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January Clearance Sale.

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AGREEABLE



She-You're a brute. He-Yes? Well, you say I treat you like a dog.

Nicely Put. Brahms dined one day with one of his fanade admirers, and the latter, knowing the master's predilection for fine wine, had a bottle of renowned quality brought to the table toward the end of the repast. "This," he exclaimed, "is the Brahms among my wines!" The guest sipped of it, saying: "Excellent, wonderful! Now

bring on your Beethoven!"

Barred From House of Commons. An Irish peer was expelled for directing a lottery, while for organizing a "Charitable Association" of shady babits Sir Robert Sutton and two others were shut out in 1739. Steele of the Tatler was prohibited the house for "maliciously instructing that the Protestant succession in the house of Hanover is in danger under her maiesty's administration." But perhaps the oddest reason for closing the doors of the house of commons upon a man Is to be four , in the case of Mr. Asgill, whose in was that of writing a treatise "On the Possibility of Avoiding Death."-London Chronicle.

WHAT DID SHE MEAN?



Grace-That mathematics professor has been making desperate love to me lately. Mattie-I thought he claimed to be an authority on figures.

Her Idea of Americans.

A little highland Scotch girl had looked forward eagerly to the coming of an American cousin. She had never seen an American, but she had her own ideas about them. Her mother had to remonstrate with her for looking so hard at their guest after the American girl had arrived.

"It is very rude," she said. "Why do you look at her like that?" "But, mother, her hair is lighter than mine,"

"Yes."

"And her skin is white." "Yes, but what of it?" "I always thought that Americans were black."

Tamed at the Start.

Statistics show that in nearly all cases the college girl, when she marries, stays married. Probably she starts out by giving her husband a comfort. The state solons have considwivid description of the hazing stunts

DRIVING OUT THE **BOGUS FOOD MEN**

Effective Work of State Bureau in Behalf of Consumer.

DEVICES OF ADULTERATORS

Commissioner Foust's Agents In Every County - Vigorous Enforcement of New Laws.

The adulterators and poisoners of food products are being driven out of business in Pennsylvania. The determination of the state administration to protect the health of the people by the rigid enforcement of the pure food laws is removing the evils of an industry, which in recent years has invaded every community in this country. The regulation of the manufac-Pennsylvania is being commented on approvingly by officials of the agricultural department at Washington, as well as by officials of the dairy and food commissions in every other state,

Effective legislation for the protection of the consumer from the manufacturer of bogus foods was made necessary by new conditions. With the rapid increase of population there came a change in the methods of preparation and manufacture of food products unknown a quarter of a century ago. With these manufactures came the doper and adulterator. And he increased and multiplied. Hardly a commodity that finds a place upon the table of the consumer escaped his sinister influence. This state of affairs led to the enactment of laws regulating the manufacture of food products and appropriations for their enforcement by the dairy and food

Pure Food Campaign Statewide. The fight for pure food for the people is a notable feature of the administration of Governor John K. Tener. In many of his speeches during the campaign last year Governor Tener emphasized the necessity of vigorous measures against the dopers, and his pledges on the stump in this direction are being fulfilled. This is made possible by supplementary pure food enactments by the legislature at its recent session. James Foust, the dairy and food commissioner, who is directing the campaign against manufacturers of bogus foods with marked ability, has assumed an uncompromising attitude toward the violator of the pure food laws. Into every county the commissioner has sent agents to secure evidence upon which to base prosecutions. The result of his vigorous methods are indicated by a long list of convictions during the past eight

The work of the food department in providing the consumer with products of high standard is illustrated by the enforcement of an act of the legislature signed by Governor Tener April

This legislation is aimed at the manufacturer of spurious sausages. It defines the process of sausage making and establishes the lawful ingredier of that product by defining what are not lawful ingredients. As the season is approaching when buckwheat cakes and sausage occupy a prominent place in the breakfast menu, the sausage producer is a busy man.

The Shrinking Sausage Links. It has been the practice of many manufacturers to take 60 per cent of meat, and add thereto 15 per cent of potato flour or some other cereal, permitting the addition of 25 per cent water, which the flour would readily absorb. The sausage looks all right in the market, but when it is put into the frying pan it begins to shrink like a cake of ice in the sun. When the cook makes a stab at the stuffed skin the water blows after the fashion of a bursted fire hose, and the plethoric link diminishes in size with amazing suddenness.

