OLD-TIME GROCERS PASSING WITH HIGH PRICES FOR FOOD

Housekeepers in Broad and Girard Avenue Neighborhood Strong Supporters of the "Chain Store"

Dealers Say They Are Getting Only a Small Margin of Profit-War and Speculators Are Blamed

THE residential district, centering upon Broad street and Girard avenue, is raried in its character, as much so, perhaps, as any in Philadelphia. The grocers she supply this great center of population

who supply this great center of population with its daily food are equally characteristic, and their views upon the situation which confronts the Philadelphia housewife in her efforts to keep the cost of her table within her income, may be taken as those of men who are in acute touch with aristing conditions in that neighborhood.

Careful canvass by the Evening Leeden in the territory east of Board street and northward from Spring Garden street reveals the passing of many old-time grocers. Girard avenue itself exemplifies the fact that the housekeeper in its vicinity is a strong supporter of the "chain store" and patronizes almost exclusively such establishments in her efforts to conduct her table economically. There are exceptions, it is true, but they are "Tew and far between."

For the benefit of its women readers who have sought from the EVENING LEDGER the pave sought from the Eventual Lebesh the reason for the prevailing high prices, their causes and possible remedies, inquiry was made at the establishment of Robert Raiston & Sons, at Thirteenth street and Girard avonue, where since 1852 the business has grown in pace with the progress and wants of residents.

SHORTAGE IN STAPLES

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Much of the Rain a custom occupies the North Broad street section, and is made up of a community able and willing to pay whatever prices may be asked for what it purchases. C1 the other hand, the firm deals in many articles that are within the reach of the humble pockethook. Though loth to place the responsibility for the present skyward tendency in price, a representative of the firm manifested no hesitancy in admitting that there was a shortage in many staple goods that was uncomfortable to his firm, and that even with a small margin of profit several articles were rapidly passing beyond the means of persons who hitherto had used them.

"Never in twenty years have prices been as high as they are today," he said. "I believe this winter they are going higher than, ever. Many things, too, are entirely out of the market, or if we can get them at all it is at awful prices. I don't believe the cost of groceries has been higher than it is today in the fifty-four years we have been in business. I don't know why it is; we simply can't get them. Our customers would be willing to pay the higher prices if we could accommodate them, but the dealers tell us the articles we want are not coming into the market. Shortage in crops, they tell us, or the war. If we knew what the actual cause was, we might be able to remedy it, but we only know what they tell us.

TOMATOES AT TOP NOTCH

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"Take tomatoes as an instance, Gallon tomatoes, that were at \$2.50 a dozen, are \$4.50 today. String beans that sell at ten cents a can have jumped to fifteen cents, and now are almost impossible to get even at that figure. There are no cheap peas in the market. We used to pay fifty-five or sixty cents a dozen a year ago for a grade that has doubled in price. In fact there is nothing in the market under \$1.10 a dozen. It is the same with corn.
"We paid \$9.40 a barrel for flour on our last purchase and must pay more for our

is cracked or goes bad we must replace it, so there goes our profit on the whole dozen.

"Pea beans, the variety most generally used, were bringing \$1.75 a year ago. The last we bought were \$5.50. Cheese that was thirteen or fourteen cents a pound is now twenty-two to twenty-four cents, while \$8 wiss cheese, that before the war was quoted at twenty-four cents, can't be had under fifty-two cents Limburger has jumped from twenty-four cents a pound to thirty. If it wasn't for our fancy trade that is willing to pay no matter how the

What Food Cost in 1915 and Charges Made Today be sincere

find us out.

YOUR EYEBROWS

AND LASHES-HOW

TO BEAUTIFY THEM

By LUCREZIA BORI

Prima Donna of the Metropolitan Opera.

EYEBROWS that are well-shaped and lashes that are long and full are exsen-

not realise that the brows and lashes are

such important features—that the expres-

LUCREZIA BORI eyebrows are heavy and shapeless or meet over the bridge of the nose, your face—no matter how perfect the other features may be—will appear coarse, severe and altogether unattractive.

It is a comparatively simple matter to

reshaps the eyebrows and to train them to grow properly. Under no circumstances therefore, should you neglect them.

If your eyebrows are well arched, according to beauty's demands, and do not

meet, they will only require a daily brush-ing to keep them smooth and well groomed. The brush required for this purpose is shaped almost like a toothbrush, but the bristles are fine and soft. Brush the hairs

from the nose toward the pointed end of

When the eyebrows are thin and scraggy a tonic is required to stimulate their growth. An excellent tonic is the following mixture:

Tincture of rosemary 5 grams
Tincture of cantharides 1 gram
Spirits of camphor 50 grams
Spirits of cologne 50 grams

The tonic is rubbed into the brows ever;

The tonic is rubbed into the brows every other night, applying on alternate nights a few drops of oil of cajeput, stroking the hairs as they should grow.

