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ARMY AND NAVY NOTES.

The gun of largest caliber in the world is the British 17.72 inch 100 ton gun.
The new 12-inch 50-ton gun, which is to be supplied to battleships now building, is capable of piercing 46 inches of wrought iron, if this were placed against the muzzle.
Naval experts put down the active life of a modern battleship at about 15 years. A hundred years ago battleships lasted nearly six times as long, and were on active service nearly the whole of their commission.
The mules sent from the United States to Cuba seem to thrive well there, as only 21 have died out of the 1,200 sent. Yet none of the mules drank boiled water or slept on platforms lifted above the ground or observed any of the other rules of sanitary science.
The Egyptian army 16 years ago consisted of some 6,000 men, badly trained and disciplined. In 1882 Sir Evelyn Wood and his assistants took it in hand, and it has now in its ranks more than three times that number of men, and as regards discipline, training, and bravery is reckoned almost equal to British troops.

The army of the British empire, including British, Indian, and colonial troops, costs more to keep up than that of any other nation in the world. In round numbers France pays twenty-five millions sterling annually for her military defenses, Germany thirty millions, Russia the same, and the British empire thirty-seven millions.
In the fight between the fleets of Admirals Cervera and Sampson off Santiago, the Americans mounted 225 guns—from 13-inch down to Maxims—and the Spaniards 146. The Americans mounted 32 8-inch, 14 6-inch, and 12 5-inch, and the Spaniards 30 5.5-inch and ten 6-inch. It is calculated that the Americans were able to employ 119 guns and the Spaniards 91, and that the weight of shot fired every minute by the Americans was 6,720 pounds and the Spaniards 4,827 pounds.

IRONICAL IFS.

If it wasn't for enthusiasm but little would ever be accomplished.
If a man loses his situation it's apt to make him feel out of place.
If a man gives advice freely it's probably because he wants to get rid of it.
If you can't say anything good of your neighbor you can at least keep silent.
If woman proposed one rejection would crush her proud spirit beyond recovery.
If every man didn't have to make his reputation there might be more good ones.
If a woman has blond hair it doesn't necessarily follow that she is light-headed.
If a girl tells you she can't sing, give her credit for being truthful and keep quiet.
If our neighbors would do things as we think they should it would be much easier to love them.
If there is one thing that pleases a woman more than another, it is to have the minister ask for a second piece of her pie.—Chicago Daily News.

POULTRY FIGURES FOR MAINE.

Of geese there are 3,445; value of product, \$7,472.33.
The total number of ducks is 9,018; value of product, \$23,358.
The total number of turkeys is 5,268, and value of product, \$15,362.30.
The number of hens in the state is 1,577,232; value of poultry produced, \$505,470; value of eggs produced, \$1,366,310; total value of eggs and poultry, \$1,871,781.17.

Waldoboro has the greatest number of hens, 23,740; Fort Fairfield the largest number of turkeys, 307; Stockton Springs leads in ducks, 1,106, and up in Madawaska in geese, with 509.
The estimated average production of poultry and eggs in the state is, per hen, \$1.18; turkey, \$2.91; duck, \$2.59; goose, \$2.17. The least average production per hen is in Aroostook county, 78 cents; the greatest in Washington, \$1.30.

HEARD IN THE CHURCHES.

Only two-sevenths of the people of the United States are church members.
The First Presbyterian church in Philadelphia recently celebrated its bicentennial.
Baron Edmund Rothschild, of Paris, has undertaken to build a number of factories in Jerusalem for the employment of the Jews who are flocking thither.
The bishop of London has directed his candidates always to preach on a subject, not a text, and to apply themselves not to abstract questions, but to actual problems, which they know are felt by those to whom they are speaking.
The first Methodist Episcopal church ever organized for Bohemians was recently dedicated in Chicago. A series of meetings was held during the week on each evening, the services alternating between the English and Bohemian languages.

FUNNY CUSTOMS.

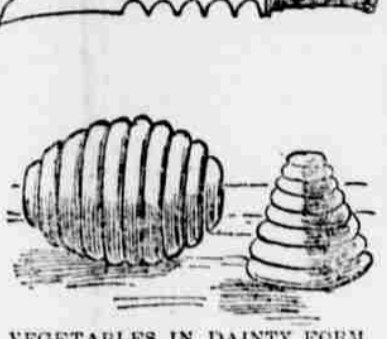
In Ceylon the richest people beg.
Taxes on beards are levied in Japanese cities.
In Ecuador they sweeten coffee with crushed beetles.
In Japan they give you gooseberry pie with roast duck.
And in London a man who refuses to tip a waiter runs a fair chance of getting arrested.
Most Chinese mandarins pass the whole of their lives without taking a single yard of exercise. Under no circumstances whatever is a mandarin ever seen on foot in his own jurisdiction.

