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KITCHEN SUPERSTITIONS.

Why Most Cooks Always Stir Their Batter One Way Only.

"Take a good lump of fresh butter and roll it in flour, place it in a lined saucepan with a half pint of good, rich cream, stir it gently over a low fire, always the same way, till it begins to sizzle."

"This recipe for the making of melted butter is quoted from an old fashioned cookery book of a century ago, but the direction to stir 'always the same way' is observed as religiously today as it was then, and probably will be for a hundred years to come."

All cooks of all nations stir not only the same way, but also from east to west, a sure indication that the practice originated with sun worshippers.

Speaking of stirring brings to mind that in most English households—country ones at least—the practice of the whole family joining to stir the Christmas plum pudding is still in vogue.

There are many peculiar, old-fashioned superstitions connected with cooking.

For instance, in Scotland, when oatcakes are being baked, it is still customary to break off a little piece and throw it into the fire.

At one time, whenever a baking was made—which was perhaps once a month only—a cake was made with nine knobs on it. Each of the company broke one off, and, throwing it behind him, said, "This I give to thee; preserve thou my sheep," mentioning the name of the sheep.

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of a noxious animal—fox, wolf or eagle. A roast pheasant is usually sent up with the tail feathers. This practice is a memorial of the days when a peacock was skinned before roasting and when, cooked, was sewed into its plumage again. Its head gilded and so served.

Tossing the pancake is another interesting food superstition. Formerly the master of the house was always called upon to toss the Shrove Tuesday pancake. Usually he did it so clumsily that the contents of the pan found their way to the floor, when a fine was demanded by the cook. The custom is still kept up at Westminster school, where a pancake is tossed over the bar and scrambled for. The one who secures it is rewarded with a gulch.

The origin of the cross on hot cross buns is a matter of dispute. There is little doubt that cakes partly divided into four quarters were made long before the Christian era. At one time it was believed that bread baked on Good Friday would never grow moldy, and a piece of it grated was kept in every house, being supposed to be a sovereign remedy for almost any kind of ailment to which man is subject.

In many parts of England it is considered unlucky to offer a nut pie to a guest. It must be asked for—Boston Journal.

All One to Him.
"Look, papa! The duke has brought his coronet."
"Tell him to go ahead and play it. I don't mind the noise."—Life.

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PICKETING OF FUNERALS.

Police Orders That Last Rites of the Dead Be in No Way Interfered With.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Picketing of houses from which funerals are to start, whether peaceful or violent, by union livery drivers, who went on strike four days ago, is to be prevented by the police under orders issued by Chief of Police O'Neil.

J. B. Wadsworth, secretary, and Charles Stevens, business agent of the liverymen's union, were summoned before Chief O'Neil and told that they must settle their differences away from houses of mourning.

"This picketing of the homes from which funerals are holding is beyond the toleration of a civilized community," said Chief O'Neil. "Your zeal has carried you beyond the pale of endurance and such unbecoming performance as the carrying of labor troubles to the houses of the dead will not be allowed by the police."

"Law or no law, picketing of every kind around these houses will have to stop. I shall take my chances with the courts on the question if my conduct is questioned in any court."

Chief O'Neil then issued a general order instructing officers to accompany funerals in carriages if circumstances seemed to require it and see that the last rites of the dead be in no way interfered with.

While the courts have inclined to the permitting of peaceful picketing, Chief O'Neil's order prohibits picketing of any kind around houses of mourning. He declared that in his opinion no court could be found which would fail to sustain his act.

On top of Chief O'Neil's order came the announcement last night that peace plans had been launched through the efforts of the Chicago board of arbitration.

250th Anniversary of Land Deal.

Barrington, R. I., Dec. 22.—Simultaneously with the observation of Forefathers' day in New England the residents of a tract in this territory known as Sowams celebrated the 250th anniversary of the purchase of the land from the Indians. The section includes Barrington and portions of Bristol and East Providence and also extends over the line into Massachusetts. Chiefs Massasoit and King Philip were the Indians party to the agreement. Miles Standish, William Bradford, John Adams and Thomas Prince were among the white signers of the treaty.

Freight Discrimination Denied.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The officials of the Northern Pacific railway deny the statement attributed to Frank Waterhouse, manager of the Boston Steamship company of Seattle, in his recent testimony before the interstate commerce commission that his company had a contract with the Northern Pacific which prohibited that railway company from accepting freight brought in by tramp ships. They assert that it is the general practice of railroad companies to make a concession to establish lines over transient tramp ships.

MARKET REPORT.

New York Provision Market.

New York, Dec. 21.
WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 90½¢; No. 2 northern, 88¢; No. 3 northern, 86¢.
CORN—No. 2 yellow, 57½¢; No. 3 yellow, 57¢.
OATS—No. 2 white, 42¢; No. 3 white, 41½¢.
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—\$2.25@2.35.
PORK—Mess, \$12.75@13.50; family, \$15.25@15.50.
HAY—Shipping, 60@75¢; good to choice, 85@92½¢.
BUTTER—Creamery, extras, 23¢; factory, 15@16¢; western imitation creamery, 19¢.
CHEESE—State, full cream, small, fancy, 12¢.
EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, fancy, selected, 42@46¢.
POTATOES—State and western, per sack, \$2.10@2.37.