Now meat costs the butcher an average of 10 cents per pound and potato flour is worth a trifle less than 3 cents, while the water is clear profit, hence the temptation to construct the

sausage along unlawful lines. Adulterations in the sausage line are not confined to the pork variety. Bologna is mixed in much the same way and is also boiled in a harmful chemical concoction to give it a rich color, all of which is forbidden by law. Commissioner Foust insists that people who pay the current high prices for sausage are entitled to have their purchase all meat, with the privflege of adding the other ingredients themselves, if they so desire.

No Compromise With Offenders. While the economical spirit of modern merchandizing manages to work up all of the animal, including horns, hoofs and intestines, into by-products, in the future in Pennsylvania the product must be just what it is represented when sold to the consumer or the state bureau will know the reason why. The commissioner has no desire to take snap judgment on any one or cause trouble because of real ignor ance, and hence he gives fair warning

to offenders. The western sausage manufacturers and others are urging that the en forcement of the law be suspended with respect to goods bought by re tailers and placed upon their shelves prior to the passage of the sausage law, but Mr. Foust has replied that the manufacturers must take back their goods. Throughout the state Commissioner Foust's agents are at work among the sausage manufacturconviction the manufacturer shall pay a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$200 or to undergo imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than sixty days, or either or both, in

Warning For the Oyster Man. With the coming of the "R" months the oyster dealer is again active. The skeptical buyer of the shucked bivalves may inquire, "and how busy is the pump?" The skeptical may take ered his wees and provided for his reshe has participated in.-Cleveland | Hef. The dairy and food commissioner

the discretion of the court.

be on guard, that the unlawful business partnership between the oyster pail and the pump shall be dissolved and the practice ended by which the public is compelled to pay the regular price of oysters, 40 cents per quart, for water and so-called juice. Recently a woman went to Commissioner Foust's office with a vessel containing oysters. She had paid 40 cents for the contents. On examination it was found that there was less than a pint of oysters. The rest was ice and water. The pure food law forbids the addition to any article of food of any substance cheaper than the original or anything that will adulterate it in any manner. Some fish dealers are in the habit of buying oysters and filling up the tubs with ice. The ice melts, and the resultant water is sold to the customers as juice. Under the law the customer is entitled to oysters packed as closely as they will lie to-

Commissioner Foust has informed the dealers of the law's requirements, and any dealer who finds himself in the clutches of the law for adding ice or water to oysters will be prosecuted. If the dealers want to avoid trouble they should sell their oysters from the original packages and place the ice around the outside, as the law re

Milk Dealers Pay Fines.

The conviction of nearly 400 mllkmen for violating the milk law enacted by the legislature last spring has had a wholesome effect upon the dealer who regarded that law with indifference. During one month the new milk law was put to the test in 261 towns in fifty-two counties. In 211 towns there were violations, showing that there was vast need for a law establishing standards of milk and cream purity in the state. Aments of the department discovered that many dealers scouted the law when they heard of its existence and continued to adulterate their milk and cream. feeling certain that they would not be detected.

Milk dealers in many communities had a system by which they were promptly informed of the arrival of the state agent and thus were enabled to conceal their practices. Recently the pure food agents have worked so quietly that they were enabled to secure samples from these violators without being suspected. The first intimation the men who watered their milk had came when they were invited to the magistrate's office to pay a fine of \$25. They paid and decided that in the end it would be more profitable to sell real milk and cream. Now that the pasture months are closing and the price of butter has advanced the oleo man renews his smile. Lest he forget the past and

the householder be uneasy, a warning word comes from the dairy and food commissioner. The legislature permits the sale of oleo, but only such as is kept free from all coloration causing it to look like yellow butter. The superior court, in an opinion written by Judge Rice, has declared that the law prohibits the sale of oleo made in resemblance of butter, no matter by what process this coloration is secured. Upon this decision the commissioner takes his stand. The legislature regarded this provision so important for the protection of the consumer and of the honest dealer and butter maker that, despite great pres-

sure, it refused at the last session to strike it from the law Convictions In Oleo Cases.

