### A Terrible Letter.

A wife recently gave her husband a sealed letter, begging him not to open it till he got to his place of business. When he did so he read:

"I am forced to tell you something that I know will trouble you, but it is my duty to do so. I am determined you shall know, let the result be what it may. I have known for a week that it was coming, but kept it to myself until to-day, when it has reached a crisis, and I can not keep it any longer. You must not censure me too harshly, for you must reap the results as well as myself. I do hope it won't crush you."

By this time the cold perspiration stood on his forehead with the fear of some terrible unknown calamity. He turned the page, his hair slowly rising, and read:

"The coal is all used up! Please call and ask for some to be sent this afternoon. I thought by this method you would not forget it." He didn't.—*Sheffield, England Telegraph.*

### Geese as Policemen.

A Georgia man says he has two of the best policemen in his service in the State. There is one peculiar trait about them, and that is that they never go to sleep and never get off their beats. They are two enormous geese. They march up and down a regular beat in front of his house at night, and whenever anything else enters the yard at night they begin yelling like Comanche warriors.

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## HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

### Beauty of Carpeted Ceilings.

Did the possibilities of matting ever occur to you? Every one, of course, knows how fresh and wholesome it looks on the floor and it is quite as effective for veranda portieres. But here is a new use for it. The entire ceiling may be covered with it and divided in huge squares by split bamboo sticks. The walls, too, could be effectively treated this way with frieze or wainscoting. Tables, book-cases, cabinets are now shown of matting and bamboo. Fancy an entire room furnished and decorated in this way with yellow silk draperies and lots of blue and white jugs and things. Would not it be a pretty conceit for a country house or a suburban cottage?—*Chicago Herald.*

### Several Ways of Making Graham Bread

Housekeepers who have no gem pans can make very nice warm graham bread for breakfast in several ways. Make a dough of flour and sweet milk, skimmed or creamy as you prefer or find convenient, still enough to roll out easily. Knead this a little, roll it an inch thick and cut it into diamonds; or cut off strips and make it into rolls with the hand; or roll it into balls two inches in diameter, flattening them a little or not at all as you choose; or roll the dough very thin and cut into square crackers, pricking them well to prevent their puffing. Crackers are best with some cream in the mixing, and crackers require more kneading than diamonds and rolls, which are expected to be soft inside.—*Washington Star.*

### Watering Plants in the House.

Plants while kept in the house are wholly dependent upon the care and timely attention of the culturist for water, which, under such conditions is more than ever a necessary element of their existence. Sprinkling the surface of the soil in pots and vases is of itself not sufficient, for it soon evaporates, and when the soil is saturated throughout a disagreeable drip often follows.

Quite a good plan to facilitate the watering of plants kept under shelter is to have a water-tight zinc pan with a turned-up rim of about two inches, and the dimensions of the pan to suit the table or other rest on which it is to be placed. Then fill the pan with pure sand, on which the pots may be placed, and the sand being kept a little wet all the while the moisture evaporated will not only reduce the amount required by sprinkling, but will also correct dryness in the atmosphere of a warm room.

Plants with an abundance of roots and large, spreading leaves will require more water in the pots than those of scantier foliage and slower growth. While all will suffer from an insufficient supply, a surfeit of water will be equally damaging, and by keeping the bed of sand quite moist the soil in the pots need not be overcharged. It will add greatly to the convenience of this arrangement to have the table or platform carrying the plants mounted on castors, so that it can be readily moved from one part of a room to another, as may be desired.—*New York World.*

### The Art of Omelet Making.

Nothing is seemingly more simple than to make an omelet, writes Mrs. E. P. Parker in the *Courier-Journal*, yet few cooks do it well. For making omelet the eggs should never be beaten too light, or it will be dry and without flavor. The fire should be hot, and the pan to be used must be clean and smooth. Good omelet should not be solid, but creamy all through, and the whites and yolks should never be beaten separately. The mixing of an omelet is of little importance compared with the cooking, for the very best made can be ruined after pouring in the pan.

When ready to make omelet, set the pan on the fire; break the eggs in a dish; sprinkle with salt and pepper, and give twelve vigorous beats with a spoon, put a tablespoonful of butter in the pan on the fire, turn it about so it will moisten the bottom of the pan; let heat very hot, and put in the eggs; carefully shake backward and forward and from the side, then let stand a moment to set in the bottom a little; the pan should be large enough to allow the omelet to move about. Some cooks can toss the omelet lightly from the pan to the center of a dish when ready to take up, but if this is not done, it must be handled very carefully, and dished by holding the pan in the right hand and the plate in the left, when the pan and plate should come together and the omelet will come off easily.