HOLIDAY VEGETABLES.

How They Can Be Made to Present a Very Attractive and Appetizing Appearance.

The abundance of vegetables served on the holiday table is not less a characteristic of the feast than the abundance of pie. These vegetables are often served in new forms which would certainly deceive the grandmothers of this generation, who served them only as plain boiled.

Carrots have never been a favorite New England vegetable, though they have been raised by farmers since colonial times. In a cream sauce, as they are now served, they promise finally to become popular. Cut in ornamental forms and served in this cream sauce, the carrot presents a very ornamental appearance on the table. The



VEGETABLES IN DAINTY FORM.

vegetable may be cut into pear shape, fluted with a fluting knife, or in simple balls with a little steel vegetable scoop or into a variety of forms. Cut the carrots, after scraping them clean, and drop them in cold water. Drain them when all the pieces are ready into salted boiling water, or broth if you have it, and boil them until tender. After this drain them and make enough cream sauce to cover them. If broth is used add it to the stock of broth already on hand, as it has only gained a little flavor of carrot by cooking the vegetable in it. There is thus no loss in using broth to cook rice, macaroni or any paste or vegetable that is cooked in it, while certain vegetables gain a great deal by being cooked in broth, and all pastes gain flavor.
Turnips cut in balls and served in a butter sauce present a very attractive appearance. A delicious way to serve cauliflower is au gratin. Cook the vegetable and divide it into flowerets. Put it in an earthen dish, cover it with cream sauce and then sprinkle grated cheese, bits of butter and a few bread-crumbs over it and bake it until it is well browned. Mashed squash can be molded into little individual cups with a star or some decorative form on the bottom of each and turned out on a platter, to be served on the Thanksgiving table. Mashed potatoes can be served as potato puffs, as rice potatoes and in a number of very decorative and delicious forms. A fluting knife is a useful article for cutting vegetables in ornamental forms for service on the table with meats or for the decoration of salads.—N. Y. Tribune.

HYGIENE FOR CHILDREN.

Sunny Bedrooms Give Health and Develop Growth, and Sleep Improves the Nerves.

A medical journal says that an important hygienic point which is too often overlooked altogether in the selection of sleeping rooms for young children is that of light—the light of the sun shining directly into the room, and not the reflected light of the wall or reflector. The rays of the sun, with their triple qualities—caloric, luminous and chemical—are indispensable to life and health, and to deprive children of them is to prepare the ground for phthisis. In the city of Paris, 11,000 people die every year from tuberculosis, as against 39,000 from all other diseases. The cause given for this frightful mortality is that a large proportion of the lower-class population live in gloomy, unheated rooms, overlooking dark or cold courts or yards, and lighted by transoms, or deriving their obscure light from other rooms. The light of the sun alone is not only a powerful source of vitality, but it actuates the cells of the brain, invigorates the muscles, increases the pressure of blood in the arteries, and gives the feeling of well being, and the lightness of body and step that characterize perfect health. To show how much more efficacious than the administration of medicine good air and light may be, it is only necessary to take a debilitated, anemic child, who has been living in a cramped-up, gloomy room, and place it in a good-sized apartment, into which the sunlight pours freely. An immediate improvement in the child will be observed.
The regulation of the sleeping hours of children is not less important. Dr. Maurice de Fleury, who has made a study of this branch of hygiene, says that a child of from five to eight years of age ought to sleep from eight o'clock in the evening to seven in the morning—that is, 11 hours. A child of from eight to twelve years of age should sleep from nine in the evening to seven in the morning—or ten hours; a child of from 12 to 15, from 9:30 in the evening to 6:30 in the morning—or nine hours. Later, it is well to accustom them to eight hours' sleep, and, eventually, if the system does not demand more, to seven hours. These rules are for healthy children. Some children are all the better for even a more liberal allowance, and those who are sickly, enervated and excitable should have half an hour or an hour's sleep after the midday meal.
Wearing a Belt Smartly.
Belts and buckles are special features for the blouse and tiny waist. The blouse itself must be tightened at the waist by a firm band, then the belt adjusted without the thought of making the waist any smaller.

GRAPE HARVEST IN PORTUGAL.

THE PORT GRAPES CARRIED TO THE TREADING VATS.

Scene at the Vineyards of Boa Viesto, valley of the Douro: Women cut the bunches of grapes into small baskets, carry them a short distance and fill large baskets holding near 100 pounds. Then men with sheepskins thrown over their backs, and plaited straw knots on their heads, shoulder the baskets and move off in single file down the rugged winding paths and flights of steps to large vats, where the grapes are mashed for wine. The soil containing a large amount of iron.



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