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The Colfax Bookplate TOMATO ASPIC OR

By AGNES MILLER

SYNOPSIS

On a certain Monday morning Miss Constance Fuller, seller of rare books at Darrow's Book-shop, New York, notices that the shop, New York, notices that the first customer is a dignified old gentleman, who saunters into the alcove placarded "Medical Works." Peter Burton, one of the employees, amazes Constance by telling her he paid \$510 at auction for an old law book con-taining a Colfax bookplate. Sud-denly a girl's shriek of "Mur-der." rings out. The elderly cus-tomer is on the floor unconscious, with his right wrist slashed. tomer is on the floor unconscious, with his right wrist slashed. Just before the shrieking girl falls in a faint, she calls out to Peter: "Keep it! Keep it for me!" Peter's sister, Nancy, be-gaa that morning working at Darrow's. Nancy tells Constance of her elopement which was cut short when Tower attempted to make off with Nancy's suit-case. Constance explains Dar-row's card-index system to Cap-tain Ashland, a nephew of Mr. Darrow's. They examine the book Peter paid \$510 for and find the bookplate to be a forgery. Constance is asked to assist De-tective Aimy in his investigation of the murder of the elderly gen-tleman. The girl who fainted. Julia Grosvenor, turns out to be his granddaughter. She can his granddaughter. She can throw no light on the mystery. Constance removes the bookplate from the old law book and dis-covers a small key secreted in a hollow on the cover. She makes other discoveries, too.

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"That's good," said he. "By the way, Mr. Darrow went up to his Westchester place last night for the weekend, instead of tonight as usual, and won't be here until Monday. He's entertaining Captain Ashland. So have no fears that you'll be checked up in the middle of the catalogue."

So the head of the house was gone; and Captain Ashland, excellent creature, was gone; and Peter, fundamentally sound and always set to go off. despite his imperfect nature, was Were there no righteous men gone. left? Where was Mr. Roberts? I was to learn. Just as Mr. Case

breathed his glad tidings into my ear. Miss Wilkes entered. "You look dreadfully tired, dear,"

she remarked, stopping at my desk, though I was sure I was not the attraction. "What a shame you have such a rush with the catalogue! Outrageous, I call it, for printers to think of striking. I wonder what working men are coming to, sometimes, don't you, Mr. Case? Gracious, you look dreadfully tired, yourself !"

"Sometimes 1 wonder what we're all coming to," responded Mr. Case, with plaintive restraint. "That really puts it much better!

By the way, how did little Miss Burton get along last evening, Miss Fuller? I was sorry I was unable to send you one of my more experienced girls.

"I couldn't have wanted anyone better," said L,

"I am glad to hear she filled in acceptably in the emergency," declared Miss Wilkes, very crossly, "because I must speak to Mr. Roberts about her today. Tomorrow her first week will he up, and to me she hardly seems to be the material one makes a stenographer out of."

"I agree with you," said I; "she'll

WNU Service desk, and I'll bring it to you directly. | emotions on seeing it. I know my

have always thought it would be

rather pleasant to be a curator of

such objects in the National museum

What Shall We Do?"

tial executive here!" boomed the af-

fronted Miss Wilkes. "Mr. Darrow

would let me have it in a minute!"

"But he's not here."

I knew that only too well. I said:

was to arrange with the printer for a

necessary delay in delivering the copy:

been in the business fifty-four years

If you don't want to wait." cousin will buy it at the first possible It was a safe bet that no man alive instant." would want to wait for anything. "But-" When Mr. Case had gone, with shak-"And I, Miss Fuller, would be in-

ing hands I grabbed my paste-brush finitely indebted to you. My cousin and stuck the bookplate on lightly Magistrate Juddes and I have all our over the key, pressing it down until it lives been like brother and sister. His presented exactly its original appearwife and I have been as one sister ance. Then I took it to Mr. Case, and with another. I wish to see them told him I still had to write the noprosper, with all my heart. They extices for book and plate as Mr. Darpect to entertain lavishly in Washingrow had ordered. He said he would ton next winter, and I may confide to return the book in plenty of time for you, Miss Fuller, that it is my ambithat. tion to get a connection in Washing-