To Make Plain Omelet—Beat six eggs with a cup of milk, season with pepper and salt; cook in a buttered omelet pan, and serve immediately, or put them in a bowl and give twelve vigorous beats with a fork; put a piece of butter in a very smooth frying-pan, shake over the fire until melted, turn in the eggs and shake over the fire until they are set; sprinkle with salt and pepper, roll and turn on a hot dish.

A scrambled omelet may be made by adding to a plain omelet a tablespoonful of finely chopped onion, with a tablespoonful of minced parsley, oysters, chicken, mushrooms, tomatoes, or fish may all be added to omelet, and will be found very palatable.

Omelet truffles are a dainty luncheon or company breakfast dish. To make it, take six eggs, the juice of a lemon and three tablespoonfuls of sugar; grease a quart baking dish with butter; beat the whites of the eggs very stiff, then the yolks of them very light, add them to the whites, then the sugar and the lemon juice; stir carefully and quickly pile into a baking dish; sprinkle with powdered sugar, and set in oven; bake until a golden brown, and serve immediately. It may also for particular occasions be baked in paper cases.

The Otahoiteans, although great lovers of society and very gentle in their manners, feed separately from each other, each particular member of the family taking his or her basket and turning with back to all others in the room.

### Clever Mode of Detecting a Thief.

Some years ago, in one of the cavalry barracks, a man complained that several articles of his kit had been stolen. The Corporal of the room, finding that the thief could not be discovered, got a large tin mess dish and turned it upside down on the floor with the barrack-room cat underneath it. Then he ordered the gas to be turned down, and requested each man to touch the dish in turn, saying that the cat would mew when the thief touched it. As a matter of fact the cat did not mew, but the Corporal suddenly cried, "I have him!" and ordered the gas to be turned up. Then he ordered each man to show hands, and all were black except those of one man; for the Corporal had, unknown to the men, blackened the back of the dish before putting it on the ground.

Needless to say that the one man who had not cared to tempt the ordeal by touch was the thief, and search among his kit revealed the missing articles. The man begged very hard to be dealt with by a room court-martial, and was let off with two dozen lashes, administered with a baggage strap. The Corporal is still in the service, and now holds her Majesty's commission.—*St. James Gazette.*

### Infant Serpents.

As described by Dr. Walter Sibley, in his paper in the British Association on "The Incubation of Serpents' Eggs," the first sign of the process of hatching is a slit, usually V-shaped, appearing at the highest part of the egg-shell, whether the egg is placed on its side or on one end. The snout of the young reptile appears at the crack. After a time the head is protruded, and often remains out of the shell for some hours before the body and the tail are hatched. If disturbed, the head is again withdrawn into the shell. The author has seen fully-hatched young snakes return to their shells when alarmed.

The young snakes, when first hatched, are smooth and velvety to the touch, with the yellow ring (of the common English snake) beautifully marked from the first, and the eyes open; but often there is some opacity about the cornea, which disappears in the course of a few hours. They are about six inches long and weigh about eighty grains. They begin to hiss in the first few days.—*New York Journal.*

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### Funeral of the Czar's Nurse.

There was a remarkable scene in St. Petersburg the other day at the funeral of Miss Catherine Strutton, who was the nurse of the present Czar. The deceased lady was eighty-one years of age, and had been forty-six years in the service of the imperial family. In fact, she died at the Winter Palace from which the funeral procession started. The weather was very bad and the streets were full of melting snow and mud, which made the walking particularly disagreeable. But in spite of all this and the attending discomfort, it is worthy of note that none of those who were expected to be present failed to put in appearance. The White Czar himself, and the Grand Dukes Vladmir, Sergius and Paul, walked side by side behind the hearse which contained the old lady's coffin, wading knee deep in the slush to the English church. There the imperial party attended the funeral service, the Emperor sitting in the Ambassador's pew, and at the grave the English clergyman who officiated was attended by Russian choristers.—*New York Press.*

### Disease Lurked in the Trunk.

There is a difference of opinion among medical men as to the contagious phase of diphtheria. That the disease can be communicated, even after long lapse of time, seems proven by the experience of a family at Warrens, Cal. Twelve years ago a chest was filled with books and put away while the members of the household were afflicted with diphtheria. The other day the chest was unpacked, and now all the persons who handled the books are down with the dreaded disease.—*Brooklyn Citizen.*

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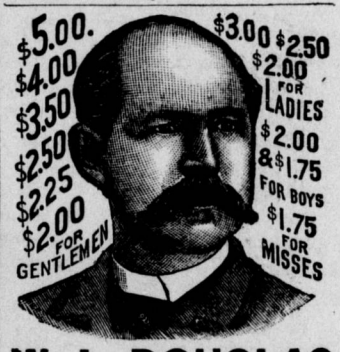


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