Buffalo Provision Market.

Buffalo, Dec. 21.
WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 90½¢; winter wheat, No. 2 red, 88¢.
CORN—No. 2 yellow, 50½¢ f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 yellow, 49½¢.
OATS—No. 2 white, 42¢ f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 white, 41¢.
FLOUR—Spring wheat, best patent, per bbl., \$5.00@5.75; low grades, \$3.25@4.00.
BUTTER—Creamery western extra tubs, 23¢; state and Pennsylvania creamery, 22¢; dairy, fair to good, 18@19¢.
CHEESE—Fancy full cream, 12½¢; good to choice, 11½@12¢; common to fair, 9@10¢.
EGGS—State, fresh fancy, 36@38¢.
POTATOES—Per bu., 70@75¢.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Best steers on sale, \$5.00@5.25; good to choice butcher steers, \$4.25@5.00; medium half fat steers, \$3.25@3.75; common to fair heifers, \$2.50@3.00; choice to extra fat heifers, \$4.50@5.00; good butcher bulls, \$3.00@3.50; choice to extra veals, \$7.25@7.50; fair to good veals, \$6.50@6.75.
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Choice lambs, \$3.75@6.00; culls to common, \$2.75@5.00; yearlings, handy weight, \$4.50@4.75; wether sheep, \$4.00@4.25.
HOGS—Mixed packers' grades, \$4.50@4.60; medium hogs, \$4.60@4.65; pigs, light, \$4.50.

Buffalo Hay Market.

HAY—Timothy, new, per ton, loose, \$13.00@14.00; hay, prime on track, new, \$13.50@14.00; No. 1 do, \$13.00@13.50; No. 2 do do, \$11.00@12.00.

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SERVANTS IN ECUADOR.

The Traveler is Forced to Hire Many to Serve Him.

If you were living in Ecuador and wished to hire a servant you could hardly get one by himself or herself, but would be compelled to take up with a drove of them, probably far outnumbering your own family. For example, with a cook you would have to receive her husband and children, and perhaps also her father and mother, into your house to bed and board, and each would bring along all his or her portable property, consisting mainly of domestic pets, such as pigs, chickens, rabbits, dogs and other "live stock." The husband may have some trade which he follows during the day, but at meal-times and when night comes he returns to the bosom of his family and yours. It would be considered downright inhumanity to refuse them food and shelter, and not a servant in Ecuador would work for so mean a master or mistress. The children of your cook may be utilized for light services, such as running errands, weeding the garden and tending the baby, but the numerous brood is apt to be "light fingered" and certain to be lousy, dirty and probably diseased. There is no help for it, however, because "el costumbre" has decreed that for every servant you hire you must expect at least a dozen extra mouths to feed.

Nor is this the worst of it. Occasionally the cook's relatives from another village come to pay her a visit of a fortnight or two—lasting as long as you will tolerate it—men, women and children, bringing more dogs, pigs, chickens, etc., to be housed and fed. Fortunately, they are not accustomed to "downy beds of ease" or sumptuous living, but consider themselves in clover if plentifully supplied with beans, corn meal and potato soup, and will sleep contentedly on the stones of the patio or the straw of the stable. The danger is that some of the stranger lingers on may not be as honest as the cook herself is supposed to be, and cases are known where thieves and even murderers thus gained admission to the inside of the casa with disastrous results.—Philadelphia Record.

PICKINGS FROM FICTION.

Most of us look best at a little distance from one another.—Paul Kellver.

It is only in higher circles that women can lose their husbands and yet remain bewitching.—"The Gray Wk."

No man who is not an egotist or worse is ever sure of a woman's love till she has told it with her own lips.—"His Daughter First."

When in doubt go to church, for there's nothing that lets a man think better than a long prayer and a slow sermon.—Adam Rush.

There are sixteen ounces to the pound still, but two of them are wrapping paper in a good many stores.—"Letters of a Self-Made Merchant."

I used to think that marriage made men old, sour and suspicious. I find I was mistaken. It is not the wife; it is the money market.—"Love and the Soul Hunters."

I believe in havin' a good time when you start out to leave it. If you git knocked out of one plan you want to sit yourself another right quick, before your spirits has a chance to fall.—"Lovey Mary."

How Climate Has Changed.

In Switzerland a mean temperature equal to that of north Africa at the present time is shown by its fossil flora to have prevailed during the miocene or middle tertiary epoch. Anthropoid apes lived in Germany and France; fig and cinnamon trees flourished at Dantzic; in Greenland, up to 70 degrees of latitude, magnolias bloomed and vines ripened their fruit, while in Spitzbergen and even in Grinnell Land, within little more than 8 degrees of the pole, swamp cypresses and walnuts, cedars, limes, planes and poplars grew freely, water lilies covered over standing pools and lilies lifted their tall heads by the margins of streams and rivers.—Edinburgh Review.