Back at my desk in a perfectly diston; life there is so pleasant. I should tracted condition, I was not reassured be glad to return this favor to you by feeling a rhythmical swaying in the some time in a useful way." atmosphere, and perceiving Miss Having from childhood had an in-Wilkes bearing down on me. tense interest in fossil vertebrates, I

"I'd never have interrupted, dear, II I'd known you were still doing that catalogue!" she cooed. "Mercy, it does take you a long time, doesn't it?

especially if I could do some intrigu-. Well, if you insist. Yes, dear, you can help me. Such trouble as 1 ing on the side with a handsome young Arvenian diplomat every afteram in! You see, my cousin Magistrate noon at a tea-dance. But my sense of Juddes-you've heard of him, of course?'

"Oh, yes!" I had. Nancy had brought him to my attention for the first time the previous afternoon.

"Well, he saw that a certain old law book-Clarihew's 'Notes,' I think they call it-was bought for us in Richmond last week. You know it, do Well, he wants to buy it, right you? away, and without fail. This morning he sent me this check for two bundollars-" she produced one dred drawn on a perfectly good bank, and signed Wilmer Ponsonby Juddes-"so I might get it for him at once."

"No price has been set on it yet," I remarked. "You'll have to ask Mr. Case about 4t."

"Why, I did, dear. But Mr. Case says he has no orders from Mr. Darrow, and Mr. Darrow won't be here until Monday, so what am I to do?" "I don't see that anything's your fault," said I, profoundly weary. "Anyhow, Mr. Darrow's last orders are that the book is to be advertised in this catalogue. Too bad, but your cousir

will just have to take his chance with other customers.' "But you see," pursued Miss Wilkes, 'Clarihew's 'Notes'; Good Heavens,

"I gave him my word Wednesday that would try to see about the book duty was such that I passed up the next day. I sent down an inquiry about it to Mr. Case by that trouble chance without a quiver, firmly consome rattlepated little Miss Burton vinced that this new Virginian must be a further sort of Caucasian in the woodpile. "Miss Wilkes," I said more yesterday afternoon, and this morning she tells be she overlooked giving the message. I am most dreadfully put firmly than sweetly, "what authority out by her stupidity, for if she had have I to give you that book?" delivered the message, Mr. Case could "Why, I'm a responsible, confiden-

easily have asked Mr. Darrow to fix the price, and I am sure two hundred would have put a reserve on it, anyway." Gracious powers! Mr. Darrow would

have wept hot salt tears on the "You refuse to entrust it temlearned neck of Magistrate Juddes for porarily to me, to show a prospective far less than that sum! customer who has made a heavy de-I had no time to gape again at

posit as evidence of good faith?" Nancy's curious conduct, for Miss "Right," said I, succinctly. Wilkes added plaintively: "Miss Fuller, this is nothing but "And so I'm in a quandary! My spite of long standing; nothing but ousin Magistrate Juddes is entertainyour everlasting conceit !" ing Congressman Sturgis in his home She was gone, mortally offended, as here over this week-end! Now, what the climax to a record morning. Had

do you suppose would be just the thing L, after all, lost a good sale? How would I explain . . . anything . . . to . . Fifth ave-Mr. Darrow? I certainly had not fin-

The bookplate was exactly as 1 bad placed it. I took it off again in trepidation. The key was in its hiding place. I locked book, bookplate, and key again in the drawer of the desk just as the clock struck twelve. Luncheon would again be sandwiches and coffee for me

