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The Americans are a coffee-drinking people. The last fiscal year the value of coffee imported into the United States exceeded the value of any other single article, amounting to a total of \$96,130,717. Ordinarily sugar stands at the head of the list of imports, but the excessive importations of sugar in 1904 in anticipation of the tax imposed by the tariff cut importations down from \$128,808,882 in 1904 to \$77,788,727 in 1905. During the current fiscal year a large increase in the revenue may be anticipated from increased receipts from sugar duties.

The Unforeseen.
If we could only foresee, what misery might be prevented. One of the many chroniclers of events in the life of Napoleon says he lost Waterloo from a pain in his back, being unfitted thereby for personal direction of the battle. It is always the unexpected that mars the best anticipations, and thus so many business men, laboring men or women, pined for success, are taken down suddenly. Nothing comes more suddenly than an attack of lumbago, to stiffen or twist the muscles of the spine and lay one up. In ten minutes, however, St. Jacobs Oil will cure the soreness and stiffness and make the back supple and strong. If Napoleon could have had this great remedy at the right time, he would have changed, perhaps, the map of the whole of Europe.

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BENEATH THE LIGHT.

A bit of rock, in a silent sea. A lonely spot it seems to me; And yet two hearts are beating there, And happier hearts you'll find nowhere Than in this tower across the wave, Whose base the rippling waters lave.

A bit of rock, in an angry sea, An awful spot it seemed to me; And yet you tower, tempest tossed, A shelter makes, where all is lost Beside the confidence of love In all on earth, and all above.

A bit of rock, and a light atop, Which flashes forth, as the shadows drop; The smallest place in the world it seems, Yet full of hopes and full of dreams; As any place more proudly best; For two, this tower-home is best.

—Walter Francis Knorr, in Boston Journal.

THE EARL'S DAUGHTER.

BY WILLIAM FIGOTT.
HEN the battle of Naseby had been fought and lost I felt that the cause of my liege the King was lost too. After the battle I had been chased, hither and thither by flying squadrons of cavalry, but always managing to elude their grasp, and I found myself when night came down at a little distance from the scene of the conflict.

Presently I espied, with no small satisfaction, a bright ray of light issuing from the trees in front of me. As I approached I saw that it proceeded from the window of a low thatched cottage, which, to a man dejected and weary in body and mind, was a pleasing and most comfortable sight.

I had occasion to rap twice before the door was opened by a wizened old woman with a kindly face. Intrembling voice she inquired my name and business.

"My name, good dame," I answered, "is of little consequence. I am a Captain in His Majesty's Sixth Regiment of horse, and I crave food and rest."

"Nay, I pray you, sir, to go away," replied the old crone, whose fear had become the more manifest as I spoke. "The rebels are encamped not a league away. I dare not let ye in. I have all the heart, kind sir, but I dare not."

"Nay, let him enter, good mother," said a sweet voice behind her. "If he is for the King he is a friend."

The old woman, as I entered, was bending over a large iron pot which was seething on the fire, and from which proceeded the savory smell I had before noticed. Beside her, on a low wooden stool, was seated a maiden of such exquisite beauty that, looking at her, I remembered no longer my hunger but only the disorder of my attire.

She was dressed in peasant's costume, but the softness of her skin, the whiteness of her hands, the grace of her bearing, all told me it was no peasant I gazed upon.

So I took out a pocket comb and small hand mirror I carried with me, and going toward the candle endeavored to remedy to some extent the defects in my appearance.

"I perceive, sir," she said, "that you belong to the court."

"It is true, madam, that I have the honor and privilege to attend upon His Majesty. May I, in turn, be pardoned for saying that I discern you are not such as it would seem you desire to appear?"

"Nay, sirrah, I am a peasant, as you perceive."

"This I did not believe, nor could I be wholly sure that she wished to be believed."

The old woman placed the savory mess upon the table, accompanying the action with many apologies for the homeliness of the fare, which, in truth, were unnecessary, for I set to with a will and never found a king's banquet more to my taste.

Taking the rush light which the old woman proffered, I started wearily to mount a ladder, and soon was sound asleep in a room above.

