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**EQUINOCTIAL STORMS.**

What is Supposed to Cause These Annual Disturbances.

The belief that the sun's crossing the equator in the spring and the fall causes atmospheric disturbances dies hard, but it is dying, for all that. It is true, as a rule, that we do have such disturbances about the middle of March and the middle of September, but the mere "crossing of the line" by the sun does not produce them, as many persons believe. The disturbances are due to atmospheric changes that take place over the equatorial belt when the cold season gives place to the warm, and when the warm season gives place to the cold. It has been shown by carefully kept records in England that more storms occur during the week preceding and the week following the equinox than during the week of the equinox. That the sun's passing an imaginary line should cause a storm is absurd from the scientist's standpoint, but it is true, nevertheless, that the storms are caused by the sun's position in the sky. There is no objection to calling the storms equinoctial because they occur at the equinoctial season, but there is objection to applying that term to them because they are expected on the equinoctial date.

**The Healthiest Land in Europe.**

An article in the Statistische Wochenschrift, upon the comparative increase of longevity in the various nations of Europe, imagines that Sweden will before long become recognized as the healthiest of European lands. In the early part of the last century its sanitary reputation was bad, but between 1830 and 1840 its mortality was reduced to 26.8 in the 1,000. Each successive decade has shown a remarkable improvement in the longevity of its inhabitants. In 1870 the deaths were 20.2 in the 1,000; in 1880, 18.3; in 1890, 16.90; and lastly, in 1900, 16.5. With such favorable conditions of health it is no wonder that the tourist in Sweden should say that he "met an old Swede at every turn."

**Marriage Epidemic.**

Servia is in trouble now with an epidemic of marriages. The cause is the system of marriage banks founded as an encouragement to thrift, but which have proved to have quite an opposite effect. The young men and maidens of Servia begin paying in to these institutions at an early age on the promise of a premium on marriage. Immediately a small sum has been accumulated the desire for marriage grows overwhelming, with the result that the first offer is snapped up. In consequence premature early and unhappy marriages are general. The matter has now reached such lengths that it is seriously troubling the government, and the advisability of abolishing these banks, which are held to be the root of the evil, is being debated.

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**HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS**



**Burlap For Walls.**  
In using plain burlap for a part side wall covering a lighter shade of the same color in paper is often used above it with disastrous effect. The tones of the burlap and paper do not seem to harmonize somehow. A two-toned effect in a little darker tints of the same color is preferable to finish the walls, with a plain ceiling above, or the two-toned paper may run up on the ceiling a little way also.

**Removing Ink Spots.**  
Ink spots on furniture may be removed by an application of nitre. Mix together one teaspoonful of water and six drops of nitre and apply to the stain with a feather. As soon as the ink disappears rub the spot with a damp cloth to remove the nitre which will otherwise leave a white spot behind it. A saturated solution of oxalic acid is sometimes used in the same manner to rub off furniture of ink stains.

**Beef Made Tender.**  
A way of cooking beefsteak that is a wee bit tough was accidentally stumbled upon one day. Company came when it was too late to order, and the contents of cupboard and refrigerator were very slim. Two ends of porterhouse steak were hastily run through the meat chopper, using the medium knife. A coffee cup of rice was put on to cook in salted boiling water, then the rest of the dinner was prepared and ready to serve before the meat was cooked. Have skillet smoking hot and grease with just enough butter to keep from sticking, stir in clopped meat and stir until meat is cooked through; one or two minutes is long enough. Heat meat platter and place meat in centre of plate, heaping it up with lump of butter in top, then salt and pepper to taste. Make a border of the rice around the plate and serve together. Sometimes I serve macaroni with the meat instead of rice. None of it is ever wasted, and twice a week is not too often to serve it to my family. Round steak is a good steak to buy to chop if you have no odds and ends to use.—Good House-keeping.

**New Edges For Curtains.**  
Many new edge finishes are observable upon the cretonne curtains so much used as overhangings for midland's bedroom or boudoir at the present time. One simple idea for a portiere had both sides of the same material to match. The edges had a good deep three-quarter-inch turn in and then were machine stitched about three-eighths of an inch back from the edge.

Another effective finish is a binding of braid about three inches wide, not unlike a Hercules braid in weave, combining all the varied tints of the blossom bestrewn cretonne. Cotton fringe combining all the colors of the pattern is another popular edge finish.

These cretonne hangings are effective in the extreme. Lead grow in favor every day. For windows over music cabinets, where the inside does not show, they are often left unlined. Again, they are lined with a harmonious plain shade of silk or saten. For portieres, as has been mentioned above, they are made double of the same pattern, or when between bedrooms, where cretonne is used in each, one side one pattern, the other side the other.—Philadelphia Record.

