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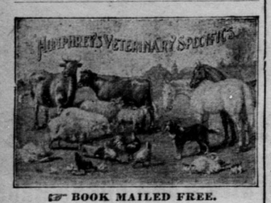

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"Bakers figure that during the rising time of a loaf of bread, after it has been placed in the oven, it ought to be in a temperature of 75 degrees F. During the baking process, in order to cook the starch, expand the carbonic acid gas, air and steam and drive off the alcohol, the inside of the loaf must register at least 220 degrees. In baking rolls, buns, scones, tea biscuits, drop cakes, fancy cakes, New York cakes, muffins, puff cakes and things of that sort the oven must show a heat of 450 degrees or higher. When the oven is at 400 degrees, it is fit for cream puffs, sugar cakes, queen cakes, rock cakes, jumbles, lady fingers, rough and ready and jelly rolls. At 350 degrees wine cakes, cup cakes, ginger nuts and snaps, pies, gingerbread, spice cakes, such as raisin, currant, citron, pound, bride and so on, may be baked. It requires a still lower temperature to bake wedding cakes, kisses, anise drops and things in this class. But, whatever temperature the old baker wants, he can tell when he has it by simply touching the handle of the oven door."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

THE COOKBOOK.

To boil cream the day before enhances the richness of the coffee into which it is poured.

The remnant of stewed or preserved fruit left from tea will improve a tapioca pudding the next day.

To cook carrots quickly add a small piece of soda to the water in which they are boiled. This will improve the flavor of the vegetable.

To prevent gravies from becoming lumpy remove the pan from the fire while the thickening is being stirred in, after which set the pan back on the fire and cook thoroughly.

Several green coffee beans left to soak in the unbeaten white of an egg will color cake icing a delicate green. The beans should be removed and the egg whipped and used for the icing.

If bread has been baked too brown or if the crust has been blackened in an oven made too hot, do not attempt to cut off the black with a knife. As soon as the loaves are cold go over them with a coarse grater.

NATIONS AND LAUGHS.

The Various Ways Different Peoples Have of Showing Mirth.

All the world laughs, though the nations have different ways of showing mirth. The Chinese laugh is not as hearty or as expressive as the European or American. It is oftener a titter than a genuine burst of merriment. There is little character or force in it.

As for the Arabian laugh, we hear little of its hilarious ring through the ages of mirth in the old world. The Arab is generally a stolid fellow, who must see good reason for a laugh or be surprised into it. In Persia a man who laughs is considered effeminate, but free license is given to female merriment.

One reads of the "grave Turk" and the "sober Egyptian," but it is not recorded that they have never moments of mirth, when the fez bobs or the veil shakes under the pressure of some particularly "good thing." In Mohammed himself Christian writers have noticed cordiality and jocoseness, and they say there is a good ringing laugh in the prophet, with all his seriousness.

An American traveler in Europe remarks the Italian mirth as languid, but musical, the German as deliberate, the French as spasmodic and uncerain, the upper class English as guarded and not always genuine, the lower class English as explosive, the Scotch of all classes as hearty and the Irish as rollicking.

The Penurious Carlyle.

It is no drawback for a Christmas gift to be useful as well as ornamental, but there is pathos in Carlyle's presentation of a washing table to his wife at Christmas, 1850. At that time he had long escaped poverty, but could conceive no more pleasing gift than this most utilitarian article which he promised in a note which the curious may still read at his house in Cheyne row:

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This message appears to have been written in a hurry, as if Carlyle, hearing the clocks strike midnight, exclaimed: "God bless my soul! It's Christmas day. Jeannie should have a present. She spoke of a washstand the other day. She shall have it." And he forthwith penned the promise thereof. Anyway, he gave a five pound note, and Mrs. Carlyle bought a marble and mahogany washstand.—London Chronicle.

Christmas Declared Illegal.

Although it may seem incredible, it is a fact that not so many years ago Christmas was considered a superstitious festival and was stopped being held by the strong hand of the law. Holly and mistletoe were destroyed and were called "the plants of the evil one." Cakes and wines were considered impious by the superstitious.

When Oliver Cromwell was protector, he ordered all the most important towns in England not to observe Christmas, as he considered it to be a hurtful custom.

Yet a stricter law he commanded to be kept so that people might forget Christmas. That was that all the markets were to be held on Dec. 25.

