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## THE SOUP PLATE. .

#### A Seventeenth Century Cookbook Tells Why It Was Invented, A valet of Louis XIV, published a cookbook in 1655 in which he gives as

follows the reason for the invention of the hollow soup plate: The plates of the guests will be hol-

low in order that they may help themselves to as much soup as they may want without being obliged to take it spoonful by spoonful, because of the disgust they may have for one another on seeing the spoon go from the mouth to the tureen.

Guests, it will be seen, used their own spoons to fill their plates, the large spoon to be used for serving the soup. not being invented till some time later. Yet even a hundred years after the invention of the soup plate (1749) a work on civility advised that all the dishes should be so placed on the table that every one could reach them with his spoon and that if the soup was served in a dish (tureen) every one should help himself with his own spoon without seeming to be in a harry. A work on manners that appeared just before the French revolution deemed it best to advise its readers that it was impolite to pass the spoon back and forth between the mouth and the tureen,

His Indiscretion. Clara-What came between you? Chloe-Oh, he showed so much impatience with Fldo.-Detroit Free Press.

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"Don't you think that people pay too much attention to money nowadays?" "No. I don't." answered Senator Sorghum. "Time was when a five dollar bill looked as big as a farm to a member of the legislature. Now he won't pay any attention to it whatever."-Washington Star.

Expert at It. Townley-This paper says that one of those idiotic colleges is going to make Senator Boodler a "doctor of

Brownley-Well, that's appropriate enough. He doctors the laws every time he gets a chance.-Exchange.

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## MASTERS OF MUSIC.

THE GREAT COMPOSERS AND THEIR PECULIAR METHODS OF WORK.

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Ring and Beethoven's Wild Walks, All the great musical composers had their own peculiar ideas and manner of working. They had their peculiar traits, their moods, their eccentric habits, such as are generally said to mark the genius. In "Musical Education" M.

Lavignae tells of their peculiarities. "Haydn was a very early riser," he writes, "and yet he never worked except in full dress, in which he was like Buffon. He began by shaving himself carefully, powdered himself and put on his finger a certain ring, a supphire, I believe, surrounded with brilliants, which had been given him by the great Frederick, unless it was Prince Esterhazy. That done, he shut himself up in a quiet room and wrote for several consecutive hours, five or

"Mozart, the gentle and plous Mozart, was sometimes less particular and composed a little everywhere and under all conditions. Happily the ideas came often enough and pursued him even into the restaurants of Vienna. Prague and Munich, where he was very fond of playing billiards and smoking a pipe and composing in his

six, without stopping.

"Rossini composed almost constantly and in all ways, rarely at the piano, most often in the evening or at night, and, like Mozart, often found inspiration in a carriage or post chaise. In the irregular joltings of these vehicles he perceived rhythm, and of these rhythms melodies were born. There is no doubt that he would have found a dread of this mode of locomotion that no one was ever able to induce him to set foot in a car.

"Gluck composed violently gesticulating, walking up and down and acting all his characters, often in the open air, on the lawn, in a garden.

"Beethoven also undoubtedly found a powerful auxiliary to inspiration in motion and walking. Whatever the season, every day after dinner, which was at 1 o'clock, according to the Viennese custom, he set out for a walk, and with big strides twice made the circuit of the city of Vienna. Neither cold nor heat nor rain nor hail was able to stop him. Then it was that his heat of fancy attained its full ardor. He would enter a restaurant, sit down for an instant and ask the stupefied waiter for the bill, without having ordered anything. His clumsiness was prodigious. He usually broke everything he touched. Not a single piece of furniture in his house, and any article of value less than anything else, was safe from his attacks, and many times his ink pot fell into the piano by which he was working, which, religiously preserved in the museum at Bonn, still retains its indelible traces. Although he had always lived in the midst of the high Viennese aristocracy, in which drawing room dances were held in high honor, he never succeeded in danc-

"Herold composed while walking, umming or singing, often in the Champs Elysees, and often passed his best friends by without recognizing

"Gounod composed especially at the table, or at least in his head. When he wrote, everything was absolutely clear n his brain. His manuscripts prove

"Wagner liked to write standing up before a large table desk like the cash desks in the shops. His scores were written without erasures, in a superb calligraphic hand, admirable for its learness and firmness and worthy of professional copyist.

