

Snakes as Articles of Diet.

Italians, as is well known, are partial to harmless snakes, and have no objection to eat them cooked. A frittura, composed of the common wood serpent's flesh, is even regarded as a dainty by the lower orders in Rome, Florence and Naples, and is often served up to them in their dingy restaurants.

Tore Down Homes to Buy Food.

A Methodist missionary at Peking writes to the Missionary Society's headquarters in this city that the famine in North China reduced the people in some sections to such straits that in many cases they tore down their houses to sell the lumber for food.

"I have never witnessed such abject misery," he says, "as I have seen in the Pei-Yin district the past winter. The people have largely subsisted on the 'shin-pai-tzu' or dirt or mud.

"I have near me as I write a piece of bread such as is found in their homes, made of tares grass. The almost annual suffering throughout this district is caused by the Hung-Ho, or Muddy River, the bed of which, on account of constant silting and diking, has been raised some fifteen or twenty feet above the surrounding country.

By means of funds sent him, this missionary was able to give some relief to 110 families.—New York World.

Gutta serena was introduced into Europe from Malaga in 1852. The annual consumption now is 4,000,000 pounds.

A GOOD APPETITE

Is imparted by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which tones the digestion so that all symptoms of Dyspepsia are removed. Mr. Robert W. W. Deaver, of 283 Franklin Street, Long Island City, N. Y., says: "For two years I suffered with dyspepsia, and could find no cure for it. But I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and in one month I find that Hood's Sarsaparilla cures both poor blood and dyspepsia, for I am now perfectly well."

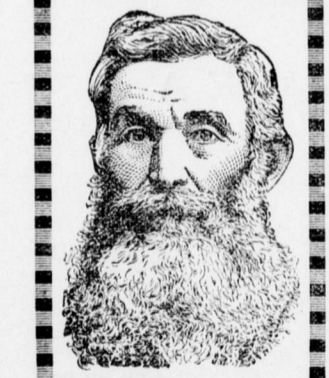


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"August Flower"

"I am Post Master here and keep a Store. I have kept August Flower for sale for some time. I think it is a splendid medicine." E. A. Bond, P. M., Pavilion Centre, N. Y.

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FARM AND GARDEN

CURING HORSE HAIR. For the curled hair used for mattresses the following process is used: The hair is first washed in hot water and softened, and it is then spun into ropes while wet and warm and kept so until it gets the required set and curl.

THE BEST BEANS. C. E. Hunn, of Geneva, N. Y., writes in Garden and Forest, says: "Few vegetables have been hybridized or selected with greater care than the bean, and varieties suitable for several purposes have been developed, until little improvement now seems possible."

FOOD FOR POULTRY. The most expensive of all food we find to be barley, an oatmeal. Not only is a considerable proportion thrown about and wasted but much that is swallowed is never digested.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES. For chapped or scratched teats apply cream or fresh butter. Give the colt some nice, bright oats, where it can get at them handy.

WHICH IS THE BEST COW? Every one in a while some dairyman remarks that he does not need a test to tell him which are the best dairy cows; he can tell by looking at them.

A Feat in Carving. In all branches of sport beating the previous record is a performance of almost every-day occurrence, and no matter how excellent the achievement it is not likely to remain long unchallenged and uncontroverted.

An Oregon Girl's Good Deed. An unknown girl saved a train with 250 passengers from destruction in Oregon. She was on her way home from a party when she discovered that a rail had been removed on a high trestle, and then she procured a lantern and signalled an approaching train.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

A CEMENT FROM RICE. Rice flour makes one of the best cements in the world. It is mixed with cold water, then gently boiled over a slow fire until it becomes clear, when it is ready for use.

TO KEEP STOCKINGS WHOLE. Here is a case where the proverbial "stitch in time" saves a great many more than "nine." Take your stockings when they are new, and before ever putting them on, "run" them with soft darning cotton throughout the entire length of the heel, toe and sole.

TREATING SILVER AND PLATE. Since so much sterling silver and plate enters into some part of the table cutlery it is necessary that one should also keep in mind the best methods of treating it, says the Ladies' Home Journal.

TO BANISH DUST. A weary and perhaps ultra-fastidious housekeeper, who was asked what her idea of heaven was, promptly responded: "A place where there is no dust."

RECIPES. Hominy Croquettes—Mix two cups of cold boiled hominy with one tablespoonful of hot milk, the beaten yolk of two eggs, one teaspoonful of sugar; well beat, then add one egg white, cooled, and stand away in cool.

Vegetable Soup—Take two potatoes, two onions, two turnips, one carrot and a little parsley chopped fine. Cut the potatoes in quarters, slice the onions, cut the turnips in quarters and slice the carrots. Put all in a steppan with three pints of water and salt to the taste.

Butchers' Leap. A curious Shrove Tuesday ceremony is still observed at Munich, in Bavaria, called "Metzgersprung," according to which the butchers' apprentices, being clothed in lambskin, leap down into a public well, whence they are declared by the masters of the guild to be mates or partners of ("Gessellen," or skilled members) of the corporation.

James Frost and Annie Winter were married in North Missouri recently.

The Duke De Veragua's Revenge.

A dark, handsome gentleman, with side-whiskers and a foreign air, stepped into the telegraph office on the Columbian Fair grounds at Chicago, and asked courteously: "Is this the office of the telegraph, senor?"

"It isn't anything else," carelessly replied the operator, one of those choice essences of Chicago whose only perfume is crudity.

His Honor, the Mayor of Columbus, Ohio, I will visit your city en route to New York. De Toledo y Larrazolaqui de la Corda Ramirez, de Baquedano y Gante, Viso-Admiral Adelantado, Mayor de las Indias, Marquis de Jamaica, Duke de Veragua y de Vega, Grande de la Spain, Senador de la Kingdom, Caballero de la Insigne Orden del Toison de Oro, Grand Cruz de Carlos III, Grand Cruz de la Concepcion de Villavieja, Gentil Hombre de Camara de King Alfonso XIII.

Farmer Versus Baker. A certain baker in business in a small town in Normandy obtained his supply of butter from a farmer in the neighborhood. One day he discovered that the pats, which were supposed to weigh three pounds each, were not up to the standard, and further examination revealed a steady diminution in the daily provision.

Conductor E. D. Lewis, Detroit, Mich., says: "The effect of Hall's Catarrh Cure is wonderful." Write him about it. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Do You Sleep Peacefully? "Tired Nature's sweet restorer, balm sleep!" "Heavenly the world, his ready visit pays."

KNOWLEDGE. Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many, who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, are more promptly adapting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

AGENTS WANTED IN EVERY TOWN TO SELL PILGRIM SPRING BED. S. K. PHOENIX, Philadelphia, Pa.

Self-Medication.

Imagination has too much to do with a man's practice on himself. One who reads the little text book on physiology in the schools will immediately discern in every rumble of his intestines the kind of action the gastric juices are taking on the food that has gone into the stomach, and he soon becomes, if he pushes his investigations further, a monomaniac on hygiene.

TO TEACH THEM NEVER TO TOUCH ANY FOOD THAT DISAGREES WITH THEM. This is true also of drinking. When a man is forty years of age he ought to understand himself sufficiently to guard against all imprudences in either eating or drinking or working, but that is about all he ought to know about it.

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