Naturally this created a great stir among the country folk, and they determined thenceforth to refuse to obey his strict and extraordinary law, which he tried to enforce, but all to no purpose.

How a Buffalo Runs.

The world has read the exaggerated description of a buffalo stampede, but I don't believe anybody has ever done justice to the wonderful speed of a buffalo when lost from the herd and trying to catch up, says a man of experience. It is a deceptive gait. The man who never saw it before would swear that he could outrun the animal barefooted. But the fastest horse ridden by cowboys couldn't catch a buffalo when running alone.

Its marvelous lope, steady and enduring, carries it over the prairie at a speed that would make a race horse lie down and cry at the end of the first mile. But the buffalo keeps this gait up all day, and at night his great flanks show no signs of fatigue.

BATTLES WITH SNOW

HARD FIGHTING FOR RAILROAD MEN IN THE ROCKIES.

Rotary Snowplows and the Men Who Run Them—Bucking Through the Monster Drifts That Pack the Mountain Passes.

Every western railroad is equipped with a large force of snow fighters. Rotary snowplows and men who know how to run them can cut their way through drifts that in the early days of western railroading would have resulted in complete blockades. The rotary snowplow is one of the marvels of the railroad of today, and it is a liberal education in the art of snow fighting to see one of them eating its way through a white drift that threatens to cut off communication between the east and the west. There are several passes in the Rocky mountains which for six months in the year or more form a constant menace to train crews. These passes are situated at the top of the Great Divide, where the elements have full sway. Boreas pass, in Colorado, is a fair example. The snow begins falling at Boreas late in August or early in September, and it does not cease until well into May and sometimes June. There will be intermittent snowstorms in the midsummer months, but these are trifling affairs and are not to be mentioned in the same breath with the tremendous snowfalls of January and February. Few men make their homes at Boreas. It is nothing for them to get up in the morning and find themselves completely buried in snow. The one store is usually at the end of a tunnel cut through an immense snowdrift. The population of Boreas during these snowy months consists, for the most part, of the railroad men who are engaged in the strenuous work of fighting constantly changing drifts. Snow at Boreas does not fall; it rages. It is blown about in swirls and eddies and is forever forming new drifts as treacherously as a river that is constantly shifting the sand banks of its mouth. These drifts are not little affairs that will barely cover a "stake and rider" fence. They are piled ten, twenty and thirty feet high, and they spring up in a night.

To the "tenderfoot" it would seem impossible to plow a way through these drifts at Boreas, but when a huge rotary snowplow comes whirling up the track with three or four engines pushing vigorously behind it the "tenderfoot" reserves his decision. He is still inclined to favor the snowdrift, but he prefers to await developments before committing himself. With a rush and a plunge the big rotary is hurled into the white mass of snow. Black smoke pours from the engines, and the huge blades of the snowplow cut relentlessly into the drift. The snow shoots out of the orifice at the side of the plow, forming a huge, white semicircle constantly moving forward. One can keep track of the progress of the plow by following the advancement of this rainbow of snow. Foot by foot the rotary eats its way forward, and finally it and the engines are buried in a huge trench of white. Only the stacks of the engines can be seen, belching their blackness on the virgin garb about them. But the great white semicircle never fails to go forward until finally the "tenderfoot" knows that the drift is being conquered. When the regular overland limited comes along a few hours later, the passengers do not know of the battle that has just been fought. They travel through a canyon of snow as they pass Boreas, but they have no idea of the tremendous force required to cut this white path over the ridge of the continent; so they go on, all unconscious in their Pullmans, while the railroad men at the next siding ahead oil the rotary and gird up their loins for the next battle, which they know Boreas will be prepared to give them in a few hours.

The experiences at Boreas pass during a hard winter are duplicated at many other railroad passes in the Rocky mountains, to say nothing of great stretches at lower altitudes which have always been the favored haunts of snowdrifts and which have always given railroad men great trouble. It is the unexpected element at these points that brings a serious aspect to the situation. At the passes over the Great Divide railroad men are prepared for trouble, and consequently serious blockades are few, but when word comes that a train has failed to fight its way through the drifts 100 or perhaps 200 miles from the nearest available rotary plow there is consternation. To get a rotary plow to the blockaded train takes time, and in the meantime the drifts are accumulating on the unused road, and each hour brings new menaces to railroad men and passengers alike.

