heat required for different foods. Some require intense heat and to be cooked rapidly; others, moderate heat and to be cooked slowly. See that the heat is distributed evenly over the surface of the pan or kettle. Some articles require to be covered while cooking; others do not.

Some vegetables are better for being cooked in several waters; for instance, onions and cabbage, unless very young. The amount of grease used in frying also determines the palatability of an article of food. Fried potatoes are often spoiled by too much grease.

Seasoning food is another very important point in cooking—to learn to gauge the amount of an ingredient, and to use it in one of the most difficult things. It is also necessary to know when to season. Some articles require the seasoning as soon as put on the fire, or before; others, seasoning, putting salt in the kettle when boiling new corn has a tendency to toughen the vegetable. Some persons put the salt in just before removing the corn. Personally, I like to leave the seasoning of new corn until it is to be eaten.

Most of the vegetables can be cooked, nearly or quite done, before adding the salt. As stated before, this article is more in the nature of a suggestion, and the actual process will have to be worked out by each individual until he becomes what is often spoken of as an intuitive cook.

Anniversary Efficiency Contest

Troop 47 celebrated the rounding out of its first year by an efficiency contest at its headquarters, Mt. Airy, last night. Many of the requirements of the first-class scout test were included in the contest, which was judged by Deputy Scout Commissioner Patton in the following subjects: Inspection, knot-tying, first aid, bugling, signaling and nature study. Five points were awarded for first place in each subject, three points for second place and one point for third place.

Scout J. Hansel won first prize, a camp lamp, for setting the greatest number of points, winning first place in signaling and nature study and several second and third places. Prizes were won by Nesbitt, inspection; Martling, knot tying, and Rowe, bugling and first aid.

The scouts were drilled by Scoutmaster Robert McDonald, Scouts entering in the contest were: Signaling, Guckes, Maguire, Hood, Thornton, Cridland, H. Hansel, J. Hansel, G. Crouter, Nesbitt, Jefferson, Kaufman, B. Gamble, Oppelander, Morris and Owens; first aid, Guckes, Mortimer, Kennedy, Hood.

Gossip About the Scouts

Troop 8 and Troop 51, on a joint hike through the woods along Crum Creek, near Swarthmore, extinguished a large fire in the grass and underbrush February 28. They took off their coats and beat out the flames after hard work.

Scout William Pierson, of the Conshohocken troop, prevented two boys from setting fire to a wooded field on the outskirts of the town. If the fire had started it would likely have caused a great deal of damage.

Troop 8

John Urban, Daniel Leary, Edward Murphy and John Charowski have enrolled in Division C, Troop 8, and Jacob Krawmer, Abraham Baitinsky and Reuben Freeman in Division A. They are passing their tenderfoot test. The troops, which is going to start a fire and drum corps, received its first lesson on these instruments Friday from Instructor Gross. "Mike" Dorizas, the intercollegiate wrestling champion, and Scoutmaster Benn, of Troop 8, addressed the troop March 1 at an exhibition drill given by Division B. It was the first evening the wrestling champion has been present since he was assigned to his bed. Division C hit to Swarthmore February 28, where the scouts were the guests of Miss Anna Davies, head worker of the College Settlement, and her sister, Miss Abigail Davies. The division, which was accompanied by Patrol Leader Bernard Fisher, of Belmont Troop 1, in the week of the Troop 8, under Scoutmaster Albert Dorcy.

Troop 60 Selling Easter Eggs

The 27 members of Troop 60, with headquarters in St. George's Parish House, Indian Avenue and Livington, are selling Easter eggs for Easter to put some money in their troop treasury. To date they have sold 300 eggs, in boxes of 100 each. The scouts patrol the race course for the boys' club of the Church Club Saturday.

Troop 103

David Ferguson has succeeded Douglas Cole as patrol leader in Troop 103. At the last meeting of the troop the 27 members voted to start a baseball team and to begin spring practice soon.

Troop 46

The bugle corps of Troop 46, under Patrol Leader Heims and Scouts Leypburn and Hagner, is practicing under the instruction of Patrol Leader Weaver, of Troop 24, who also is teaching some of the scouts to blow the bugle. The troop is anxious to receive challenges from other troops in any kind of scout contest. The headquarters are at the Temple Lutheran Church, 52d and Race streets.

Jersey Scouts

Elwood Kandle has been appointed assistant scoutmaster and Hewings Wallace acting drillmaster of the Ocean City Troop, where they are practicing the Scout's pace, whereby they will take out the end of the winter how many miles they have covered on their hikes. Under Scoutmaster J. Edgar Welch they are also studying first aid to the injured and the Morse signaling code.

Under Scoutmaster Samuel Stonehill, of Westmont, Camden Troop 13, with headquarters at 910 Broadway, successfully policed and acted as ushers at the play and dance given by the Young Women's Hebrew Association, Camden, when the Young Men's Hebrew Association Thursday night.

The Scouts already are planning for the annual camp. A splendid bugle squad has been formed from the 45 members and instruments and uniforms have been bought. On the whole, Troop 13 has not met with one unlucky incident. Next Wednesday night the troop will give an exhibition drill at the Hebrew Ladies' Relief Society hall, in the 3d Regt. Armory, Camden, when the society will present the scouts with a banner. Scoutmaster Stonehill, formerly of the battalions Rhode Island, reports these officers elected: First assistant scoutmaster, Joseph Weiss; second assistant, Simon Weiss; first sergeant, Max Weiss; quartermaster, I. Kalowsky; patrol leader, Robert Naden, A. Heine and Samuel Bertman; treasurer, J. Markowitz, and secretary, A. Heine.

New County Troop

A new troop of scouts has been formed at Clifton Heights, Delaware County. The Rev. E. H. Bonsall is commissioned as scoutmaster.

