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Grandmother's Did.

A Maryland Woman Who Makes a Living by Curing Rams and Bacon from Hogs of the Shoestring Breed.

Miss Mary H. Smith of Maryland has for the District of Columbia and disposes of peter on the fire. her sugar cured meat to private customers | "While I think much depends on the in Washington and Baltimore.

season's killing. Three years ago I had been forced to work for its living. 501 and perhaps during the next two months "He said that too much fat destroyed the

rather not have them

"In work of this sort it is necessary to prefer to buy mine because it is better, or at least they fancy it is better.

"To hold them as customers I must keep my bacon up to the mark. For that reason I had rather fall a few killers short than with too much fut.

"What do I mean by a round ham? That is one of the greatest differences between my hams and those cured by the large advised me to let well enough alone. packing houses. Their hams are short,

when you learn that my hogs belong to getting rid of it what is known in the south as the shoewoods almost like wild animals. In some sections they are known as razorbacks.

"It was about twenty years ago that I tasted my first razorback ham. As a child I had gone to south Georgia with my mother for her health. We became acquainted with the family of an old planter near the town in which we were stopping and they invited us to their plantation for

"I remember just how that ham looked and my first impressions of it when it was brought on the table. It was large and

"When I came to taste it my mind changed, for it was about the nicest meat I had ever eaten. The old planter told my mother it was home cured, and after dinner they took us out to see the smokehouse where it was cured, and the pigskillers, they called them-which were reserved for a later slaughter.

"They gave mother their recipe for curing meat, and every year after that my father made a point of raising a few hogs years ago when father died there was a few pieces of that home cured bacon in the division of his little property my and health. The work is not hard, and so brother wanted it sold because a neighbor offered him a good price for it.

"I objected on my mother's account and managed to keep the meat. Within a few any less womanly than the present genweeks the same neighbor came to me direct with an offer. It was that second offer that gave me the idea by which I now support myself and my mother.

"At the time of father's death I was studying with the intention of becoming a school teacher. Of course with him gone there was mother to be considered. I know that it would never do for me to leave her alone, so I decided to remain with her on the farm and try to make it keep us.

"After the division that was all we had this farm and the few head of stock, free of debt. When that man came around to try for the second time to buy mother's bacon I thought out my plan.

"The first thing I did was to write to the old planter in Georgia and ask about getting a start in his breed of hogs, telling him my reasons. I received a prompt reply from his son saying his father had died and that he, acting as he was sure his father would have him do, was sending me six pigs of the pure shoestring breed. also enclosed full directions about fatten-

ing, slaughtering and curing them. "From those six pigs and four grown hogs which he shipped me the next apring all my stock has sprung. My business methods have been very simple.

"For the first two years I went person ally to first-class hotels and to private customers. I told them of my undertaking and asked for small orders. Having pleased them once the only questionn was keeping their trade and supplying the orders that came from persons who had eaten my hams and bacon at their tables.

"Lightning never strikes twice in the same "I have a great many orders for the coming season that I will be unable to fill. In geveral instances the people have written me again asking me to book their orders for the autumn of 1908. You see, I never deliver goods until they have hung in my instead of sitting still and looking miser. there for three years, smokehouse for one year and on special able?" orders for twice that long. For proper curing bacon requires one year.

"After the fresh pork has hung sufficiently long to be thoroughly drained I rub it down with saltpeter and salt, then pack peter and brown sugar are the principal

was most particular. I remember he cauwood-light wood he called it-telling her that oak and hickory chips were the only Weekly. proper combustible to be used. He may have been wrong; any other wood may be as good for the purpose, but his meat was

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'In his letter his son wrote that his father sometimes added the hair taken from the piga to the fire used in smoking. He said that personally he didn't think the hair at all necessary as it was only burned when it was not wanted for something else and he had never been able to detect IQUE OCCUPATION FOR WOMEN any difference in the taste of the meat.

"After the smoking has gone on for six or eight weeks a last coat of the sugar curing is applied, the mest is covered with a layer of flour and water and then sewed up in a thick canvass bag. It is not yet packed, but again hung in the top of the smokehouse, where it remains until the time comes for me to fill my orders.

"From time to time during this hangthe last five years supported herself and ing period I have the smoke renewed for her invalid mother by selling hams and a day or two at a time. I am very parbacon of her own raising and curing. She ticular to give it this additional smoking when there is an unusually wet spell of owns a small farm just across the line from weather and sometimes I thrown little salt-

curing of the meat I also am convinced We live simply but comfortably and at that the breed and care of the porkers the end of each year there is always some- have much to do with the quality and taste thing to lay by against a rainy day," Miss of the meat. Our old friends in Georgia Smith replied when asked about her suc- was convinced that meat was sweeter and cess. 'I now have 468 hogs for my next more nutritious where the animal had

I may be able to bring my pens up to that taste of baron and for that reason six we its number by purchasing hogs from my neigh- or two months was as long as a hog should be penned and fattened. He didn't believe "I don't care to go much above 500 and in the sweetness of the round limbed if my season's killing only amounts to 450 varities of porkers, not only because they I amaquite content. It is not easy to pick were prone to take on too much fat, but up just the kind of hogs suited to my trade also because the thickness of the hams and junless I can get just what I want I'd and shoulders rendered it difficult to cure evenly.