Cases brought by Commissioner Foust before the courts of Schuylkill. Northampton and Venango counties for violations of the oleo law have been terminated by the conviction of the offenders. Judge Kennedy, of Allegheny county, recently sentenced a dealer to pay a fine of \$1000 and for one dealer to pay a fine of \$1000 and for one year's parole for a second offense. It is significant that of all the federal oleo licenses issued in Pittsburg by the internal revenue bureau for the year beginning July 1, 1911, not one was sought for the sale of colored oleo, that is, of oleomargarine colored by added dyes. This is a marked improvement in a district where in recent years many federal licenses were issued for the sale of such oleo, illegal in by added dyes. Into is a marked improvement in a district where in recent years many federal licenses were issued for the sale of such oleo, illegal in Pennsylvania, and where. "moonshiners" sold great quantities of dyed oleo without taking out either federal or state licenses. The food bureau's agents have been instructed to visit every store in their respective districts and vigilantly see to it that the law is obeyed. During Governor Tener's administration, embracing the period from Jan. 17 to Oct. 1, the dairy and food bureau analyzed about 8000 food samples and prosecutions to the number of about 1000 were started. These prosecutions were based upon violation of laws regulating the sale of eggs, doped fruit syrups, ice creams low in fat, and, fresh meats drugged with sulphites, milk low in fat and containing formaldehyde, non-alcoholic drinks sweetened with saccharin, a poison, and including ginger ale containing pepper, foods adulterated in various ways, including oleomargarine, fresh sausage containing flour and water, vinegar, distilled or colored, and other products.

The campaign for pure food does not cost the taxpayer a dollar. On the contrary, although not intended to be a revenue collecting agency, the state bureau is more than self-supporting. During the period of January to October the dairy and food commissioner collected in fines and from other sources \$110.294. The total disbursements of his office were \$64,508. All receipts of the office are turned into the state treasury for the use of the commonwealth, the expenses of the bureau being paid from a specific appropriation made by 'to 'egislature,'

Coronation Graft. The practice of running the fountains and conduits with wine on coronation day was abandoned after the reign of Queen Elizabeth, but another old custom was observed up to the coronation of George IV. After the king and the company had departed from the banquet in Westminster hall the doors were thrown open, and the people rushed in and cleared the tables of everything-victuals, cloths. plates, dishes, etc., all vanished in a few minutes. And, as Sir Waiter ers. The new law provides that upon Scott tells us, the nobility were not above taking away the saltcellars and

HEALTH HINT FOR TODAY.

When to Cut Finger Nails. Finger nails should be cut the last thing at night. By the morning the cut portions will have hardened and the nails be less likely to split. A little oil occasionally rubbed into the nails prevents their splitting if disposed to do so.

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CURRENT VERSE

"Death Has No Part in Him." Into each man his handlwork, unto each

his crown
The just fate gives;
Whose takes the world's life on him and his own lays down, He, dying so, lives

Whose bears the whole heaviness of the wronged world's weight And puts it by, is well with his suffering, though he face man's fate:

How should be die?

Seeing death has no part more, no power Upon his head; He has brought his eternity And is not dead.

For an hour, if ye look for him, he is no more found-For one hour's space; Then ye lift up your eyes to him and be-hold him crowned, A deathless face.

world's well springs, all past things,

The Grave of Care. We buried Care in an open grave, And high as we tamped the sods, The laugh and the song and the cheer we gave

We gave
Rang out to the Hill of Gods.
We buried Care with a right good will
And never a sign gave we, And over the mound we danced our fill And planted the seeds of glee. It's many a day since the seeds were

In a single mirthful hour. And up from the mold they all have grown With many a charming flow'r. There are Blossoms of Cheerfulness,

Buds of Mirth, Sprigs of the Merry Heart; of Earth And blooms of the Better Part. We watered them all as they grow and

grow With the tears of our revelry, And hour by hour they nod and blow
To the beautiful sunlit sea.
So sing, oh, sing me a carefree song
And take me-I wot not where.
So the sun be warm and the day be long
And the flow'rs on the grave of Care.

-C. L. Armstrong in April Smart Set.

Simplified Existence. A father never should complain Concerning an expense; His marrying children should distain His views of common sense. Your honest man small grace will show; Your gentleman's a crook

It lan't hard to run a farm And build a bank account, From speculation you can charm A fabulous amount. It isn't any trick at all

The mighty populace that makes
A nation big and strong
May be protected 'gainst mistakes, It never should go wrong, If it would but reorganize On certain lines that look Exceeding simple, neat and wise, I read 'em in a book.