**HOUSEHOLD RECIPES**

**Curry Sauce**—Melt two tablespoonfuls of butter; add same amount of flour, one teaspoonful or more of curry powder and one-fourth a teaspoonful of salt. When frothy stir in gradually one cup of milk or white stock and let cook five minutes.

**French Straws**—Beat four eggs until very thick; then add five ounces of sugar, a half teaspoonful of cinnamon and nutmeg mixed and flour enough to make a stiff dough. Roll into a sheet half an inch thick; cut into strips the width and length of a finger; give each one a twist and cook in deep fat like doughnuts. When cool sift sugar on them.

**Tomato Chutney**—This is delicious with cold meats, chops or steaks. Slice one peck of green tomatoes, sprinkle with one cup of salt and let them stand all night. In the morning pour off the liquor and put the tomatoes into a granite pan with vinegar enough to cover them; add six peppers and four large onions, chopped fine, one cup of brown sugar, one cup of scraped horse radish, cup of chopped celery, one tablespoonful each of cloves and allspice, four apples, chopped, one teaspoonful each of red and white pepper. Boil slowly four hours, and put in air-tight jars.

**Fried Rolls**—Soak one-half cake of yeast in one-fourth cupful of warm water. Scald one cupful of milk and add to it one heaped tablespoonful of butter, one rounded teaspoonful of salt. When the milk is cool add the yeast and stir in flour enough to make a smooth batter. Beat the white of one egg stiff; turn it into the batter, and when well mixed stir in enough more flour to make a stiff dough. Knead it until smooth. Let it rise in a warm place till light, then knead it down; take out pieces as large as an egg, make them first into balls, then into finger rolls. Let them rise some distance apart, and when light drop them into hot fat and cook brown.

**PLAYING IN THE SAND PILE.**  
A Practical Phase of Child Training in Germany.

In the German cities it must be refreshing to find scattered through each park many good-sized beds of clean sand. These beds are confined by a wooden border to prevent the sand being scattered or washed away by rains. No matter how small the park or in what quarter of the city it is situated, one is sure to find at least four or five of these small spots of delight for the children; and from early morn until sometimes far into the twilight you will never find one of these little inclosures entirely deserted. It is here the little toddlers' legs carry them as soon as they reach the park, and the younger ones, who are in the carriages, stretch out their arms and by eloquent looks plead to be taken to the beloved sand heap. Once there, they ask favors from no one, but fall to work with a good will, using hands, shovel, spoon or scoop, each working out with brain and hands his own little ideas to his own entertainment and satisfaction, while taking the keenest pleasure in no doing. Occasionally the nurse cannot resist taking a hand in the fun; as long as she confines her entertainment to herself everything runs smoothly, but any interference or suggestion to the little workers is usually met with resentment. Mechanical or other toys in the hands of older persons intended or displayed for the amusement of children are simply nothing as compared with the pleasure derived from these sand heaps. They, without doubt, not only provide amusement, but at the same time serve to educate the infant mind. An hour spent in watching the children can be made a most profitable one in studying the mind, temperament, nature and resources of these little men and women.

**GERMAN SHARPNESS.**  
Custom Official Strains a Few Points to Get More Revenue.

As examples of the exceeding sharpness with which the German customs officials are now scrutinizing imports of manufactured merchandise, the following ruling and reclassification of recent date will serve to illustrate what may happen whenever any manufacturer's article is made of two or more component materials. There is a certain snap hook known to the trade as the "covert snap," which is made of malleable steel or iron, coated with tin. These have been imported for years under a duty rate of ten shillings per 220 pounds. The snap hook has a latch in the form of a sliding bolt, which is thrown by a small spiral spring of brass or bronzed wire, wholly concealed within the shank of the bolt. Recently some zealous inspectors have dissected one of these snaps, removed the bolt and discovered the hidden brass spring, which forms perhaps one-fourth of the whole weight of the article, whereupon the covert snap has been reclassified as brass goods, dutiable at 24 shillings per 220 pounds, which is said to be practically prohibitory in face of domestic competition.

**A Roman Station in England.**  
A most interesting memorial of the Roman occupation of England has been sold under the auctioneer's hammer. This is the Roman station of Amboglanna, the largest on the famous wall which marked the limit of the Roman province. After an existence of 1,800 years the walls of the station, five feet thick, are in a wonderful state of preservation. The gateways are noble specimens of Roman work. Some of the wedge-shaped stones in the arches are still to be seen on the ground. The interior of the camp is marked with lines of streets and the ruins of buildings. The estate which claimed this ancient memorial of the past was sold for £8,000.

