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Gossip From Washington



IT is not generally recalled that Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, that rarest of products of the republic—a scholar in politics—was once a devotee of the shrine of the roller skate. Always an enthusiastic pedestrian when the roller skating craze was at its height a season or two ago, the learned statesman from Massachusetts, although then past the sixty year mark, decided to learn the art. The senator, who is far more active than many men half his age, succeeded in mastering it after a lesson or two and for some time regularly patronized a certain fashionable rink. The end came one day when in executing an unusually intricate figure the senator took a tumble that might easily have broken a bone or dislocated a joint or two. Fortunately it did neither, but since that time Mr. Lodge has renounced all rinks as vain if not empty things. A brisk walk of half a dozen miles or so now fully satisfies his craving for exercise.



Photo by American Press Association. SENATOR LODGE.

Representative Sant Kirkpatrick of Iowa used to be an internal revenue officer before he came to congress. He has had many thrilling experiences, having been a target for moonshiners' bullets on scores of occasions. Three times at least he received serious wounds in these encounters. The Hon. Sant, as he is referred to by his constituency, is now well past seventy and served from the beginning to the close of the civil war as a first lieutenant in Company K, Second Iowa Infantry. Incidentally he is the only civil war veteran representing Iowa in either house.

Representative Clyde Tavenner of Illinois is the only man in congress who is doing daily newspaper work in connection with his congressional duties. He corresponds with a hundred papers.

Out in Solano county, Cal., old timers remember Associate Supreme Court Justice Joseph McKenna from the fact that he never seemed to know when he was "licked." As a boy he had a reputation for gameness and later on, after encountering many difficulties, became successively district attorney and representative in the state legislature from the county. When he had enough of these offices he essayed a trip to congress. Twice he tried, and twice he was beaten, though each time by a close margin. Then he rested on his laurels for years. Apparently he was out of politics for good. But if the people thought McKenna was through McKenna thought otherwise. All the time he had his eye on that free ticket to the capital. There was a redistricting of the state, and the present associate justice announced his candidacy again for congressional honors. This time he was successful by a good safe margin, and from that time to this his star has never waned. In congress he gained the intimate friendship of the late President (then Major) McKinley, who appointed him to succeed Justice Field in 1898.



© by American Press Association. JUSTICE M'KENNA.

Edward W. Townsend, who wrote "Chimmie Fadden," is the first Democratic member of congress from the Seventh district of New Jersey in many years. In his native Montclair he was known as a "long hair" (in "highbrow") in contradistinction to the "short hair," or "lowbrow." Democrats, who generally ran party politics in that locality. Year after year the party had split on this purely hirsute question. The "long hairs" were exclusive and would not mix with their "short hair" fellow Democrats. Consequently there was always friction, though this didn't matter much, as far as results were concerned, as the district was normally Republican. Then Townsend got the nomination and came to Washington with flying colors.



Salty Soup.—If soup is too salty add a grated raw potato to it and cook a few minutes. The potato seems to absorb the excess salt.

Jellied Fruit Macedoine.—Prepare a fruit macedoine in the usual way. Place it in a pretty mold and pour over it enough lemon jelly to cover it. Set it on ice, and when ready to serve turn it out on a crystal platter and decorate it with whipped cream. The jelly should be sweeter than usual.

Duchess Charlotte.—Scoop out the center of a large sponge cake. Fill it with strawberry or vanilla ice cream and decorate the top with crushed berries and whipped cream. If preferred, individual charlottes may be served in place of the big one, but they are more trouble to prepare and are not prettier to look at.

Some Rules of Behavior.
Every action in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those present.
Turn not your back to others, especially in speaking.
Be not forward, but friendly and courteous.
Undertake not what you cannot perform, but be careful to keep your promise.
Give not advice without being asked, and when desired do it briefly.
Speak not injurious words neither in jest nor earnest.
Show not yourself glad at the misfortune of another.—George Washington.

Today's Short Story

The Midas Touch

A STRANGER stopped one evening at an inn in an Italian hamlet. A girl in the picturesque costume of the country was setting the table for supper. "Is that your daughter?" asked the stranger of the landlord. "Yes, signor. Marina is my child, and a good child she is. Never has she given me the slightest trouble. Everybody loves her." "She has a sad look." "That is because she has come to the marriageable age and I have no dot to give her. She loves a young man, Gullelmo Luigi, a sheep tender, but he is very poor; besides, he is a dreamer, or he fancies art, which is the same thing. Instead of watching the sheep, he spends his time sketching them. Last week he lost three sheep and was discharged on Saturday. It is this just now that makes Marina sad." "Is that one of his sketches—that ram hanging on the wall?" "Yes, signor." The supper was brought in by the little maid, who stood opposite the stranger while he ate, waiting for his orders with her hands demurely folded and a faraway look in her eyes. Shortly after supper Gullelmo was sent for. When the table was cleared the young fellow came in, wondering, as did Marina and the landlord, what was wanted of him. The stranger went to the wall and took down the picture of the ram. "This ram," he said, "is out of drawing. The foreshortening is bad, but of course foreshortening is very difficult. Let me show you how it should be done." Taking a pencil, he swiftly sketched a background around the animal, making the outline of a cliff at its feet. "Ah, signor, it will step off the cliff!" said Gullelmo, delighted with the life that had been infused into the drawing. "Ah, signor," he added after a pause, "if I could but do that!"