So I seized the chance to work without interruption for the first time that day, and at last, as the hands of the clock reached two, and Mr. Gregory's boy arrived to sit on a stud and inspect me disparagingly while I put on the final touches, I finished the catalogue copy. Claribew's "Notes on Medical Statutes in the Virginia Code was described as one of very few known copies, in excellent condition, some leaves uncut, of rare interest to collectors of Virginiana; and, after my nocturnal researches, I had even thought of something to say about the bookplate. "Clever counterfeit of unidentified Colfax plate, presumed lost," announced the notice. "Shows interior of surgery of early Nineteenth century, featuring interesting scientific in-

struments; charming seascape in background. Nameless; no date. Unique." The catalogue had gone in the arms

of the boy, and I felt as if my luck was beginning to turn at last, when this feeling was confirmed by the sight of Mr. Roberts approaching on the sidewalk. I snatched the keys out of my purse in the front drawer of the if the mixture is not tart enough, add desk, unlocked the lowest left-hand a little lemon juice or vinegar. Pour drawer, opened it, and slipped my into wet custard cups and place in hand under some papers to take out the law book. Suddenly my heart stood still. I threw the papers on the door, looked, looked again. Then I fell back in my chair, and gasped frantically as Mr. Roberts flung the

"It's gone!" "What's gone " "Clarihew's 'Notes'! Good Heavens. what shall we do?" Mr. Roberts demanded an explana-

door open:

ion, I stared mutely in desperation at the floor, and wondered if 1 could ¹²/₂ cup fine stale really wait until five o'clock to have bysteries in decent privace. Then 1 1 ths. flour hysterics in decent privacy. Then 1 found myself in his office. I poured out my soul about Miss Wilkes, for ft was she who I felt sure first had taken the book.

"How did she know where it was? How did she get your keys and unlock the drawer?" demanded Mr. Roberts, dashing my theory to pieces on the rocks of good sense.

torted. But he said she wasn't smart enough. at least, whoever had been, and I felt

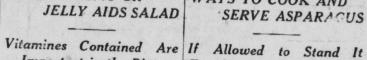
laughed about Magistrate Juddes, and said he had heard of his political ambitions.

"Still, Mr. Roberts," I insisted. "there's another reason why she might want it-why everybody that's been trying for that book might want it! I

"All night! What did you find?" "You remember that counterfeit bookplate?" I began. He nodded. "Well, in accordance with Mr. Darow's orders, I removed it; and be-

"A key! In the cover! Let's see it."

found something else. On Tuesday morning I was working in the history alcove; I found this paper there. It ished the catalogue. And for what fell out of a book that was on a shelf." purpose had I lent the Clarihew to The next number on the program



WAYS TO COOK AND

(Pre ared by the United States Depa

as soon as possible after it is cut. It

Asparagus is cooked in slightly salt-

The cooking time of fresh tender

young stalks cut up in this way may

be only five to ten minutes, according

to the United States Department of

Agriculture; twenty to twenty-five

minutes' cooking at most should be

Season the cooked asparagus with

salt, pepper, butter and a little cream

enough.

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Important in the Diet.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) On many places fresh tomatoes are not obtainable during the spring. The flavor of tomato, however, is so ac- toughens and loses flavor very rapidly ceptable in salad, and the vitamines if allowed to stand. To prepare it for contained even in canned tomatoes cooking trim off any tough ends, brush are so important in the diet, that an carefully, and scrape off the larger attractive way of serving tomato in scales. Wash so as to remove all sand a salad has been evolved. A jelly is and particles of earth which may have made from the canned tomato juice. lodged under the scales. Fresh, ten-While no other flavor need be used. der, home-grown asparagus does not a particularly good aspic is made by need scraping. molding other vegetables, cut up in small pieces, in the tomato juice. Here ed water whole, or cut up in inch is the recipe, from the bureau of lengths. The pieces may be left whole.

 1½ envelopes, or \$ tsp. gelatin
1 quart canned tomatoes
1 tbs. finely chopped green pepper
2 tbs. finely chopped celery
1 tbs. finely chopped parsley
1 cup very finely shredded cabbage
1½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. onion fuice 1/2 tsp. onion 1/2 tsp. sugar tsp. onion juice

ome economics:

Soak the gelatin in a small amount if you have it. Let it stand in a warm of water. Boil the tomatoes for five place for a few minutes and minutes, and strain through a fine serve, either alone or on toast. Holsieve to remove the seeds. Pour the landaise o white sauce may accom hot tomato juice over the gelatin and stir until it is dissolved. Add the salt and the sugar and chill. When the gelatin mixture is partly set, add the finely shredded vegetables and mix well. Add more salt, if needed. Also the cold until set. Turn these molds out on crisp lettuce leaves and serve with mayonnaise.

