

BIG PIE FACTORIES.

METHODS BY WHICH THEY HANDLE THEIR IMMENSE PRODUCT.

Tea to Fifteen Thousand Pies Made and Baked in a Night—The Crusts, the Filling and the Frosting—Absolute Cleanliness in the Shops.

A visit to one of the largest pie constructing plants in a city would make the average housewife who prides herself in her baking green with envy.

The baking force goes on duty at 10 o'clock at night. During the day girls have been piling and slicing apples and pumpkins, and the foreman has been spicing and sweetening the cooked fruit or mince, the custards and other prepared filling which have also been cooked by steam in large stone stew vats.

The pies, whether 10,000 or 15,000 a night are baked, are all filled by one man. With a long handled cup similar to that used in dipping milk from a can he stands over a tub of stewed pumpkin, mince or custard and fills pies so rapidly that all of one man's time is required to bring the trays to his side and that of another to take them away.

The top crust pies go to the draw-plate ovens and the pumpkins, custards, meringues and tarts to the older fashioned ovens, where they are handled with long, slender shovels. Out of the larger drawplate oven is pulled with a steel hook a plate of iron half an inch thick or more already heated.

The thermometer in front of the oven shows a temperature of 550 degrees. As many pies as will lie on this plate—about 100 at a time—are placed on it and it is pushed into the oven. The hands of a dummy clock at the side are set to indicate the moment at which the baking will be finished.

It was All Arranged. A London barrister used to tell of an instance that occurred in his own experience of trial by jury in Wales.

Carry brightness with you to the home. Worry should have no place under the roof that shelters your wife and children.—Maxwell's Talisman.

A WONDERFUL INSECT.

Gas Companies Not Wanted Here—The Cuckoo Flourishes.

Have you ever heard of the cuckoo? If you are one of those unfortunate who are in the habit of grumbling at gas bills you will wish that the place was swarming with cuckoos, so that the gas companies might be circumvented.

A small species of the same family is found in Florida and Texas. They have two luminous spots on the thorax and another on the abdomen.

Now, a theory formerly held was that these fireflies stored up light in the daytime for emission at night, as is done by the so-called luminous paint of calcium sulphide.

ODD NOTIONS OF WOMEN. Rosa Bonheur treasured a small lead image of St. Anthony of Padua as a lucky charm.

George Elliot was a slave to the influence of the hunchback and clubfooted man and did no literary work upon the day when she saw one.

Queen Victoria cherished a number of superstitions, and among them she believed that the removal of her wedding ring would surely bring calamity and that a pet Manx cat would bring good luck to the royal household.

Worth His Weight in Gold. The maharajah of Travancore was, on one occasion at least, worth his weight in gold, for he was weighed against a pure mass of the king of metals.

A Cruel Joke. Oswald, a witty and original Parisian, had a mania for practical joking.

The Pride of Profession. Soldiers, remarks the Kansas City Journal, are the only ones who really have pride in their profession.

Writes and Draws. Kippax—And who is your favorite author, Mrs. Softly?

Quite Different. Tess—So she has fallen in love with an English nobleman.

Dividing Her Weight. "Don't stand on that delicate table to hang the picture, Martha. It'll break. You're too heavy."

A Terrible Death Punishment.

In England, during the reign of Henry VIII, the public mind became greatly excited through several cases of poisoning, and parliament enacted a law making boiling to death the penalty.

A young woman named Margaret Davy was punished in a similar way on conviction of poisoning. The public were not satisfied as to her guilt, and, notwithstanding the comparatively slow travel of news in those days, the story of Margaret Davy's trial and punishment soon spread through the kingdom and aroused universal horror.

Consular Clerks. The law provides for thirteen consular clerks and fixes their pay for the first five years of service at \$1,000, but allows them actual expenses when traveling or serving in foreign lands, which is usually the case.

A French Drink. The French are noted for their delicate and delicious drinks.

Spinning an Egg. One of Lord Kelvin's favorite experiments while teaching natural philosophy at the University of Glasgow was to spin an egg which was suspended in the air.

Only an English Visitor. A showman who was on a tour through the Scotch highlands had the misfortune to lose a large gorilla which he left by the wayside not far from Pitlochry.

Telling a Horse's Age by Wrinkles. "The popular idea that the age of a horse can always be told by looking at his teeth," said a veterinary surgeon,

Shooting Stars. The shooting stars are small bodies, weighing at most a few pounds and consisting mainly of iron and carbon.

Mosquitoes and Strawberries. Mosquitoes and strawberries make a queer combination certainly, but that is what the people in the neighborhood of Mount St. Elias can boast of.

A Domestic Jar. "My brain is on fire!" tragically exclaimed Mrs. Bob as she threw herself down upon the sofa.

An Honest Ear Trade. "I'll have you arrested for making false representations. I bought that horse of you only because you told me he had a record."

Method is like packing things in a box. A good packer will get in half as much again as a bad one.—Cecil.

NOT A CLAPTRAPPER.

An Incident of Alexander Salvini's First Stage Appearance.

Tommaso Salvini, the great actor, although he gave every assistance to his son when he had proved his ability on the stage, was averse at first to his becoming an actor and would not help him to obtain a hearing.

"What's that?" demanded young Alessandro at once, "Clap is so," he struck his hands together. "Trap is for rats. What, then, is claptrap?"

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In Doubt. "He's bald, I believe?" "Yes."

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