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Long ago, in the days before the Civil war, when great plantations flourished in the South and many negroes were owned by the planters, the slaves were usually sent out to work all day in the fields and given a lunch to take along with them for their mid-day meal.

Later on, so a Southern woman says, the white people, the plantation owners, made a similar dish, with variations, and liked it very well.

WHEN JIM CLAIMED ANNIE

Maid Was Sorry to Leave, but, as She Put It, It Was a Matter of Duty.

Ellis Parker Butler, the well-known humorist, has a story in the American Magazine in which the main character says:

"Well, Jimmy had been with the Burtons six years and Annie, our hired girl, had been with us five years. I guess everybody thought she hadn't any other name at all until one evening when Jimmy came over and knocked at the back door and asked mother if Miss Dornbacher was home.

"I was in our dining room one day, looking to see if Annie had put any fresh cookies in the jar in the closet, when I heard my mother say, 'Oh, Annie!' in the kitchen, as if she was sorry about something. So then Annie said:

"I bin sorry to go away, too, ma'am, but it is right everybody should get married once or twice."

"I know," my mother said; "but I don't know what I will ever do without you, Annie."

"So then Annie cried, and there were no cookies, so I went out."

What Makes Thunder Rumble.

Why does thunder rumble? The path of a lightning flash through the air may be several miles in length. All along this path the sudden expansion of the heated air—a true explosion—sets up an atmospheric wave, which spreads in all directions, and eventually registers upon our ears as thunder.

Eggs One Hundred Years Old.

A strange find was made at North-Allerton, Eng., recently. While workmen were sawing through a large elm tree they came across in the very heart of the tree five dried-up starling eggs.

Frogs and Their Eggs.

In the manner of disposing of their eggs many species of frogs exhibit remarkable peculiarities. One of the most curious, a tree frog, native of Paraguay, makes its nest in a bush overhanging a pond.

AMERICAN FOOD SAVINGS LARGE

United States Sent to Allies 141,000,000 Bushels of Wheat.

CREDIT DUE TO WOMEN.

Allies Got 844,600,000 Pounds More Meat and Fats in 1917-18 Than in Year Before.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. Rows for MEAT and CEREALS for 1916-17 and 1917-18.

In spite of a subnormal food supply in this country the American people have been able to ship to the Allies as well as our own forces overseas 141,000,000 bushels of wheat, besides 844,600,000 pounds of meat, during the year ending June 30 last.

Food Administrator Hoover, in a letter to President Wilson, gives a brief summary of the results of food conservation in the United States and of the activities of the Food Administration to this end.

"The total value of these food shipments," Mr. Hoover wrote President Wilson, "which were in the main purchased through or with collaboration of the Food Administration, amount to, roundly, \$1,400,000,000 during the fiscal year."

In 1916-17 the United States sent the Allies 2,166,500,000 pounds of meat. In 1917-18, with voluntary conservation practiced in America, and aided by extra weight of animals, we sent the Allies 2,911,100,000 pounds of meat, an increase of 844,600,000 pounds.

When the Food Administration began operations in the summer of 1917, this country was facing a large deficit in wheat. Counting in all carry-over wheat from the 1916 crop, we had at the beginning of the 1917 harvest year just enough wheat to take care of America's normal consumption, not a bushel of surplus.

At the close of the 1917-18 harvest year the Food Administration's official reports showed that our total wheat shipments to the other side had been 141,000,000 bushels. Every bushel shipped was wheat saved by the American people from their normal consumption.

In cereals and cereal products reduced to terms of cereal bushels our shipments to Allied destinations were 340,800,000 bushels, 80,000,000 bushels more than the amount sent in 1916-17. Included in these figures are 13,900,000 bushels of rye and the 141,000,000 bushels of saved wheat. In addition we sent the neutrals dependent on us 10,000,000 bushels of prime breadstuffs.

"These figures do not fully convey the volume of the effort and sacrifice made during the past year by the whole American people," the Food Administrator wrote. "I am sure that all the millions of our people, agricultural as well as urban, who have contributed to these results should feel a very definite satisfaction that in a year of universal food shortages in the Northern Hemisphere, all of those people joined together against Germany came through to the new harvest, not only with health and strength fully maintained, but with only temporary periods of hardship."

"It is difficult to distinguish between various sections of our people—the homes, public eating places, food trade, urban or agricultural populations—in assessing credit for these results, but no one will deny the dominant part of the American women."

SUGAR SHORTAGE HITS SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

In Spain and Portugal sugar prices are soaring. Both countries have been seriously affected by the short beet sugar crop in Europe and the lack of ocean tonnage to move stocks of cane sugar isolated in far away ports.

Granulated sugar, home grown, was being sold in Barcelona, Spain, during the early summer at 19 cents a pound. The price of brown sugar in Lisbon, Portugal, fixed by governmental order, was \$1.04 to \$1.12 a pound.

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