

Y.M.C.A. Worker Describes Art of Eating Artichoke

All who desire to receive instruction in the preparation and eating of an artichoke may receive the desired information from the following letter by Miss Nan Cannon, secretary of the Ohio State University Association, who is now doing "Y" work in France. She received her initiation into the mysteries of the art at a fashionable Paris restaurant, creating not a little sensation.

"I had always wanted to eat an artichoke," she says. "Perhaps if I had ever seen one I would not have been so eager. But all I knew about them was that stylish people talked about them and ate them in all the modern novels. It cost two francs, and, though I did not really eat it, it was quite worth the money.

"I was with a 'Y' man from Kansas who had no more seen an artichoke than I. The garcon brought it in on two plates—a huge green thing shaped like a pineapple. While I was sitting there, appalled at its size and wondering just which would be the point of vantage to attack it, the 'Y' man gallantly suggested that he would help me cut it. So with knife and fork he waded in, while the whole table of French folk stopped eating and looked upon the crime aghast.

"Nothing was said, however, until I put on the finishing touches to the horror by taking some of it on one plate and sprinkling it with salt and vinegar. Instantly the whole table was in an uproar. Everybody laid down knife and fork and began chattering at once. One man waved his hands frantically in front of me in a sort of danger signal and shouted,

'Pas bon,' which I took to mean that the portion was not fit to eat. So I summoned the garcon and bade him, in broken French, to take the bad one away and bring me a good one.

"At this juncture the waiter, indignantly expostulating and everybody talking at once and my poor 'Y' man overwhelmed with confusion and embarrassment, a man across the way leaned over and in careful English explained that the artichoke was good enough, but that I was not eating it right.

"I shall arrange it for you," he said. And he went to work, talking as he first prepared the dressing of olive oil, vinegar, salt, pepper and mustard. Next he explained that you pick off, leaf at a time, dip it in the dressing and suck off the tender or edible portion. He meanwhile was going through the motions, with the whole table nodding approbation. But I would have eaten that plant if it had poisoned me instantly, for the table had stopped eating and was watching the whole performance, with occasional suggestions in French to the chief performer.

"But the climax of the faux pas came when three of the diners near me ordered artichokes (although they were comparatively dear and not usually taken), and, after they were served, one and all looked at me and said, 'Regardez,' and then they proceeded to show me how to eat an artichoke!

"The rest of the table looked on in content and admiration at this charming bit of French courtesy so sincerely, simply and genuinely displayed." —Exchange.

DAILY DIARY RHYMES By Gayle Vincent Grubb

When folks can't smile
If things go wrong
Can't whistle a while
Or hum some song;
Get downright mad
At nothin' much
And act like a cad
Or a dunce or such
Because some turn
In the black of night
Has failed to earn
What they thought right;
This style of folk
Should fall in a pool
And allowed to soak
Till their senses cool
For surely, my friend
In the game today,
It's work to the end
And seldom play;
At failure, why smile—
And give it a try
For without that style
It is best to die,
Than to always groan
At the start of the fight
And be left alone—
Don't you think I'm right?

GEOGRAPHY CLASSES MAKE INSTRUCTIVE FIELD TRIP

During spring vacation about twenty members of the classes in field geography and conservation under the direction of Professor Rockie and Miss Esther Anderson visited the Platte, Weeping Water and Cedar Creek valleys to make a study of the physical features of the country. There were groups studying physiography, soil mapping, instrument mapping, and the economics of stone, sand and other soil material for road building purposes. Camps were made en route near Louisville, Nebraska, but as Prof. Rockie states: "We tried to escape the towns as much as possible."

The last day of the trip the party was almost "flooded out" by two heavy rains, but these did not seriously hamper the trip. While Professors Rockie and Wolfanger were returning by car to Lincoln Sunday evening, and were within twenty miles of the city, they had opportunity to "study" and photograph the tornado which made itself felt in the vicinity of Elmwood. These photographs are some of the very few that recorded the path of the funnel-shaped cloud, and will be very valuable in the future.

FORMER INSTRUCTOR IS DECORATED FOR BRAVERY

Major Thomas F. Wirth, former instructor in the military department of the University, recently received the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action near Bois de MortMare, France, September 12, 1918. When his battalion was held up by numerous German machine gun nests, Major Wirth walked out in front in the face of violent fire and led his battalion in capturing eight machine guns and twelve prisoners.

Major Wirth, who was an instructor in military science under Captain Parker at the outbreak of the war, was sent to Camp Funston as temporary second lieutenant in the regular army. Later he was appointed captain of Company C, 355th infantry and was sent to France June 1st. He was there promoted to major of the battalion. He is still over there, in the army of occupation.

ORDER SENIOR INVITATIONS

The senior invitations are ready to be ordered. They will be furnished in three styles: Lather bound, at forty cents each; cardboard bound at twenty cents each and single announcement sheets at nine cents each.

Orders will be taken at a table in the library entrance from ten to twelve a. m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. All orders must be given by Friday in order to get the invitations here on time.

BORDEAUX "BRONCHO BUSTING"

Bordeaux, Wednesday.—The surrounding country is being scoured for wild longhorn steers for a great "round up" to be put on by the cow-punchers in this area, in which are three A. E. F. remount stations, Carbon Blanc, Merrignac and Souge. "Outlaws" from United States corrals are to be ridden in bucking exhibitions.

The program will consist of mounted wrestling, relay and hurdle racing, bucking, driving and judging contests. Several of the world's greatest riders and ropers have been signed for entrance. The Rev. W. E. Spontz, now of Illinois, a former Texas cowboy, who is engaged in Y. M. C. A. work at Bordeaux, has promised to enter the competition.

Christian Science Society

The Christian Science Society of the University will meet Thursday, April 17, in room 204 of the Temple at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all students, alumni, and faculty of the University.

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