A Cure for the Blues. What! Moping just because the skies Are dull and dark, and gray? Dejected, long faced just because The rain beats down today? Why, bless you, child! It doesn't help! To let the tears drip, too Just wipe your eyes and look around For some good work to do.

There's nothing helps when you are blue Like helping set things right, Kind service fills the darkest day With sweetness and with light, And when you're feeling out of sorts The very wisest plan
Is to find out what others want
And help them all you can.

So look around and study up Some helpful thing to do; You'll find that cheering others' lives Will brighten life for you. Look up the real unfortunates. And ease their aches and pains, And while you feel you're doing good You'll never know it rains!

Dead and Forgotten. There is a grave, neglected, bare. To which no pligrim ever goes; No stone has been rected there, And there no blossom ever blows.

Was worthy of all good men's praise; He was high minded, famous, brave, A man who walked in wisdom's ways. He was a man who dared to stand

With one or two for what was right, He lent new glory to his land. He prized his bonor more than might, 'Tis long since he through darkness

groped, Long since his proud lips have been He was the man that once I hoped I should have courage to become.

All Is Character.

"Behind every foreground of action lies the background of character on which the action rests and fro a which it gets its life and meaning."-Phil-



Simplicity in Singing.

Though devotion needs not Art, Sometimes of the poor the rich may bor

Strive not yet for curious ways; Concord pleaseth more, the strained; Zeal affects not outward praise, Only strives to show a love unfeigned,

Love can wondrous things effect, Sweetest sacrifice all wrath appeasing; Love the highest doth respect; Love alone to Him is ever pleasing.

Pure Born From Death. Soul, get thee to the heart Of yonder primrose; hide thee there— There breathe the meditations of thine Suffused with prayer.

Of spirit grave yet light. How fervent fragrances uprise
Pure-born from these most rich and yet
most white Virgin ties!

Mulched with unsavery death, Grow, Soul, unto such white estate. That virginal-prayerful art shall be

Thy work, thy tate.

Brother Dickey Explains.

"I got no sarmont ter preach today," said Brother Dickey. "The last time I put my presence in dis yer yer pulpit I preached a sarmont what wuz so powerful hit sont six sisters off in a trance, an' dey ain't come to not yit, causin' de law ter git after me, kaze dey ain't conscious enough ter rise up an' make a livin' fer dey husbands. Tongues er fire come down on me at dat time f'um de glory-lan'. an' now some er you is oncharitable enough ter say dat de fire orter scorched me ter a frazzie! Dis is no time fer a powerful preacher lak' me!"

Tea.

-Atlanta Constitution.

The earliest mention of tea by an English-speaking writer is probably that contained in a letter from Wickham, an agent of the East India company, written from Firando, Japan, on June 27, 1615, to Eaton, another agent of the company, resident at Macao, asking for a pot of the "best sort of chaw." It was not till 1650, or thereabouts, that the English began to use tea to any considerable extent-and with reason, the price of tea in England ranging from \$30 to \$50 per pound.

How's This for a Record? A New Jersey woman has been a cook in a far illy for 42 years. She has never asked for a vacation, has never found fault with anything, has always cooked on a coal cange and is happy and contented .- Exchange.

Provided for Burial Vault. By the will of a French lady who died recently a farm was left to the town on condition her family vault was kept in repair; while the rest of her estate was to be divided among those attending her funeral.

What Fear Did. A wealthy man in New York committed suicide when his doctor told

him he had appendicitis. A post mortem revealed that he did not have it. His fear of evil was worse than the evil ftself. (Prov. 1:33.)

Brute, Indee The Wife-I do believe I would fall dead if you were to come home early some evening. The Brute-You will have to offer a bigger bribe than that.

The Mote in Your Own Eye. If you find yourself thinking more of the bad points of your friends and relatives than of their good ones, just stop a moment and ask yourself how you would like people to get into the habit of doing the same with you. Then start again right away and do better next time. Everybody has good points. Try to see them .- Argus.

-Indianapolis Press.

THOSE DEAR GIRLS



Myrtilla-I admire Mr. Masherr because he is always saying something that one never hears from anybody

Muriel-Has he been proposing to

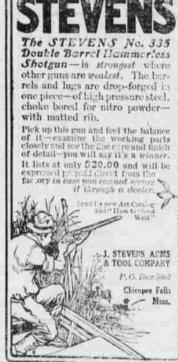


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