"You may not do it in figures, for your talent lies in animals. You are rather a Landseer than a Bouguereau. Nevertheless you will one day be a great painter."

The next morning the stranger took his departure, and, before doing so, sent the picture, placing first his name on the corner, to an art dealer in Paris to be sold.

"I go to Florence," he said to the landlord. "In a few weeks I will return this way and will stop with you again."

One morning a month later the stranger reappeared at the inn and was received by the landlord and Marina.

"Where is Gullelmo?" he demanded. "Ah, signor, since you were here he has not found another situation. He is starving."

"Send for him. I have a letter for him," said the traveler briefly, and a few moments later the lad was before him.

"Gullelmo," said the stranger, "how would you like to go with me to Paris to study art?"

"Oh, signor!" exclaimed the youth, catching his breath.

"Here," he said, opening the letter and taking out the rectangular paper, "is the means for your education."

He handed a check to the boy, before whose eyes danced the figures 10,000 francs.

"If you are a steady fellow and do not yield to the temptations of Paris, if you wish to return and marry Marina, I will make another sketch for her dot."

A few moments passed before the two young people could realize what it all meant. Then with true native Italian simplicity they knelt before the stranger. Marina's eyes were wet with tears, and, taking the artist's hand, she kissed it.

"Who are you, signor, who by the touch of your brush can turn paper into gold?"

"My name is on the face of the check. I must put it on the back that you may draw the money."

All stared over the shoulder of Gullelmo, who held the check, and read the name "Meissonier."

Gullelmo went to Paris to study. There was no need of a dot when he married Marina, for as soon as he completed his studies he sprang into fame.

KING SALMON FOUND AGAIN IN FAR NORTH.

Fishermen With Hand Lines Make \$10 a Day on Average.

Catching king salmon with hand lines, fishermen in the far north are averaging \$10 a day. The king salmon, which is the largest of its species, ranging from 50 to 100 pounds each, has flesh of a fine grain and a delicate flavor. For these the canneries pay \$1 apiece.

For five years the catch of king salmon has been getting annually smaller and the price higher. There were rumors that the speckles was becoming extinct. Craig Miller, a fisherman of Ketchikan, Alaska, had a theory that the big fish had changed their feeding grounds because of the Alaskan earthquakes. After working along the shores and among the islands of southeastern Alaska for a year he found a broad plateau off Forester island, on which were millions of king salmon.

The king salmon is fond of herring, and Prince of Wales island has bays filled with such fish. The king salmon gathered in force and herded millions of herring, holding them prisoners on the big shoal. Twice a day the salmon go to the shoal to eat herring. Twice each day there is a great commotion in the water for miles around as the salmon rush after their prey.

Miller returned with a boatload of the finest king salmon ever seen at Ketchikan. He told the story, and now there are more than 400 boats floating over this shoal, each containing four men and each man spending two hours morning and night hauling in salmon which weigh an average of eighty pounds each.

TRAINS FOXES TO BE PETS.

German Dealer Has Plan to Avoid High Tax on Dogs.

To beat the city government out of the dog tax, which is \$8 for the first dog and \$12 for the second, a Berlin animal dealer hit upon the plan of domesticating foxes for pets.

The Germans are as fond of dogs as the Turks, and as many of the poorer classes are unable to keep them because of the high tax the dealer advertising tamed young foxes at \$1.50 each points out that they don't come under the city's dog tax law.

Finds Chunk of "Ambergris."

Captain Edward Baker, first man of the life saving crew of Lone Hill station, recently found in the surf near Sayville, N. Y., a quantity of what he believes to be ambergris, a sample of which he sent to New York for examination. If his find is genuine ambergris Baker believes he will be enabled to retire from the government's service.

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Summer Bungalow Living Room



THE summer bungalow is popular because it is built and furnished on lines that suggest comfort. Illustrated here is a bungalow dining room. While it is here fitted for summer use, it might also be used as an all the year room. The fireplace at one end of the room, with its gleaming brass and iron and the decorative brick finish above it, the polished beams and the wall finished in rough plaster, all harmonize with the simple furnishings. A long table of the craftsman type is substituted for the usual round or square dining table and may be used for work, reading or dining. A long simple buffet and a plate rack flank the wall. Bookshelves are seen in the chimney corner, where in an ordinary dining room the housewife's stock of books on cooking or other household topics may be conveniently kept. Quiet old colonial chairs in old hickory are used. The stained and polished floor has a single large rug spread before the fireplace.

WHAT HOUSEWIVES SHOULD KNOW.

To hurry the cooking process of anything cooked in a double boiler add salt to the water in the outer boiler.

To mend the side of an iron utensil use putty. Place ashes and salt over the putty, which will thus be effectually hardened in a few days.

If clothes are soaked overnight the labor of washing will be greatly lightened by adding one teaspoonful of pure ammonia to each tub of water.

After removing all dust wipe screen doors with kerosene, and they will look new, and as long as the odor remains mosquitoes and moth millers will give them a wide berth.

A RAPID SURVEY.

Small bows of colored satin and lace are trimmed with crystals, and quite a number are made in the jabot form, the bow at the top being rather small and the ends spreading and long.

Yellow linings for cloaks and coats have become very popular, especially in alliance with dark blue.

Nowadays the girl who looks on the bright side of things and rather enjoys a rainy day wears a bright purple or amber coat made of oil silk, which is extremely light in weight and good for golfers.

This is a season of bright colors, and a prominent shade is yellow, beginning with the palest sand color and running to browns.