Another excellent remedy for stimulating the growth of the eyebrows and lashes con-

Red vaselins 2 ounces
Tincture of cantharides 4 cunce
Oil of lavender 15 drons
Oil of resemany 15 drons

Mix thoroughly and apply to the brow

with a small brush once a day. When this tonic is applied to the eyes be care-ful that none touches the eye itself, as it will cause inflammation.

If the hairs in the brows are healthy and fuxuriant, simply apply a little vaneline twice a week to keep them glossy. Red vaseline is the best for this purpose.

When the brows meet over the nose the only way of improvement is through elec-trolysis. To clip or pull out the offending hairs only makes them worse ultimately.

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FRIENDS TO GIVE DANCE

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sion of the face largely

depends upon them.

Have you ever stood before a mirror and "ruffled" your eye-brows? If you have, you saw that your face took on an expression

took on an expression of bewilderment and confusion. Smooth, per-fectly arched eyebrows impart to the face that

refined, delicate expres-

sion that every woman of culture desires. If, on the other hand, your

In everything we

I spose that we're
afraid to though
For people then would

PRICES quoted for the Evening Lenger by Arthur Delaney, of William Delaney & Sons, grocers, who supplies the Philadelphia gro-cery quotations for the United States

Government:	
Oct., 1916	Today
Granulated sugar 54c	7140
Flour (14%-lb. bag) 90c	\$1.25
Cornmeal 2160	3e
Small white beans 7c	170
Lard (3-lb, tins) 480	600
Red salmon	170
Hams140	240
Bacon	38a

market rises we wouldn't be able to come out even. The smaller trade is driven to the chain stores. The dealers may know the cause of the condition; we don't."

AN EXPERIENCE OF 18 YEARS William Delaney has been in busine at the northwest corner of Tenth and Spring Garden streets for thirty-eight years. He and his son Arthur comprise the firm of William Delaney & Son. Their business is extensive, and the younger Delaney sup- tial to eye beauty. Women, as a rule, do piles the grocery quotations for Philadelphia to the Federal Department of Commerce and Labor. The views of father and son, which agree as to the causes of pre-vailing prices, largely echo those of Edward Swift, their neighbor, quoted in these col-umns yesterday.

unins yesterday.

"It looks like speculation," declared the elder Delaney emphatically. "There is trickery and knavery in it. Just take the tomato situation. The latest reports from the packing districts show that they have a pack of 12,000,000 cases this year. That is a, full pack, more than they generally get, in fact. In 1915 they canned about 8,000,000 cases and had some 3,000,000 left over from the previous year. They claim, if they stop right now, there will be a pack between 12,000,000 and 12,000,000. They are asking up to \$1.35 a dozen today for three-pound tins that usually run eighty to eighty-five cents. The scarcity of labor and the price of tin is the excuse. Tinplate has gone up from \$2.45 to \$12.25 since the war started. The Jersey farmers formerly depended upon casual laborers to since the war started. The Jersey farmers formerly depended upon casual laborers to pick their crops. They say this supply is not to be had, and that the men who for years were giad to work for small pay picking tomatoes are now making munitions at Carney's Point for three times the money they got in the tomato fields. The tomato crop meanwhile was allowed to rot, they are they started more than last tomato crop meanwhile was allowed to rot, they say, yet they gathered more than last

"PACKERS HOLDING OUT"

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"I believe many of the packers have the goods and are holding out so as to get higher prices. One party I heard of has 15,000 cases that he is holding, and there may be others. There is where I believe the trickery and knavery lie. It is the same with potatoes. We do not handle them, but last Sunday I visited a farmer, who showed me several thousand bushels stored in his cellar. Potatoes have jumped from eighty cents to \$1.50 a bushel. I asked him why be did not sell at the present prices. He he did not sell at the present prices. He said he preferred to wait until the market went higher and he possibly would get \$2 a "The catsup supply is going to be short

on account of the tomato situation, espe-cially from February to May. Even at the charged, the packers are not making full deliveres; in wax beans, for instance only five, six or eight per cent of orders Peas that one year ago were selling at fit. cen cents or two cans for twenty-five cents now bring thirty cents for two cans, and tomatoes I have to sell at the same rate. Where we sold two cans of New York State where we sold two cans of New York State corn for a quarter in 1915 we ask sixteen cents a can have jumped to fifteen cents, and now are almost impossible to get even at that figure. There are no cheap peas in the market. We used to pay fifty-five or sixty cents a dozen a year ago for a grade that has doubled in price. In fact there is nothing in the market under \$1.10 a dozen. It is the same with corn.

