

Royal Buckwheats.

For generations it has been the custom to mix the batter for buckwheat cakes with yeast or emptyings, retaining a portion of the batter left over from one morning to raise the cakes for the following day.

If kept two days, or not used promptly, this batter becomes excessively sour and objectionable. Buckwheat cakes raised by this means are more often sour or heavy than light and sweet.

Instead of the old-fashioned way we have been making buckwheat cakes this winter with Royal Baking Powder, mixing the batter fresh daily, and find the result wonderfully satisfactory.

Two cups of pure buckwheat flour (not "prepared" or mixed), one cup of wheat flour, two tablespoons of Royal Baking Powder and one-half teaspoonful of salt, all sifted together.

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Midair Duel Between Aeronauts. During the Franco-Prussian war a blood-curdling duel occurred in mid-air between two aeronauts, one of whom was conveying dispatches from the Governor of Paris.

100 Bus. Wheat From Two Acres. This remarkable yield was reported by Frank Close, Minnesota, on two acres of Marvel Spring Wheat. Speaking of this wheat, this new sort takes the cake.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO. FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH of the BLADDER cured by the use of HALL'S CATHARTIC CURE.

COUGHS AND HOARSENESS. The irritation which induces coughing immediately relieved by use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." Sold only in boxes.

Dr. Hoxsie's Certain Croup Cure. Is the only remedy in the world that cures croup in half an hour. No opium. A. P. Hoxsie, Buffalo, N. Y., M.F.P.

Hatch's Universal Cough Syrup. Most prompt, pleasant and effective. 25 cents. Beecham's Pills correct bad effects of over-eating. Beecham's—no others. Beecham's box.

Japanese Tooth Powder, Genuine. A large box mailed for 10 cents. Lapp Drug Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

GOOD QUALITIES. Possessed by Hoxsie's Sarsaparilla are almost beyond mention. Most of all, it purifies the blood, thus strengthening the nerves.

Kidney Troubles. Hood's Kidney Cures. The growing scarcity of timber in some parts of the country, and the early absence in others, have the focus question a more serious one.

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CARROT GRUB. An English gardener reports that he effectually destroyed the carrot grub, after it had become so abundant as to cause the tops of carrots to wilt.

WASTE OF GOOD FODDER. An enormous quantity of corn fodder is grown each year, but not one-third of its feeding value is procured.

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NOTES ON WHEAT. From field experiments carried on at the Agricultural Experiment Station, Purdue University, Indiana, reported in Bulletin 15, extending over ten years, it appears that none of the varieties of wheat tried have any tendency to deteriorate or "run out."

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES. Strain the milk before the cream begins to rise. Medium sized hogs now bring the largest prices.

GARNISHES AND SAUCES. Apple sauce is for roast goose and roast pork. Barberries, fresh or preserved, go with game.

SOME ADVICE TO DRIVERS. A driver gave his horse six quarts of oats about two hours earlier than he was usually fed. The harness was being put on while the horse was feeding.

REQUISITES FOR A HORSE STABLE. A horse stable should have thorough drainage first, then a solid, non-absorbent floor; next, the stalls should be roomy, and the feeding troughs should be made so that food cannot be wasted.

Military Value of the Dog. The French were the first to realize the military value of the dog when fighting against the Kabyles in Tunis and Algeria.

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Down to the Normal. The British had "living money" and "show money." The former being slaves and cattle, the latter metal.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

CLEANING GLOVES. Gloves that are but slightly soiled may be easily cleaned by the exercise of a little patience and care.

HOW TO MEND CROCKERY. A valued correspondent says: Before being allowed to get dirty or greasy tie all the broken pieces in their places nicely with any kind of string that suits, then put in an iron or tin dish that can be put on the fire.

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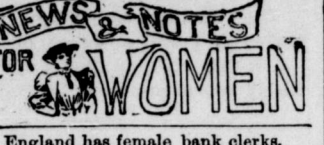
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A number of young ladies in society this season have appeared recently with their shining tresses arranged a la Gainsborough—a style exceedingly becoming to a certain type, but terribly trying to others.

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England has female bank clerks. New York has a female lion-trainer. A new fancy in plates is the Empire. The Bank of England has decided to appoint women as clerks.

The Shetland women are the finest skutters in the world. Of the 100 medical missionaries in China fifty-six are women. A good sewing-machine is supposed to do the work of twelve women.

The Baroness Burdett-Contts is said to own the finest flock of goats in England. Nine-tenths of the students and copyists at the National Gallery, London, are ladies.

A maid of honor to Queen Victoria gets fifteen hundred dollars for thirteen weeks' service. For many years a woman has been engraver of medals in the Royal Mint at Stockholm, Sweden.

Women students are now admitted to qualifying clinical instruction in the Royal Infirmary at Edinburgh. The dress bill of a certain English titled lady amounts to \$7400 for one year, and her hat bill for six months to \$200.

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Ferns 100 Feet High.

Ferns ever have and ever will come in for a full share of homage from the worshippers at nature's shrine. Their delicate and graceful outlines, together with the almost certainty that some members of the family may be found in their prime, whether sought in May or December, if not buried in the snow, assures for them a prominent place near the head of the list of desirable floral decorations.

They are found in all climates and vary almost as much as do their surroundings. They revel in a warm, moist and equable climate, and are now found in the highest state of luxuriance in the tropical islands of the Pacific and on the low banks of the Amazon, where they rival palms in shape and often attain to the height of 100 feet.

More than 3000 species are now known, of which the Philippine Islands alone furnish 300, Java and southeastern Africa 400. Collectors on the United States steamer Albatross brought thirteen species from the sterile shores of southeastern Patagonia.

These have been named by Professor D. C. Eaton, of Yale College, and include representatives of seven genera, one of which, Aspidium aculeatum, is a native of the North Atlantic States. Four of the eight suborders of living species, represented by twenty-two genera and upward of sixty species and varieties, are indigenous to our Northern States.

Runaway Colt in Strange Company. Three years ago, as related by an exchange, a colt strayed from the place of John Hunter, on the Upper St. John, below the Seven Salmon, New Brunswick. Several days were spent in a fruitless search for the colt, and he was given up as a probable prey to the bears.

A Means Out of the Difficulty. Any strain or bending of the back for any length of time leaves it in a weakened condition. A means out of the difficulty is always handy and cheap.

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German Army Dogs.

The German army has trained war dogs. On the march each dog is led by his master and is required to carry a heavy pack on his back.

Mr. Stanley states that between 1777 and 1807, 3,000,000 African slaves were sold in the West Indies alone.

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