

The Colfax Bookplate
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SYNOPSIS

On a certain Monday morning Miss Constance Fuller, seller of rare books...

CHAPTER VIII—Continued

"That's good," said he. "By the way, Mr. Darrow went up to his Westchester place last night for the week-end..."

desk, and I'll bring it to you directly. If you don't want to wait..."

Back at my desk in a perfectly distracted condition, I was not reassured by feeling a rhythmical swaying in the atmosphere...

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

"But you see," pursued Miss Wilkes, "I gave him my word Wednesday that I would try to see about the book next day..."

"Gracious powers! Mr. Darrow would have wept but salt tears on the learned neck of Magistrate Juddes for far less than that sum!"

"I had no time to gape again at Nancy's curious conduct, for Miss Wilkes added plaintively: 'And so I'm in a quandary! My cousin Magistrate Juddes is entertaining Congressman Sturgis in his home here over this week-end! Now, what do you suppose would be just the thing to do for him?'"

"Stock exchange... Fifth avenue... Grant's tomb... Peacock alley... Follies... supper in Chinatown..."

"My dear Miss Fuller! You don't know who Congressman Sturgis is! He is a Sturgis of Sturgis in Sturgis country..."

emotions on seeing it. I know my cousin will buy it at the first possible instant..."

"And I, Miss Fuller, would be infinitely indebted to you. My cousin Magistrate Juddes and I have all our lives been like brother and sister..."

"Having from childhood had an intense interest in fossil vertebrates, I have always thought it would be rather pleasant to be a curator of such objects in the National museum..."

"It's gone!" "What's gone?" "Clarhew's 'Notes'! Good Heavens, what shall we do?"

"Mr. Roberts demanded an explanation. I stared mutely in desperation at the floor, and wondered if I could really wait until five o'clock to have hysterics in decent privacy..."

"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!"

"You remember that counterfeit bookplate?" I began. He nodded. "Well, in accordance with Mr. Darrow's orders, I removed it, and beneath it, Mr. Roberts, sunk into the cover of the book, I discovered a tiny, old-fashioned key!"

"A key! In the cover! Let's see it!" "It's gone, with the book. And I found something else. On Tuesday morning I was working in the dust-pan; I found this paper there. It fell out of a book that was on a shelf..."

The bookplate was exactly as I had placed it. I took it off again in trepidation. The key was in his hiding place. I locked book, bookplate, and key again in the drawer of the desk just as the clock struck twelve...

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 stool and inspect me disparagingly while I put on the final touches...

"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..."

"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.

"Well, how did anybody?" I retorted. "But he said she wasn't smart enough, at least, to have had been, and I felt a shade better, especially when he laughed about Magistrate Juddes, and said he had heard of his political ambitions..."

"I produced the yellow slip; Mr. Roberts frowned in amazement to recognize his own message returned to him so strangely, and so battered. 'I had thought that into the wastebasket Monday morning,' I continued. 'Professor Harrington had picked it out to write on it a list of books he 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?" (TO BE CONTINUED)



"Clarhew's 'Notes'; Good Heavens, What Shall We Do?"

TOMATO ASPIC OR JELLY AIDS SALAD

Vitamines Contained Are Important in the Diet.

On many places fresh tomatoes are not obtainable during the spring. The flavor of tomato, however, is so acceptable in salad, and the vitamins contained even in canned tomatoes are so important in the diet, that an attractive way of serving tomato is made from other flavor...

- 1 1/2 envelopes, or 3 tsp. gelatin
1 quart canned tomatoes
1 lb. finely chopped green pepper
1 lb. finely chopped celery
1 lb. finely chopped parsley
1 cup very finely shredded cabbage
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. lemon juice
1/2 tsp. sugar

Soak the gelatin in a small amount of water. Boil the tomatoes for five minutes, and strain through a fine sieve to remove the seeds...

Making Delicate Dessert Flavored With Chocolate

A delicate dessert flavored with chocolate can be made in the following way, according to the bureau of home economics:

- 1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup fine state bread crumbs
1 tbs. flour
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup milk
4 eggs
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 squares chocolate, unsweetened
1/2 tsp. butter

Mix the flour and butter, add the 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...

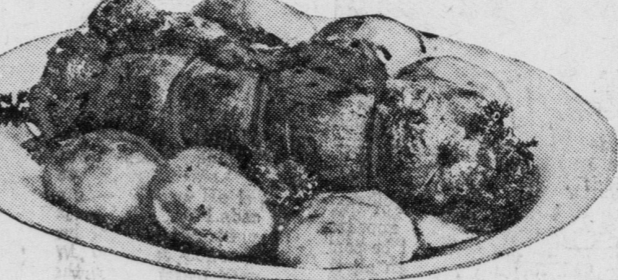
Bouillon Desirable at Beginning of a Dinner

A bouillon, or clear soup, is very often desirable at the beginning of a formal or rather hearty dinner. It must be carefully seasoned to be at its best. These directions from the bureau of home economics will give good results:

- Tomato Bouillon: 2 quarts canned tomatoes, 2 cups meat broth, 4 carrots, 6 stalks celery, 1 onion, 1 small green pepper, 3 cloves, 1/2 tsp. pepper, 1/2 cup corn, 1/4 cup tarragon vinegar, 1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, 1 tbs. butter

Put tomatoes, salt, and stock in a saucepan and add the vegetables, cut in small pieces, removing the seeds from the pepper. Bring to the boiling point, then simmer for fifteen minutes. Strain through a thick layer of cheesecloth, add the tarragon vinegar and the butter. Reheat and serve. Place thin slices of lemon with chopped parsley on top in each cup of bouillon.

STUFFED FLANK STEAK MADE DELICIOUS



Flank Steak Can Be Made Into Savory Dish.

A flank steak is one of the tenderest cuts of meat, since it has long muscle fibers which become somewhat stringy unless cooked and carved in the right way...

- Flank steak
1 1/2 cups stale bread crumbs
1 tbs. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 onion, minced
3/4 cup chopped celery
1/2 tsp. butter

WAYS TO COOK AND SERVE ASPARAGUS

If Allowed to Stand It Toughens and Loses Flavor.

Asparagus should always be cooked as soon as possible after it is cut. It toughens and loses flavor very rapidly if allowed to stand...

Asparagus is cooked in slightly salted water whole, or cut up in inch lengths. The pieces may be left whole. The cooking time of fresh tender young stalks cut up in this way may be only five to ten minutes...

Season the cooked asparagus with salt, pepper, butter and a little cream if you have it. Let it stand in a warm place for a few minutes and then serve, either alone or on toast...



Preparing Asparagus on Toast.

pany the asparagus or mayonnaise or vinaigrette, which is similar to French dressing. The water in which asparagus has been cooked can be used in many ways and should be saved...

Cooked asparagus may be used in making scalloped dishes, croquettes, fritters, vegetable loaf, stew, or added to almost any soup, sals, or vegetable salad...

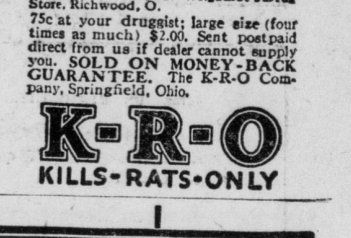
Care of Canaries

When canaries do not thrive well, or during molting time or the breeding season, special food may be necessary. If they cease to sing, prepared "song restorers" are sometimes given...



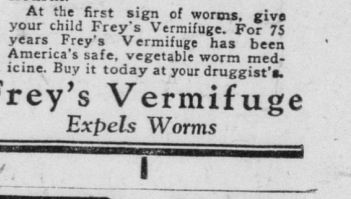
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