I was awakened after what seemed a few minutes by the sound of men's voices in the room below, and, filled with apprehension, I crept quietly to the trap door and partly raised the lid. A burly, red-faced Sergeant and two troopers, all dressed in the rebel uniform, had entered the house and were engaged in a lively conversation with the old woman who had shown me kindness.

"I tell ye," she was saying, "there's none that ye seek in here."

"This gives you the lie, old woman," said the Sergeant, and with a sneer he dug his sword into a cloak which I, with a sad lack of forethought, had left to lie upon the bench, and held it up on the point. "This is no raiment of a servant of the Lord."

The Sergeant took a step in the direction of the ladder, but the young maiden, who until that moment had remained seated, rose majestically and barred his way.

"Stay!" she cried. "You have no right to enter to search this dwelling, poor though it be, except this old dame bid you. Wherefore, then, do ye come? You have conquered in the combat, you have killed and captured many thousands of the King's brave men—why seek ye more?"

"By my faith," he said, with a smirk, "a comely damsel! and such a one, it seems, as the Lord reserves for His own touch!" and with that he would have eluded her face.

But the blood rushed hot to my cheek at the thought of the indignity, and drawing my sword, I made short work of the ladder and appeared pell mell in the midst of them.

Parrying a fierce blow which the foremost trooper dealt at me, I got under his guard and passed my blade through his right lung.

As the man fell his two comrades dropped back and I had an instant to look around.

Presently, recovering something of their lost courage, the two men again approached, but this time with less fury and more method. For some moments there was the ring of steel against steel as we struck and parried, neither being able to obtain the mastery, while ever and anon, at a fiercer blow, bright sparks shot forth from the meeting blades.

At length, with a swift and sudden upward stroke, I deprived my opponent of his weapon. It flew from his hand and fell with a clink and a jangle upon the stone floor.

It seemed, however, that the blow was likely to cost me dear, for in striking I stumbled over the body of the fallen trooper, and in a trice the Sergeant was upon me with flashing sword. Instead of a death thrust, however, a most astonishing and somewhat ludicrous thing came to pass, for I found a most useful ally in the brave lady who had displayed so much interest in the struggle. She seized the pot that was seething on the fire, and with a quick movement poured the whole of the scalding contents into the face of the Sergeant.

He turned on his heel and, followed by the disarmed trooper, went rapidly from the house, using as he did so many ungodly words, such as I trow he had never found in his prayer book.

"Sir, I pray you lose not a moment, but depart forthwith, for I fear me you Sergeant will most surely return."

"Nay, fair lady," I answered, "I depart not alone; for, if I mistake not, this same fellow went off in a worse humor at thy greeting than at mine."

"Most valiant gentleman," she said, "I will tell you who I am and whence I come, and why you find me here. I am the daughter of the Earl of Morvale, whose purpose it was to give me in marriage to a certain courtier of the King, a man I had never seen, and who I did not doubt was devotedly solely to puffs and frills and such things as are becoming only to women—that kind of man, indeed, which in my injustice I did at first conceive you yourself to be. I left his roof to seek that of my mother's sister, who lives on the border of the County Worcester, until such time as his humor should have changed. Then the troubles broke out in this quarter, so my good mother lent me this peasant's dress, that I might be the less easily recognized, and here for six days I have abided."

"You have told me much, madam, and yet not that which I most desire to learn. Your father being the Earl of Morvale, have I the privilege of addressing Lady Constance Temple?"

She inclined her head to signify assent.

"It is then possible that the courtier of whom you speak is Sir Lionel Mordant?"

"You have again guessed rightly," said the lady, gazing at me in some astonishment.

"For the moment we must make your safety our chief concern. The castle of Morvale lies from here not six leagues distant. The night is fine, and by pressing forward without delay we should reach it before the dawn. Shall we go thither?"

"But the courtier, sirrah?" exclaimed the lady. My father will surely still seek to force this marriage upon me."

"As to that," I replied, "you need apprehend no further embarrassment, and for this reason, and believe him perfectly true, that the unwitting cause of all your troubles stands before you." I made her a low bow.