"We paid \$9.40 a barrel for flour on our last purchase and must pay more for our next lot. Strictly fresh eggs, twenty-four bours old, are selling at sixty-eight cents a dozen. We pay fifty-nine cents in crate lots, or thirty dozen; pay thirty-one cents a counter in the store today with those supplied by him to the Government from the same source in October, 1915. Some of the seme source in October, 1915. Some of the benefit of the Evennon Language house of the brown a crate to get them lere and one cent a dozen. We pay fifty-nine cents in crate lots, or thirty dozen; pay thirty-one cents a counter in the store today with those supplied by him to the Government from the same source in October, 1915. Some of the seme source in October, 1915. Some of the exemple of water on hair is drying. The natural nourishing oils of the brown are constantly being exhausted, and emolisent must be applied. A mixture of ten grams of red vaseline and ten centigrams of boric acid is a simple tonic that can be used for this purpose.

If you find that your brown need reshaping, consult a beauty specialist, who will remove the superfluous hairs. It is not vise for the amateur to attempt to dealers are absorbing the difference.

HAVE PLENTY OF CHILDREN, THE CHEERFUL CHERUB SINGER'S RECIPE FOR YOUTH bluow lla ew deiw I

Schumann-Heink, Real Mother-Woman, Does Not Have to Assume Cradle - Song Tenderness

And Her Face Needs No Cosmetic Aid — Madame Admits to Fondness for "Snappy" Stories

By M'LISS

TOBODY loves a fat woman? Nonsense Nonoby loves Madame Schumann-Heink, and, according to her own calculations, have been doing it for the last thirtynine years.

Puffing and panting from the numerou responses she had to make at the Academy of Music, this very gracious prima donna received me in her dressing room and took me to her ample self, literally, as metaphorically she does her audiences and all who

"Please, if you write a piece about me in the papers." she said when I had disentangled myself from the silver lace on her apple-green brocaded gown. "please tell everybody that I am not sixty years old, as somebody wrote. I am fifty-five, and this is

somebody wrote. I am fifty-five, and this is my thirty-ninth season."

She looked like some dowager-mother as she stood before the pier-glass, her beautit ful iron-gray hair dressed high, her cheeks pink with a flush that was not bought in a drug store. It was difficult to think of her as a woman who had been "on the road" for almost two score years.

RECIPE FOR YOUTH Madame's recipe for protracted youth and much happiness is to have a good many children, lead a normal life, work hard, to let nature take its course with your hair and to abjure the use of paint and powder. "I had eight children," said this woman, who typifes the mother-woman in a greater degree than any I have ever met, and who does not have to sing one of her cradle songs to inspire in those who come within her range the desire to cuddle up a little closer.

"One I lost last year." Madame became very sad. "My poor boy, he died of typhoid-pheumonia. The others are good, beeg busi-ness men. My wonderful girls are married. have nine grandchildren.

Madame clucked gleefully, like a proud mother hen with a numerous brood in her wake. Then she began rubbing her face very hard.

"My face, it is mine. I do not use pow-der or paint"—her German way of pro-nouncing her "t's" like "d's" in her full con-traito is fascinating—"that is not the way

Brand-New Babies

BEL, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, 1510 South

ABEL, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph. 1510 South Sixth street. a daughter. ABRAHAMSON, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, B18 East Moyamensing avenue, a daughter. BIGLEY. Mr. and Mrs. James J., 1483 South Fifty-third street. a son, James, Jr., ten pounds eight ounces. BROOKS, Mr. and Mrs. S. Bonsall, Green Spring Valley. a son. Mrs. Brooks former-ly Miss Princilla Murray Boblen. ENSENBROOK, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, 2626 South Beulah street. a daughter. HARRIS, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, 135 Fair-mount avenue, a son.

mount avenue, a son HEMPHILL, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester, 1727 Tilan street, daughter Anna, eight pounds

eight ounces.
HONIKMAN, Mr. and Mrs. Morris, 723
South Third street, a son.
LIPSHUTZ, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, 758 South

Front street, a son.

MacELLISTER, Mr. and Mrs. John, 1540
Guenther street, a daughter Margaret,
ten pounds.

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Third street, a daughter.