Making Delicate Dessert

Flavored With Chocolate A delicate dessert flavored with locolate can be made in the following way, according to the bureau of me economics:

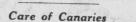
> 4 eggs ½ tsp. vanilla 1½ squares choc olate, unsweetened.

milk, and stir over heat until thickened. Melt the chocolate over steam and add to the cream sauce, with the salt, bread crumbs, sugar, and well beaten egg yolks. Beat well. Fold in the well beaten whites of the eggs Pour into a greased pudding dish and bake in a moderate oven (325 degrees Fahrenheit) for one hour or until well set in the middle. Serve hot with

often desirable at the beginning bureau of home economics will give

Tomato Bouillon.

1/2 tsp. p-corns 1/4 cup tarragon vinegar 1 tsp. salt penper 1/2 tsp. peppercups meat broth stalks celery onion small green pep-¹/₈ tsp. pepp 1 tbs. butter





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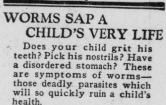
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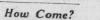
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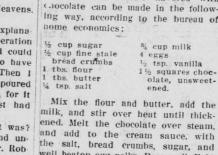
Pictures on Windows

Members of an art colony in Boston some cooked can be used in many ways some of their windows attractive, says and should be saved. It makes a de Popular Mechanics Magazine. Instead and should be saved. It makes a determined requirement of having to wash the glass constant-licitus soup when seasoned, with a of having to wash the glass constant-little cream or milk added. This may by they merely use a paint brush now he hickened or not. as preferred and then, for the panes are covered Asparagus stock is an improvement with decorative designs of wide vaso soups made from other vegetable riety and color. The plan is especialjuices, such as tomato, onion, or cel-iy well suited for windows that are not greatly needed to admit light, and chicken soup, and can be made into a even painting the glass does not shut good sauce to use with left-over as- out all the illumination, as there are open spaces in the designs.



If an efficiency expert can show a pickle manufacturer how to make his business double its earnings, then why doesn't be go into that line himself?

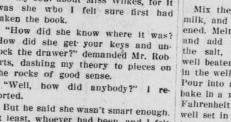
Everything comes to the man who waits-and the bill collector heads the



Put tomato

sat up all night finding it out !"

neath it, Mr. Roberts, sunk into the cover of the book, I discovered a tiny, old-fashioned key!"



a shade better, especially when he

"It's gone, with the book. And I

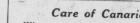
hard sauce or whipped cream.

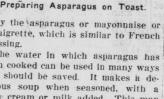
Bouillon Desirable at

Beginning of a Dinner A bouillon, or clear soup, is very a formal or rather hearty dinner. It must be carefully seasoned to be a: its best. These directions from the

good results: 2 quarts canned

3 cloves





Preparing Asparagus on Toast. pany the asparagus or mayonnaise or inaigrette, which is similar to French iressing. The water in which asparagus has have solved the question of keeping

paragus in making other dishes. Cooked asparagus may be used in naking scalloped dishes, croquettes, fritters, vegetable loaf, timbales, or added to almost any soup, stew, or vegetable salad. Vegetable combinations are increasingl- popular, and such dishes as cut-up cooked asparagus with new diced creamed potatoes, or with peas, give variety to the menu, and make profitable use of procession.

small amounts of each vegetable.

go much further." Mr. Case rushed courageously be-

tween the flashing rapiers. "I don't know whether Mr. Roberts will be here foday. He's off som where on business for Mr. Darrow who's in the country."

I was stunned, but worse was to come, and at once.

"Oh, Mr. Case," said Miss Wilkes. "what about my cousin, Magistrate Juddes, getting that book?"

"I beg pardon?" murmured Mr. Case: not unnaturally bewildered.