"Berlioz, who played no instruments but the guitar, flute and flageolet, necssarily worked at the table.

"Franck, who was the head of a school, scarcely composed at all till after 9 o'clock in the evening.

"Meyerbeer wrote in a regular manner in the evening, and his servant had orders to drag him away from the piano at the stroke of midnight. Schunann would not admit that any one could write otherwise than at a table Mendelssohn made much use of the piano and preferred to work in the morning. Auber generally worked at night and very late, till 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning, in order to avoid outside noises.

"Halevy had a table plane that had been made for him by Pleyel. From time to time he would draw out his keyboard, strike a few chords on it, and then push it back like a simple drawer and continue to write.

"Boieldieu also wrote at the piano. Felicien David, not being much of a planist, sometimes sought the aid of his violin. Adolphe Adam almost always worked at his grand plane, the right hand side of whose keyboard was stained with innumerable splashes | tuage.)—Chicago Tribune. of ink. He played eight, ten or twelve bars, and then wrote them down. Bizet worked especially in the evening and still more at night; he often made use of a plano bureau by Pleyel, like Gouhod and Halevy."

## His Guess.

"Where were they married?" "I ain't jest sure," answered the small boy, "'cause they left me home, but I guess it was in the steeple." "In the steeple?"

"Well, I heard 'em say it was a high church wedding."-Chicago Post.

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The true fisherman loves to catch fish, to match his wits against the weary trout, but as he wanders from pool to pool the songs of the birds greet him restfully. Every turn in the stream reveals a nook in which strange wild flowers nestle. The gentle excitement of the sport prevents the scene from becoming monotonous. The element of chance, the uncertainty of the catch, add the drop of tabasco sauce which gives zest to the day. And the noontide meal by the brink of the stream! When did a meal have a more delightful flavor? Delmonico never served a trout like unto those we have caten by the banks of a mountain brook with the clear blue sky above, the waving forest round about and the murmuring stream at our feet.

The hour of contemplation comes afterward, with the pipe of peace in our hand instead of the relinquished rod. How far off the city seems! Are there such things as corporations, trusts, stocks, bonds, electric lights that amaze the sight, barsh warnings of trolley gongs, the rumble and grind of the wheels and the brakes on the elevated road which affright the ear? The harshest note that breaks the stillness here is the boom of the bittern in the distant marsh.

Home to camp the fisherman goes, taking a cast in this silent pool in which the trout rose in the forenoon to his east, but missed the fly, or in that dark hole deep under the bank in which a vigilant eye may detect the brown sides of a trout with lazily waving fins and tail, an old campaigner not easily caught.-Dr. A. T. Bristow in World's Work.

### CHINESE CONTRASTS.

We bake bread; in China they steam

We divide the day into twenty-four hours; they into twelve. We locate intellect in the brain; they

locate it in the stomach. Our calendar is based on solar time; theirs is based on lunar time.

With us the sent of honor is on the right; with them it is on the left. Our given name precedes the surname; theirs follows the surname. The needle of our compass points to

the north: theirs points to the south. We have standard weights and measures; their weights and measures differ in each district.

Our children stand facing the teacher to recite their lessons; theirs turn their backs to the teacher. Our watchmen quietly go their

rounds with a view to catching thieves; theirs beat gongs and yell to frighten them away.

We bury our dead a few days after their decease; they often keep theirs in the house in heavy, sealed coffins for

## The Hookah in India,

years .- "China's Millions."

The hookah is smoked as a refreshment and sign of fellowship by the natives of India and not merely as a luxury. When a group of natives are seated together and as is the custom. the hookah is passed around to each in turn it is considered very bad manners for any one to decline to have a few puffs. If the hookah is thus refused in a friend's house or while one is the guest of another it is regarded as an insult. If for any reason a native is put out of caste the fact is strictly marked by his former caste fellow's refusal to smoke with him, and any one who eats, drinks or smokes with an outcast is himself outcasted .-Chambers' Journal.

## "Executive Ability." "But then, of course, he has execu-

tive ability," we said conclusively, "Executive ability!" repeated our acquaintance. "What do you mean by that?"

"Why, the quality of holding subordinates responsible for failures and taking credit to ourselves for their successes," we responded.

Which we considered rather clever for studied impromptu. - New York

## Mad and Bad.

Herald.