MISS DATESMAN TO WED

Engagement to Edmund Allen Hill Is

Wills Admitted to Probate

Wills probated today were those of Rull Stark Bonnell, 2320 North Nineteenth streat which in private bequests disposes of prop-erty valued at \$30,000, and William David-son, 824 North Twenty-third street, \$2200

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Datesman 5349 Wayne avenue, announce the eng-ment of their daughter, Mus Marion -phine Datesman, to Edmund Alem-Mr. Hill was graduated from the Un-sity of Pennsylvania in the class of and is a member of the Sigma Chi-

MME. SCHUMANN-HEINK

"It is not that I disapprove of suffrage but now the little time that I have in my but now the little time that I have home I like to spend there. I like to read, yes, what do you call this here little light stuff?—Madame snapped her fingers in the air for the phrase she wanted to come and it came—"snappy stories." Her

And then because there were about a dozen people waiting to felicitate her, peo-ple who had known Madame in New York and people who had known her in Florida— and of course she remembered them all—

went away. "Give my love to Philadelphia," she called

like to sew and to knit. I like to stay home when I get the chance, and although I could vote, I am an American citizen"—she said this proudly, despite the fact that she had told me with equal pride that she had a son serving in the war on a German U-boat —"and am a resident of California, I don't. LIKES "NAUGHTY" STORIES.

rown eyes sparkled naughtily. "I like dose nappy stories."

keep young, according to my old-fash-ned viewpoint.

"Yes, I am an old-fashloned woman. I your Philadelphia."

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

Unusual Ways to Serve Chestnuts

starch, such as rice or potatoes. Most people are fond of the nutlike flavor, and chistnuts are highly desirable accompaniments to the meal that lacks starch in other points. In fact, chestnuts, pound for pound, contain many times more fats and starch and even protein than potatoes, and almost as much as rice. There are several ways of serving chestnuts, either as accompaniment to meats, as a salad or an easy dessert. In fact, there is even a chestnut soup, which is simple and contains all the wholesome elements that make it an ideal substantion luncheon dish, especially

CHESTNUT CREAM SOUP One cupful of chestnut meats, four cupfuls of milk, two tablespoonfuls of butter, onion, carrot, celery, sait. The eyelashes require most careful treatment if you desire to stimulate their growth. Use oil of cajeput, applying it to the lashes with a tiny camel's hair brush. The roots and not the tips of the lashes are to be anolated.

for small people.

The chestnuts are boiled ten minutes, then the shell and skin come off easily, and the meats are cooked for about thirty min-

In the meantime, fry the chopped celery, onion and carrot until brown, and cook in the milk for about an hour. Then add the chestnut meats, which must first be pressed through a colander.

Here is a chestnut dish which makes a good accompaniment to a meat dish, instead to be contained on browned. Visible results from this eyebrow and lash treatment should not be expected for months, for it takes a long time to improve these features.

of potatoes fried or browned: BROWNED CHESTNUTS

Two cupfuls of chestnuts, three table-spoonfuls of butter, two tablespoonfuls of cream, one egg. one-half teaspoonful of salt, dash of pepper.

UST for a change try chestnuts on the menu instead of some other customary in the center and a French dressing makes a piquant and very attractive salad. A CHESTNUT DESSERT

Here is a quick and substantial chestnut

Blanch and skin the chestnuts, put through a ricer, and then mix with powdered sugar, orange juice and vanilla. Serve in dessert glasses, topped with whipped Stewed chestnuts as an occasional dessert

stewed chestnuts as an occasional dessert are much more satisfying to children than stewed fruit. Cook together one cup of water with one cupful of sugar until it reaches the syrup consistency. As soon as it boils add the chestnuts, which have been blanched and skinned. Let them simmer very slowly for about fifteen to twenty minutes.

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Sale in Aid of Shut-in Society

The exchange of the Pennsylvania branch of the Shut-in Society is holding a special sale this week at 1523 Chestnut street, and it is expected that the invalids will receive a large return for their beautiful handleraft. Besides fancy articles which belong to this season, such as dolls, af-ghans, haby sacks and wooden toys, there ghans, baby sacks and wooden toys, there are useful articles—mops, wash cloths, towels and aprons. The exchange is in charge of Miss Mary Parker Nicholson, president of the branch, and she announces that none of the articles on sale was made by tuberculosis patients.



very unusual Furs we are showing now is a full length Mole Coatyoke front and back with half belt across front, high waist effect, deep skunk collar and cuffs. A very ef-fective combination.