Sometimes even the rotary plow has been known to be caught in a snow blockade. One instance occurred in Wyoming. An engineer who had a rotary plow on ahead and who was making good progress during a fierce snowstorm was compelled to run back a few miles for water. Instead of taking the rotary with him he uncoupled and ran his engine back, and in the meantime the snow gathered so fast over the tracks that he was unable to fight his way back to the plow. Such instances are rare, however, and are only owing to the oversight of some trainman, for a rotary snowplow with sufficient power behind it can eat its way through almost anything in the shape of drifts.—New York Tribune.

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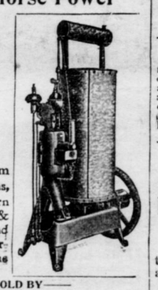

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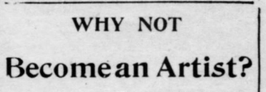

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This competition closed January 1st, and the articles received were submitted to "The Delineator" to judge and award the prizes. They have ordered the prizes distributed as follows:

PRIZES	WINNER'S NAME	RESIDENCE	SHOE DEALER'S NAME
1st —$1,000	Miss May Newman	Boston, Mass	Shepard, Norwell Co
2d — 750	Miss E. McGraw	Allegheny, Pa	Wm. M. Laird Co
3rd — 500	Mrs. E. A. Erichsen	Detroit, Mich	Pardridge & Blackwell
4th — 400	Miss M. Weissinger	Louisville, Ky	Stewart D G Co
5th — 300	Miss Sarah Jillar	Rochester, N Y	Sibley, Lindsey & Curr
6th — 200	Mrs. N. McKissick	Indianapolis, Ind	George J. Marott
7th — 150	Mrs. J. E. Jonrs	Baltimore, Md	Hutzler Brothers
8th — 100	Bertha L. Chandles	Elyria, Ohio	George W. Philpott & Co
9th — 80	Miss Cunningham	Atlanta, Ga	Keely Co
10th — 70	Bessie Carter Coffin	Columbus, Ohio	Holbook & Co
11th — 60	Miss Lucy T. Jones	Salem, Va	L. Bachrach
12th — 50	Miss Nellie Fales	St. Paul, Minn	The Plymouth
13th — 40	Mrs. W. E. Evans	Des Moines, Ia	Field-Ingalls Co
14th — 35	Miss Sadie McNulty	Denver, Col	Fontius Shoe Co
15th — 30	Miss C. Conaway	Memphis, Tenn	G. M. Tidwell & Co
16th — 25	Mrs. F. Haldeman	Cleveland, Ohio	R. H. Feterman
17th — 20	Mrs. E. Rowland	Wilmington, Del	Pfund & Roddy Co
18th — 15	Lydia Dorrington	Dallas, Texas	Sanger Brothers
19th — 10	Mrs. S. D. Zedeker	Cedar Rapids, Ia	Reps & Junck
20th — 10	Mrs. Edith L. Alley	New Bedford, Mass	Schuler Bros
21st — 10	Emma J. Bowan	Indianapolis, Ind	George J. Marott
22d — 10	Miss H. Murdock	Charleston, S C	H. J. Williams
23rd — 10	Annie E. Miller	Northampton, Mass	Imperial D G Co
24th — 10	Mrs. M. Madigan	Seattle, Wash	George J. Turrell
25th — 10	Mrs. H. Withbeck	Albany, N Y	John W. Emery
26th — 10	Mrs. R. Schonland	Montreal, Ont	French & Smith
27th — 10	Lilian M. Congdon	Providence, R I	C. A. Goodwin & Co
28th — 10	Miss Ethel Fayne	Blue Springs, Mo	Mail Order
29th — 5	Miss Cleo Glass	Fort Wayne, Ind	S. B. Thing & Co
30th — 5	Miss Louise Price	Waterbury, Conn	Allen & Bradley Co
31st — 5	Mrs. S. Whitman	Augusta, Ga	J. B. White & Co
32d — 5	Jessie A. Loomis	Saginaw, E Michigan	Wm. Barrie D. G. Co
33rd — 5	Miss Madge Ross	Chattanooga, Tenn	Boston Shoe Co
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35th — 5	Miss Ora Dansby	Fort Smith, Ark	J. C. Pierce
36th — 5	Mrs. M. Brubaker