And there was the book right on the desk! There was one way to save the situation-by foolhardiness. Before any explanation could be begun. bounded to my feet and hurled myself on two young damsels who were entering 'he shop truculently, 'at

critical hour, five minutes of ninc. On their feet were black satin strappumps with rhinestone side-buckles from their coats peeped forth the school middy; each bore in one hand a brief-case, but in the other a brown paper parcel all pinned up. It was Friday. Truculence equaled shyness, slippers plus Friday equaled dance. brown paper minus pins equaled partyfrocks. I swiftly steered the pair down the aisle to the table where etiquette books were on display. While they were selecting one I observed my desk. Miss Wilkes and Mr. Case.

They talked until the girl friends had hastened on to school to cram for the dance. Then Miss Wilkes vanished upward, still talking; Mr. Case disappeared toward his office; and thrust that finx of a book back into the lowest left-hand drawer of the desk, with both haste and reluctance. But I could not well ask to have the safe opened in Mr. Roberts' absence without arousing curiosity. Several sections of the catalogue had been nicely ginned, unpinned.

pasted and pulled spart again, when Mr. Case walked calmly up the aisle. "May'l see that Claribey for a min-

nte, please?" be asked. "Certainly," said I. "right away, as

soon as I paste this page. I can't let

"Stock exchange Grant's tomb . . . Peacock alley Mr. Case, who still had it? Wilkes gasped as if I had laid down my hand on the Ark. "My dear Miss Fuller! You don't know who Congressman Sturgis is! a flery ordeal, for Mr. Gregory had He is a Sturgis of Sturgis in Sturgis ounty-"Virginia !" I shrieked in despera

itics.

out of his total of sixty-eight, and seemed to think he knew something ion, hitting my faithful desk an unabout it. After he had said six or called-for whack. "For Pete's sake" seven times that the catalogue couldn't Don't tell me !" Miss Wilkes looked be printed at all unless the copy was considerably astonished, and I didn't ready by noon; and I had countered plame her, for the effect on my nerves with the statement that three o'clock of learning that another representawas the first minute he could expect tive from the Mother of Presidents it; we agreed on two o'clock. As I was trailing that lawbook must have rang off, Mr." Dibdin brought me the been a sight to see. I apologized. "] law book, with which, he said. Mr. see I'm right. I just have indigestion. Case had finished. -Do go on, Miss Wilkes; I love pol-

"So does my cousin Magistrate Juddes," simpered Miss Wilkes. "Here's the secret, dear. He's running for congress, you know, in the One Hundred and Forty-Ninth district. Election's coming, and the One Hundred and Forty-Ninth district is al-Archimedes, Ericsson and Edison, have been credited with more than ways uncertain and the national committee of my cousin Magistrate Juddes' party is taking special pains to win it have equaled them in genius, but not this time. Of course you don't know in luck. So, leaving aside these three t, but Congressman Sturgis has great "great inventors," let us take up the influence on this committee. And the inventors" who did everything else. curious thing is, he is the great-greatand later the question of who were. lephew of the Clarihew who wrote really great inventors. the 'Notes.' Now, you know how much Wh invented the telegraph? Any Southerners think of family-"

American who has been through the "I do." t observed. "And so your eighth grade knows that it was Morse cousin Magistrate Juddes believes that and Vail, in 1844. But there was an this unique family memento should English commercial line seven years be restored to Congressman Sturgis earlier, and the German credit the after generations of absence?" telegrap' to Sommering, of Munich, "How well you put it, dear! Now.

in 1809, and in Switzerland there was do you see how you can help me? will be personally absolutely responsible for that book if you will le Chinese Society take it over the week-end. I'll de-The English translation of Kuomingposit the check here as a guarantee tang, mentioned so frequently as opof good faith, and bring the book back

erating in China, is as follows: Kuo without fall Monday. 1 will explain means country, min means people and all the circumstances to my cousin. tang or tong means association. The Magistrate Juddes, and he will handle

whole word is interpreted: Associathe matter suitably. Perhaps it might tion to bring the country into the even be more delicate to present the go of it, you see. The book's in my book after Mr. Sturgis had shown his is half patriotic, half political. hands of the people. The association

I produced the yellow slip. Mr. Roberts frowned in amazement to recogutes. nize his own message returned to him thus strangely, and so battered.