Kind Hearted Citizen-Tut, tut, tut! Don't worry over it, little boy. You didn't break your pitcher, and there's no use, you know, in crying over spllt

Little Boy-Do I talk as if I was cryin', mister? (Resumes his violent lan-

#### A Mystery Explained. "I don't understand," said the Ignoramus at the academy, "why they always put the baldheaded men up in the front row."

"That's easy," butted in the usher. "They put 'em up there so they'll be near the flies."-Boston Herald.

Evil.

#### Good is positive. Evil is merely privative, not absolute. It is like cold, which is the privation of heat. All evil is so much death or nonentity .-

A Poer Bargainer. Ethel-I offered Ferdy a penny for his thoughts. Edith-Well, I'll never let you do any shopping for me!-Puck.

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There are no bridesmaids at a Spanish wedding, but instead a madrina (literally godmother) is present with the witnesses. There is no bride cake. but there is a reception and very often a feast after the ceremony. Before the wedding takes place the bride's new home is made ready for her reception, for the honeymooners do not start on their travels until the day

after their marriage. Before their departure they pay a polite visit to their respective parents. On their return dainty sweetmeats in pretty boxes are sent round to their friends. No visits are paid till little cards have been sent "offering their

### A Lightning Change Artist. The rapidity with which chameleous

change their color is marvelous. You gather one from an outdoor shrub and it immediately becomes dark, almost black, hissing and with its mouth wide open, threatening to bite. Meanwhile it is never still, but continues to crawl upward whenever possible-up you, up your sleeve, always upward. By degrees the angry black changes into whatever color is nearest. If one's dress is of a brownish color so is the chameleon's.

Weighing a Field of Turnips. The English farmer makes use of mathematics in his work, says a London paper. Suppose, for example, that he wishes to know the weight of his turnip crop while it is still in the ground, which is sometimes a matter of importance, a simple calculation will give him the information.

It is the custom in England to plant turnips in ridges twenty-eight inches apart; this makes ninety ridges to the acre. The farmer selects a row where the crop seems about the average and pulls up all the turnips in a measured yard of the row and weighs them.

Assuming that they weigh ten pounds, a simple calculation shows that the crop averages a little more than twenty-eight tons to the acre. If they weigh eleven pounds, the average will be about thirty-one tons to the

## A Famous Emerald.

The emerald is mentioned by St. John in his Apocalypse. An emerald of inestimable value ornamented the bezel of the ring of Polycrates, king of Samos. That monarch, having been all his life favored by fortune, determined to put his luck to a severe test. He threw the ring into the sea. The next day be went fishing

The record of that day's sport still remains unbroken. His majesty caught a fine fish, and in the inside of the fish he found his ring. That happened in the year 230 of the foundation of Rome. and the ring, considered as a talisman, was placed among the royal treasures of the Temple of Concord.

### America's Largest Snake. The largest American serpent is the anaconda, which may attain a length

of thirty feet. It inhabits tropical America and is a handsome animal, with dark round spots scattered over its whole body on a groundwork of rich brown. It is very fond of water and haunts the banks of rivers, lakes and streams, there lying in wait for any deer or peccary which may come to the margin of the water to drink.

## Plowers and Scents.

Some flowers appear to change their scents at different times. The common jasmine flowers when first opened have a delicate, fresh perfume which, after a time, becomes grosser and attracts bluebottle flies. Flowers ers giving omplete information. of the orchid Odontoglossum hebraicum have a cinnamon fragrance and a bawthorn scent at different periods of their Putsburg, Pa.

"I can't imagine a worse gilly than

"Oh, I don't know! He's no worse than the fellow who is forever talking big."--Philadelphia Press,

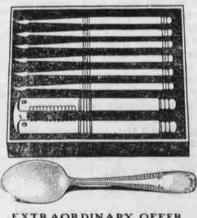
For a Switch Of. "I wish you'd send ma to one of those electricians' schools, pop." "Why, what do you mean, my son? "She's altogether too careless with

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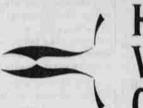
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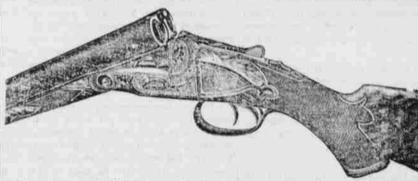
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