**British America** is about 300,000 square miles greater than the United States.

The colored element constitutes in Virginia nearly one-third, or 32.7 per cent. of all males of voting age, and is comprised almost wholly of persons of negro descent.

**Gold in Oklahoma.**  
The Wichita Mountains run from east to west across the southern part of the Kiowa and Comanche country in Oklahoma. They are not over 2,000 feet high in any place, but are quite picturesque and rugged. Government experts have stated, after an examination, that gold and silver, also copper and oil, could be found in and around the mountains, but as to paying quantities they were uncertain. It is quite sure, from the manner in which prospectors are rushing into the hills, that something will happen soon. The excitement will either collapse or grow. A majority seem to think it will grow, and the storekeepers and stage lines are making ready for even a greater rush than now.

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**"WHAR DEW I CUM IN?"**  
(Being the Soliloquy of a Farmer on the Free Raw Sugar Question.)

"That's a mighty lot er talkin' about farmers 'n thar rights, 'N the wonderful prosperity that beet growin' invites. Thar's a heap er foolish crowin' 'n the 'beats' begin ter shout 'n holler for the Tariff ter keep free raw sugar out! But I notis that the beet-productin' farms are very few. An' the farmers through the country aint got much of it ter dew. The hull land aint a-rainin' beets, 'n aint goin' ter begin. Beet growin' right fer sum, I guess—but, whar dew I cum in?"

The farmer gits four dollars now fer every ton of beets—A handson price, I must allow—but hidin' sum deceits. Beet sugar manufacturere admit es they hev found. The "granulated" costs 'em sumthin' like two cents a pound. In fact that leaves a profit on them they'd greatly thrive—And—if it kin be sold fer three, why should we pay 'em FIVE? It seems ter me es thar's a game thar's mighty like a skin—But—if thar's any benefit—waa!—whar dew I cum in?"

When Uncle Sam's in want o' cash we're glad ter help him out, 'N we'll stand all the taxes that are needed, never doubt. But when his pocket-book's well lined an' nary cent he lacks, Et seems ter me his duty's ter repeal that sugar tax. Them fellers wot is interested sez its to protect The beet productin' farmers that they collect. But I guess het explanation es a little bit too thin—The sugar maker,—he's all right,—but—whar dew we cum in?"

Take off raw sugar duty an' the price will quickly fall. To everybody's benefit, fer sugar's used by all. The poor will bless the Government that placed it in thar reach—(n millions of our citizens free sugar now beech) The dealer 'll be delighted—less expenditure fer him—More demand 'n bigger profits—which at present are but slim. An' the farmer 'll be as well paid as he ever yet has ben—But he'll buy his sugar cheaper—thar's whar he an' 'll cum in.

Now, whar's the sense or reason of the sugar tax to-day, When our treasury's a-bulgin' an' we hev no debts ter pay? The duty on raw sugar's Fifty million every year—An' the people's got ter pay it,—thar's a fact that's very clear. Fifty million! Great Jerusha! Ter protect beet magnates, too, Why should they tax ALL the people—just ter help a scattered FEW And the FEW? Beet-sugar MAKERS! Don't it really seem a sin Thus ter help an' fill thar coffers? Whar dew you an' I cum in?"

The farmer growin' beets hes got a contract price fer years—Free raw sugar wouldn't hurt him, an' of it he hes no fears. But mebbe, like myself,—he's also growin' fruit so nice—Ter preserve it—at a profit—he needs sugar—at a price! The repealin' of the duty, surely cuts the price in two—The 'll make a mighty difference, neighbor, both ter me an' you! Let the sugar manufacturere make such profits as he kin—Ter him it may seem right enuff—but whar dew I cum in?"

An' I aint agoin' ter swaller all the argments they shout 'Tet the farmers need protection—an' must bar raw sugar out. Common sense is plainly showin' that the people in the land Want raw sugar free in future—an' its freedom will demand. 'Tis a tax no longer needed—hateful to the public view,—Taxin' millions of our people to enrich a favored few. They can't blid me any longer with the foolish yarns they spin—While they're busy making money—whar dew you an' I come in?"

I'm agoin' ter keep on hustlin', talkin', pleadin' with my friends,—Aint no sense in lettin' others gain thar selfish privet ends. I'm agoin' ter write termorow to my Congressman 'nd say 'Tet he oughter do his best ter kill that tax without delay! Fellow-farmers, do your utmost—whether you grow beets or not! To repeal the tax on sugar—you can but improve your lot! Cheaper sugar helps your pocket, greater blessings you can win—When we've three-cent granulated—that's whar you an' I cum in!"

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