"I had thrown that into the wastebasket Monday morning," I continued. "Professor Harrington had picked it of bouillon. out to write on it a list of books be wanted; it's still on the back. I was naturally quite surprised to come across it again as I have described. So I stuck it into my pocket. I have been so busy that I didn't think of it again until last night, when my attention was called to it while I was removing the bookplate." "In what way?"

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Matter of Invention Subject to Dispute

Among all the inventors of whom | an electric telegraph in 1774, and one

popular nistory tells, only three, was proposed in Scotland in 1753. The matter becomes rather confusing for the eighth grade. Who inventone important invention. Others may ed the friction match? There are so many claimants that we don't know who invented it.

Who devised the aneroid barometer? fibers which become somewhat stringy In Paris in 1848 two men, Vidi and unless cooked and carved in the right Bourdon, each claimed it, with appar- way. Flank steak, however, is eco- places with clean string. It should nical, for there is no bone and cided for each of them. But 152 ; ears other waste material. Like others earlier the philosopher, Leibniz, had among the less tender cuts, it can suggested such a barometer, describ- be made into an attractive and deliing it exactly .- Scientific Monthly. cious dish when one knows how.

The general method of cooking any A Clean Mug of the less tender cuts differs from Agnes, five years old, a little ons old about in "Children," had been the method for tender cuts. Heat,

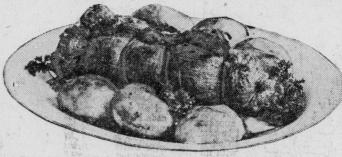
her mother told her to wash her face and hands, she replied, "All right, ture is first seared and then cooked mamna, I'll wash my hands, but I've slowly in a tightly covered vessel unwashed my face once and I baven't til the meat is tender. used it since." The ingredients for stuffed flank are

Peanut's Kinship aomice: The peanut is the fruit of a spread-

ing herb which belongs to the same order of plants as the bean and the pea.

t, and stock in a When canaries do not thrive well, saucepan and add the vegetables, cut or during molting time or the breeding in small pieces, removing the seeds season, special food may be neces from the pepper. Bring to the boiling sary. If they cease to sing, prepared point, then simmer for fifteen min-"song restorers" are sometimes given. Strain through a thick layer The United States Department of Agof cheesecloth, add the tarragon riculture furnishes information as to vinegar and the butter. Reheat and how to handle the birds under various serve. Place thin slices of lemon with abnormal conditions, in Farmers' Bulchopped parsley on top in each cup letin 1327, "Canaries: Their Care and Management," which is free.

STUFFED FLANK STEAK MADE DELICIOUS



Flank Steak Can Be Made Into Savory Dish.

(Prepared by the United States Department | Wipe the meat with a damp cloth. A flank steak is one of the less tender

For the stuffing, brown the celery cuts of meat, since it has long muscle and the onion lightly over the steak. Beginning at one side, roll it up like a jelly roll and tie securely in several be rolled lengthwise so that when carved in slices the meat will be cut across the grain. Sear the roll in a small quantity of fat in a baking pan on top of the stove, turning the meat frequently until browned on all sides. Cover closely, place the meat in Agnes, hve years old, a little ons told about in "Children," had been called from play to breakfast. When steak stuffed with well-seasoned mixpan and prepare gravy as follows; Drain off the fat. For each cupfu' of gravy desired, measure 2 tablespoon fuls of fat and return to the pan, add

11/2 to 2 tablespoonfuls of flour and given by the bureau of home ecostir until well blended and slightly browned. Then add 1 cupful of cold Flank steak 1 onion, mineed 1½ cups stale bread ½ cup chopped crumbs celery 1 tsp. salt 2 tbs. butter ½ tsp pepper water or milk and stir until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Serve the stuffed steak with browned potatoes.



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