Conshohocken Troop Wins Prizes

The Conshohocken troop has won two American flags and two regulation bugles through obtaining 100 subscribers to the Evening Ledger. The troop, which was organized four months ago, is progressing rapidly, having 25 scouts enrolled now. It is under the leadership of Scoutmaster Evert L. Noble, formerly a member of the State constabulary, and Assistant Scoutmaster George P. Giles.

First-class Test Last Night

Examiners Goodman, Taylor, Crowell, Cream and Dayton conducted the weekly first-class test last night at the North Branch Young Men's Christian Association, 1013 West Lehigh avenue.

Party Politics in Troop 93

The Righteous Party, which was organized in October, 1914, and has carried five out of seven offices in Troop 93, has announced its candidates for the coming election, April 15. The campaign began Friday. For patrol leader the candidates are: Green, O. Rothfeld and Porter; secretary, Assistant Scoutmaster Gold; treasurer, Assistant Scoutmaster Trollo; quartermaster, John Mason-Anthony; librarian, Scout S. Cohen, and house sergeant, Scout Beckman. The troop has abandoned troop meetings and has substituted scout activities for the regular meetings on Friday nights. Under Patrol Leader Mason-Anthony and headed by the band, the troop marched to the Friends' Guild, 4th and Green streets, Wednesday night. The scouts gave exhibitions of their work. Scouts Green, Mason-Anthony, Rothfeld and Porter bandaging Scout Samuel Cohen, who was "injured" by Scout Porter and Dubin, senders, and Green and Verlin, receivers, gave an exhibition of signaling. Speeches were made by Deputy Commissioner Patton and Scoutmaster Martin G. Stein.

OBJECT TO "ARISTOCRACY" AMONG CAMP FIRE GIRLS

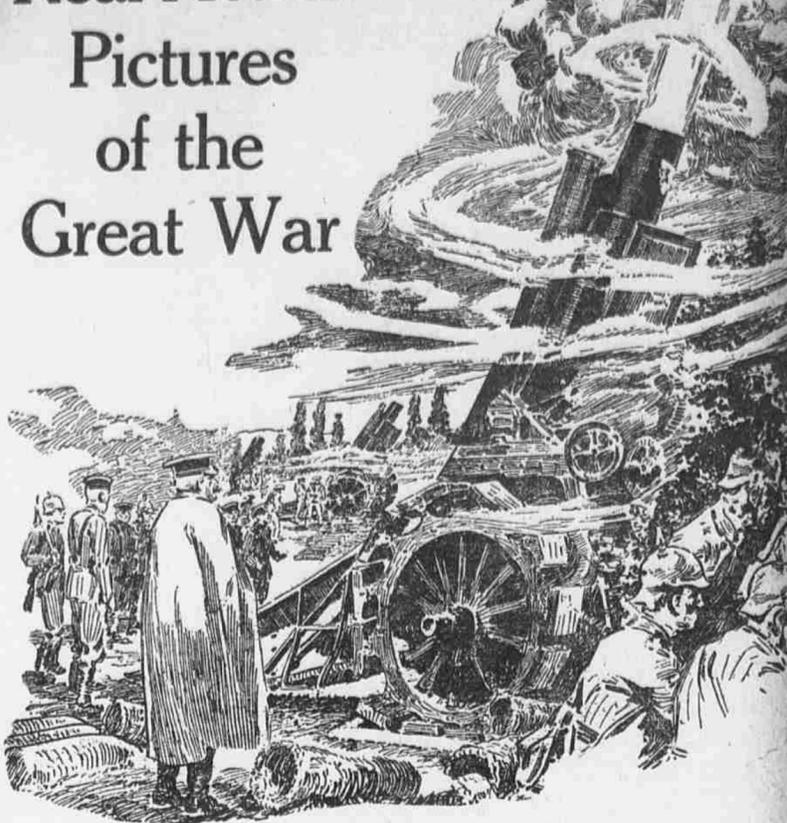
Chairman of Brooklyn Guardians Protest Against New Regulations. Officials of the Camp Fire Girls denied yesterday at the first meeting of the New York that there is a serious effort in the organization. Opponents of Dr. Luther Gulick, the president, however, continued to attack him, declaring that his aim has been to make the body "aristocratic," thus altering the original aim of the Camp Fires. Dr. Gulick, at a sanatorium in Battle Creek, Mich., declined to take a personal part in the controversy. A petition circulated by Miss Grace Cotton, chairman of the Brooklyn guardians, protests against the new basis of membership, according to which the "ranks should be recruited first from those who can help rather than those who need help."

"Why create an aristocracy in Camp Fires when its chief good has been due to its democratic spirit?" she asks. "How is it possible to classify girls according to those who do and who do not need help? Are there any girls who do not need help of some kind, or are there any girls who cannot, under wise leadership, give it?"

FRESHMEN AWAIT "BIDS"

Several hundred freshmen at the University of Pennsylvania are now in a state of suspense awaiting the "offering of the bid" for membership in the various fraternities. At noon yesterday, by the terms of the interfraternity agreement, all communication between the first-year men and their fraternity elders was forbidden until tomorrow noon. The bid may be offered at any time until tomorrow at noon, one hour being allotted for the purpose. From then until Friday noon the freshmen may deliberate upon their bids, and then during the next 24 hours they may tender their written replies, without communication or interference from any of the chapters. No fraternity is allowed to accept a reply before Friday noon. President Edgar F. Smith this year pointedly advised the freshmen to vote with the majority if they were asked to do so.

Real Action Pictures of the Great War



Photographer on Train, Under Fire, Risks Life to Get Pictures of Big Battle

Standing unprotected on top of the engine cab of an armored train firing broadsides as it dashed through the battling lines at Arvin, this daring photo-soldier captured both armies with his camera.

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