

"CORN BREAD" MURPHY.

What He Has Been Doing For the Agriculture Department. (Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Colonel Charles J. Murphy, the special agent of the department of agriculture, who has been teaching Europeans the value of corn bread as an article of food, was here a few days ago and told an interesting story concerning his "missionary" work in that line.

Colonel Murphy, who is familiarly known to the department of agriculture as "Corn Bread" Murphy, first engaged in his missionary work some 10 years ago. "It struck me as rather surprising," he says, "that Indian corn and its food products, so well and favorably known in this country, were practically unknown to the people of Europe."

Thereupon Colonel Murphy tried to interest various American boards of trade and agricultural societies in the enterprise, and failing in this he finally went abroad in a private capacity.

Colonel Murphy and his wife have directed their missionary efforts mainly toward the Germans within the past two years, and so great has been their success that more than a score of mills for grinding American corn have been erected and are now in operation in various parts of the empire.



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The German soldiers are usually supplied with rye bread, but the authorities after careful tests concluded that a bread made of part rye and part cornmeal was much better and quite as cheap.

During the Russian famine two years ago several shiploads of American corn were sent to the region bordering on the Black sea, and Colonel Murphy, by direction of the department, sent an agent there to aid in the distribution of the corn and to teach the natives how to prepare it for food.

Colonel Murphy held several corn exhibitions in the United Kingdom, and especially in Edinburgh did he meet with success. The English, the Irish and the Scotch have long been familiar with American maize to a slight extent at least, so that no "missionary" work was needed among them, as it was in other parts of Europe.

The principal drawback to its use in Ireland as elsewhere in Europe is that the peasants do not know how to cook it. In Germany the cooking is all done by the bakers, and no family makes its own bread.

GEORGE HANSON APPERSON.



COSTUMES FOR CHILDREN.

SURPRISED AT HIM.

She Thought Any Artist Would Know What She Meant.

It is never wise, it is never kind, to "put on airs," and when those persons who endeavor to clothe themselves in vast superiority come to grief it is seldom that they succeed in obtaining any special sympathy in their discomfiture.

On one occasion he was approached by a couple of ladies, one of whom asked: "Can you tell us where to find the statue of Cupid?"

"Will you be so kind as to direct me to the statue of Catherine de Medici?"

"Why, of course you know. The famous statue of Cupid—and the person who is with him."

"Why, Westland, dear boy, what is the matter?"

"Oh, Arthur, I'm in the most terrible distress! Here The Proper Thing says frock coats are to be made longer this spring. If I don't follow the style at once, my reputation as the best-dressed man at our club is gone forever."

JONES' BIRTHDAY.

He Wouldn't Make a Fool of Himself, and Mrs. Jones Wept.

Mr. Jones has just had a birthday. It marked an epoch in his life and in that of Mrs. Jones, too, and neither of those excellent people will be likely to forget it very soon.

"What is it?" growled Jones. "What's the name of the object?"

"It's a napkin holder, Jephtha. You put the band around your neck."

"Another household idol smashed into smithereens!"—Detroit Free Press.

The Chicago Side of it.

Beekman-Street—Let me see, didn't I meet you at the Paris exposition in 1889?

"LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE."

A Case Where Paine Heart May Lose a Fair Lady.

N. B.—Five minutes before the dialogue begins Mr. Pullen has offered his hand to Miss Delane and been accepted by her.

George—You'd my honor, I never so much as hoped you'd say yes.

Netta—You're not quite a fright, dear.

George—Because, you see, I haven't got a mint of money, like Sir Pompey Goldmore, your millionaire friend. I can't cover you with diamonds, as he could.

Netta—You're just a poor, plain George Pullen!

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