When at last she looked up she was smiling through her blushes.

"Yet I fear, sir," she said, with a comical look, "that the Earl will still refuse to relinquish his desire."

"And you, madam," I answered, "you can refuse."

"But, sirrah," she looked at me with a merry twinkle in her eyes, and yet with a passing sweetness—"I am a dutiful daughter."

I took her tiny hand in mine and, bending low before her, kissed it.—Black and White.

Where Pennies are Coined.

It is not generally known that all the minor coins of base metal, such as pennies and nickels, are made at the Philadelphia mint, and that nearly 100,000,000 pennies are coined here every year. This large number is occasioned by the fact that thousands of pennies are lost annually, and that the Government has some difficulty in maintaining a supply. The profit of the Government on their manufacture is large. The blanks for making them are purchased for \$1 a thousand from a Cincinnati firm that produces them by contract. Blanks for nickels are obtained in the same way, costing Uncle Sam only a cent and a half apiece.

Gold is coined in Philadelphia and San Francisco. Not enough of it comes into the mint at New Orleans to make the coinage of it worth while. Gold pieces are the only coins of the United States which are worth their face value intrinsically. A double eagle contains \$20 worth of gold without counting the one-tenth part copper.—Scientific American.

The Last English Turnpike Gate.

At the stroke of 12 o'clock on the night of November 1 the last remaining instance of a former method of road taxation was swept away, and the inconvenience, extravagance and abuses of the old turnpike system were finally relegated to the historic past. The turnpike gates, which will enjoy the honor of thus being last in the field, belong to that portion of the Shrewsbury and Holyhead road which traverses the island of Anglesea, the trust for which was continued by a special act of Parliament until November 1, 1895.—London Tit-Bits.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

VIRTUES OF WINTER FRUITS.

She had just returned from a foreign grape cure, with a bloom on her cheek and a light in her eye worthy of a Hebe. "It is the esthetics of medical treatment," she said. "There is none of the paraphernalia of a battle for health; but sunshine, fresh air and grapes. One can live on them from morning till night. At first I could only eat a pound a day, but before long I progressed to ten pounds and even beyond that. Praise it!"

Although we cannot all visit foreign cures, still, at this time of the year grapes are abundant and within the reach of most persons, who would undoubtedly find a pound a day good economy. We must let our imaginations furnish the surroundings of the cure—the vines laden with purple clusters, the pleasant hotel, the high, pure air—and devote ourselves to the details of eating all the grapes possible.

Very few people are aware of the medicinal qualities of grapes; but these they possess. The pulp is nutritious and the juice contains sugar, tannic acid, bitartrate of potassium, tartrate of calcium, common salt and sulphate of potassium.

Without doubt the woman who cultivates the habit of eating a great deal of fruit is the gainer in health and appearance.

The grape-fruit, or shaddock, so called from its discoverer, Lieutenant Shaddock—or, to mention its soft Chinese name, punelo—is highly prized by those who live in malarial localities. It is a charming rival to quinine and boneset and is driving them from the field. She who eats her grape-fruit with a spoon from the natural cup or relishes it served as a salad may gladden her heart with the reflection that she is not only pleasing her palate, but benefiting her health. Like oranges and lemons, the grape-fruit has great medicinal virtues. If you are of a bilious temperament eat grape-fruit; if fevers threaten eat grape-fruit; but in this latter case, do so only at the advice of a physician, as there may be certain tendencies which the grape-fruit would only aggravate. The complaint is often made that this fruit is extremely bitter and unpleasant; it is only the white inner rind which is so, and this should always be carefully removed.

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Chopped Roast With Tomato Sauce—Two pounds of chopped beef, one pound of chopped veal and one-half pound of chopped salt pork; mix well together, season and put in buttered long mold; moisten with a little hot water, top with bits of butter and cracker crumbs and bake. Make a tomato sauce of one-half can of tomatoes, one cup of water, two cloves, two sprigs parsley, one tablespoon each of butter, chopped onion and strained turn root out on platter and pour over. A mushroom sauce is also delicious with this roast.



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