When the Barber Was a Wit.

In original literature the barber is a great figure, and Arabian tales are full of him. In Italy and Spain he was often the brightest man in town, and his shop was headquarters for wit and intrigue. Jasanini became famous as a poet in southern France and recited his verses with razor, scissors, brush and combed gestures as he dressed the hair and beard of fine ladies and gentlemen in his shop. He had a great run, made money, lived fame, and Smiles made a book about him.

Her Advantage.

"Oh, dear!" said little Harold's mother, who was somewhat rheumatic. "I seem to ache all over."
"Well," said her sweet child, "I'm sorry, but not so sorry as I'd be for father if he felt that way."

"Why would you feel more sorry for your father, love?"
"Cause they'd be such a lot more of him to ache."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Prejudice.

Judge—Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?
Witness—I do.
Judge—What is your occupation?
Witness—I was employed in the weather bureau.

Judge—You are excused.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Bad Literature.

Philanthropist—You say bad literature brought you here? What made you read it?
Convict—I didn't—I wrote it. I was a poet and had ter steal ter keep from starvin'.—Judge.

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Which Was His Wife?

A certain Turk, according to rumor, was once married to a veiled lady in white in the presence of the sultan. As soon as the ceremony was concluded the bride mysteriously disappeared. The groom was led into an adjoining room, where stood twelve ladies all dressed in white, but without veils. "Choose from the twelve," exclaimed the sovereign, "for that is your bride." As the man had never seen her face the command bewildered him. "If you make a mistake," added his majesty, "your life shall pay the forfeit." The poor man walked up and down the row of beauties, but saw nothing whatever to aid his choice. "You have only a minute left," yelled the sultan in anger; "choose at once." Ten of the ladies, he noticed, gave him nothing else than a stony stare. One of them frowned, and the other smiled. "The frowning one," he thought, "is my bride, for she expresses her displeasure and impatience at my ignorance." "No," he said to himself, "it must be the smiling one, for she desires to invite me to her." After debating the subject in his mind until his time was up he boldly made a selection from the two. He was successful. He had regained his bride. Which was she, the one who frowned or the one who smiled?

The Vault of St. Michael's.

The most interesting place of pilgrimage in Dublin is St. Michael's church, where the organ is still to be seen upon which Handel is said to have composed his "Messiah." In the graveyard is the last resting place of Robert Emmet, and the vault of St. Michael's provides a more gruesome thrill than the morgue. The sexton lifts an iron door and descends a few rude steps, carrying a light, without which the place would be pitch dark. You follow and find yourself in a narrow passage, from which cell-like recesses belonging to different families branch off. Whether it is owing to the extreme dryness of the surroundings or to some mysterious property of the place, the process of decay has been arrested, and the features of persons dead for two centuries may be recognized from authentic portraits. Perhaps the strangest thing about the vault is the fact that, apart from the weird sensation, there is nothing offensive in the surroundings.—London Tatler.

A Thrifty Heide.

"It's a pity," said the man in the rough brown suit, "that Johnson married at the very beginning of his business career. I am afraid that young wife of his, with her love for pretty clothes, will be a millstone around his neck."

"Don't you believe it. She'll make him president of a bank one of these days," said the man in the new dress, who had been spending the week end at the small suburban home of the aforementioned Johnson. "Every towel and napkin I saw in the house had the name of some hotel stamped on it, and so did the spoons, by Jove! She had gathered them up on their wedding journey."—New York Press.

The Democratic Apple.

A southern editor says this in praise of the apple: "The apple is the most democratic of all fruits. The pomelo-grape is priestly, the grape is royal, the orange is luxurious, the peach and pear are plutocratic, but the apple belongs to the populace. It is symbolic of the country store and the corner grocery. It breathes the free spirit of the American township and village. It has a flavor of old New England and yet a pungency as of the south and middle west. It is mild, palatable, nourishing and promotive of good fellowship and long life."

Awake.

Sharp—Why I almost lost money on the goods I sold to you. How much do you think I made on the order?
Byer—About twenty-five times as much.

Sharp—Twenty-five times as much as what?
Byer—As you were going to say you made.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Not Used to It.

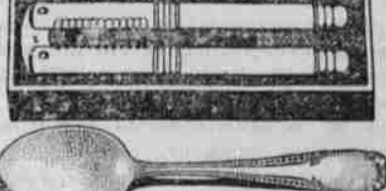
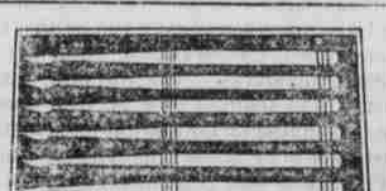
Hostess—I wonder why your little brother seems so restless and uncomfortable?
Little Ethel—I think it's 'cause his hands is clean.—Stray Stories.

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