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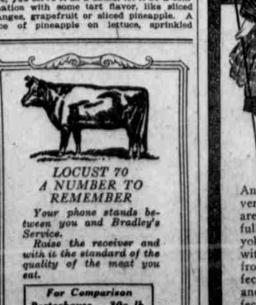


and 21st Streets

A plane contest, to be followed by a concert and dance, will be given next Sunday evening by the Friends, an auxiliary of the Mount Sinai Hospital, at Danceland, Twentieth street and Montgomery avenue. The proceeds of the affair will be used to help carry on the work of Mount Sinai Hospital. Silver loving cups will be awarded to the winners. For the concert preceding the dance 'se-lections will be rendered by Miss Edith Atkins, Martin Peterzell, Albert Dalmer and Miss May Marks. and Miss May Marks. The board of directors of the Mount Sinal Hospital, of which Jacob D. Lit is president, has promised to be present and help the Friends make the affair a success. The committee in charge includes Jack J. Wolpert, chairman; Miss Rose C. Liebster, secretary; Miss Minerva Rosenthal, treasurer, and Miss Estelle S. Katlin, chairman of advertising.







VOGUE

Locust 19 Bace 1154

A Scarf and Hat of Navy Blue Velvet "ACCIDENTS will happen" is a hackto hear mother quote it' the other day when I spilled a bottle of ink over the navy blue velvet she had bought me for a dress. I was writing letters when the material was delivered. Mother brought it in and spread it over the chair beside the desk so that I could get the full effect of its color and sheen. I've been the personification of awkwardness lately, and somehow, upset the large bottle of ink from which I had filled the wells over the velvet. I gasped and flooked at mother, expecting the scoiding which I deserved. She simply said, in the most soothing way: "Accidents will happen. Don't worry about it. Robin."

When I had the courage finally to look at the velvet to find out the extent of the damage I saw that the ink had obligingly trickled down one side, almost the entire length of the piece, but that the balance could be used for some purpose or other. Mother said that it would be impossible to match the velvet, as she had bought all that was left.

Margerle Kennedy, who is visiting me, felt as badiv as I about the velvet. After I spilled a bottle of ink over the navy

DIARY OF A WELL-DRESSED GIRL

Mother said that it would be impossible to match the velvet, as she had bought all that was left.

Margeris Kennedy, who is visiting me, felt as badly as I about the velvet. After suggesting several ways to utilize it she finally told me to make a hat and scarf. I rather liked the idea, but thought if the set did not prove to be becoming that I would turn it over to Cleely, who looks well in anything.

I cut away the ink-spotted velvet and from the balance cut a three-yard strip twenty-sight inches in width. Then I sent mother downtown for some brocaded slik in a soft tone of ross or gold for the lining. I was giad that she found a pretty pattern in rose, since I am partial to that color. After I had basted the lining in place I turned the scarf over to Margerie to hind-atitch the slik to the velvet. The making of the hat was not such a simple task. I had a dreadful time finding a buckram frame of the right shape. After scouring the department stores unsuccessfully, in deaperation I went to our milliner and stated my trouble. She was very nice and let me have a frame from her stock.

I chose a small hat with a mushroom brim. The brim is quite narrow at the back, but gradually grows wider toward the front. Taking a piece of the velvet I pinned it over the top of the brim usuit there wasn't even a suggestion of a wrinkle. Then I sewed it firmly is place and faced the brim, using a narrow velvet-covered cord about the extreme edge. The brim finished, I cut out a dise for the top of the crown and softly folded a strip of the velvet shout the fixed-band. From the halance of the velvel I out hiss strips eight inches wide. It trimmed the heat have to a strip of the welvet shout the fixed-band from the strip with blue stik to match the series with blue stik to match the welvet.

I trimmed the het by arranging home.

Smart hat and scarf set of navy blue velvet. vet, across the back and side. Some of the loops I allowed to fall softly, and wired others to stand up rather prim and stiff. The hat is unusually smart, and the scarf will look well with a fallored suit on days that are too warm to be smothered with

Cicely would love a set like mine in sap-phire blue instead of navy. I'll have to pick up a remnant of veivet and make her one. Dad's box from Japan just came. They've been all this time releasing it from the custom house. (Copyright.)

2000 Children Attend Concert 2000 Children Attend Concert

More than 2000 public school children attended the second of the series of free concerts by the Philadeiphia Orchestra in the Academy of Music, given by the Public Ledger last night. Domenica Bove, the violiniat was the soloist, assisted by the 100 pieces of the orchestra. Although the program was entirely classical, the children were enthusuastic throughout in their appreciation of the numbers. Leopeid Stokowski yielded his place as conductor to Thaddeus Rich, his concertmanter. Mozart's overture. Iton Giovanni, was the first number of the program, followed by Bascheven's second Symphony. One of the mont popular numbers was the Marche histor, by Tachelkowsky.