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There is also no uniformity in the form or the particles of gold dust. Some is fine and flour-like, some is coarse and smoothly worn, and some is rough and scraggy.

Observations in the form of gold taken from mining districts often gave a name to the mineral. Chalk canyon, Sing gulch, and Specimen ravine are examples.

Gold-dust buying in the mining towns was very profitable. It was a certain early days of California. What was called black sand, composed principally of iron, was always mingled to a greater or less degree with the dust when it was brought to the buyer.

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HOUSEHOLD.

A PHYSICIAN'S daughter thus writes: "In the household column I read of a mother who was breaking-making that is a wonder why no one has yet suggested substituting other food for bread."

PICKLED TOMATOES.—Take two dozen small ripe tomatoes, prick each one in two or three places, and carefully preserve the juice that flows from them; keep it in a covered vessel until used.

ITALIAN CHOCQUETTES.—Pound in a mortar 1/2 pounds of lean beef, add six ounces of bread crumbs, wetted and squeezed dry in a cloth, and three ounces of butter, mix well.

HOW TO CLARIFY SOUP.—Just before the soup is to be served, add six drops of lemon juice, and spread over the surface a thin layer of butter.

CARROT SOUP.—Boil some carrots in salted water; when thoroughly done drain them, and grate them through a hair sieve; mix the pulp thus obtained with as much stock as will make it of the desired consistency.

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"Next."

"Next!" yelled a Third street barber as he looked around the room for a new customer. At the call a long-haired cowboy from the bad lands of Montana.

"Aw, yes, I've heard sawmthing," replied the barber, "I'll give you just half a minute to go."

THE anthracite and bituminous fields of the State of New Mexico, cover 15,000 acres, a large part of which is underlain by four distinct veins of anthracite coal.

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He who does not live to God, lives in vain.

Advices to Consumptives. On the appearance of the first symptoms, as general debility, loss of appetite, pallid complexion, followed by night-sweats, cough, prompt measures for relief should be taken.

The investigations of the Prussian Firearm Commission have shown that many mine explosions attributed to fire-damp or outbursts of gas are really due to the coal dust, all kinds of dust appearing to be capable of exploding violently when ignited.

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