"Four years ago I did experiment with keep up the standard of your goods. That half a dozen Berkshire pigs. I bought is what my customers pay for. They could them of a neighbor and put them in a pen age quality from the large packers. They to fatten at the same time that I began to fatten my other stock. I fed them with the same food, slaughtered them in the same way and in every particular the curing was the same.

"There was no mistake about it, there send out one round ham or a side of bacon was a great difference in the taste of the meat. The Berkshire hams were not to be compared to the razorbacks. My mother said it was a waste of food and

"The only addition that I have made almost round on the top and very fat. Mine to my father's little farm was by the purare longer, much flatter and not nearly so chase of a field infested with nut grass. You know that grass kills out everything "The difference lies principally in the in the way of crops and so far as I have breed of hogs. Perhaps you will laugh ever been able to learn there is no way of

"The neighbor was willing to get rid of string breed. They are the sort of hogs his patch of grass and it was the only adthat twenty years ago could be found in dition I needed to make my hog pasture all parts of the south running about the all that our old planter friend considered necessary. There are several acres of it and morning, noon and night when the bogs are in that pasture they are busy on

"I raise all the root crops and the green food on the farm, but I am not always successful with my corn. As I feed them almost entirely on corn during the time that they are being fattened, oftener than not I have been forced to supplement my own corn with the bought article.

"For a woman with a small farm I know yet it was so flat that I hadn't any hope of nothing that is less troublesome and of its being as good as the ham we had at brings a more certain profit than raising and curing bacon for private customers Of course the woman who undertakes it must be wide awake, industrious and of sufficient intelligence to conduct her farm

on business principles. "Like all other animals, to be healthy and in good conditions hogs must be kept weil nourished and clean. I have been just as careful of my porkers as I have of my horses, and as a result I have never had one die of disease.

"To any woman thinking of undertaking and curing the meat for mother. Nine such a business I will say that she has public sentiment in her favor. Careful people are only too glad to get bacon about which there is no doubt as to cleanlines far as superintending the slaughtering and curing-well, our grandmothers always did ft, and I have never heard that they were

eration. "That, I believe, is the modern wage earning woman's greatest opportunity doing for market the little homely things that our grandmothers used to do for their NEW OPERA AT EUROPEAN HOUSE among the operas sung. own immediate families. So far as I'm a judge good common sense, energy and strict integrity are the only essentials for the success of any woman along these lines."

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Little Naoroi-Say, grandma

Grandma-What is it, dear? Little Naomi-Aren't you awful glad you married grandpa and got related to me?

when people get tired working all day they travel into Slumberland?" "Yes, my pet." "Then, papa, do they travel on the trains

that have steepers?"

"Pa," said Willie, thoughtfully, "I think know now what the minister meant when he said 'it is more blessed to give than to receive."

"Yes?" replied his pa, "well, what did he mean?"

"Castor oil."

"Well?" "What's the difference between lightning and that old slipper of yours?" "I don't know

"Ruth," said the mother of a little miss

playmates, "why don't you play something

"Why, we are playing, mamma," replied "We're playing we are grown-up Ruth. women making a call.'

To illustrate a point he was making in it away for two weeks. After this it is an address he was delivering the other Wittich, Ella Gulbranson, Aloys Burgstalcoated with a preparation in which salt- day, Bishop Potter told the following story: 'Not long ago I was staying with a friend ingredients and hung up in the house and in a country house up on the Hudson. On Sunday morning as I passed through the enthe smoking of the meat is one of the library I found a small boy curled up in a points about which our old planter friend big chair deeply interested in a book. 'Are January will produce the "Nibelungen you going to church, Tem?" I asked, 'No.' Ring" in English under the direction of tioned my mother against the use of pine he replied. 'Why, I am,' I said. 'Huh!' Hans Richter. The roles will be in the he said, "that's your job." "- Harper's main intrusted to American and English ar-

> The neighbor's young hopeful was very on the last night in July. It was sung by ill, and Willie and the other youngsters in Selma Kurz. Minne Scalar, the American the block had been asked not to make any dramatic soprano; Amadeo Eassi and Marnoise in the streets. The neighbor's door cel Journet. bell rang one day and she opened it to find ducted, but as Signor Caruse did not hap-Willie standing bashfully on her front pen to be in the cast the audience was not

"How is he today?" he inquired in a shy

"He's better, thank you, dear, and what thoughtful child you are to come and table that Signor Caruso will not be in the Willie stood a moment on one foot and management of Mr. Conried, with whom

Jimmy's sick." The mother was profoundly touched. She opera house will not be with the tenor, but could find no further words to say, but with Mr. Conried. The New York imsimply kissed him. Made still bolder by the presario has naturally demanded for the caress. Willie began to back down the services of the singer what he himself pays steps, repeating at intervals his sorrow for to him. This sum horrified Covent Garden his playmate's iliness. At the bottom step and it was decided to try to get along next he halted and looked up. "If Jimmy should season without Signor Caruso. His rival, known to be in the neighborhood of Middle-New York Tribune.

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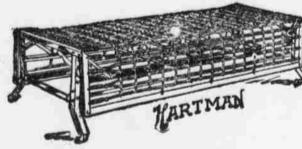
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'Salome" Has a Narrow Escape at a Hamburg Performance.

"The Nibelungen Ring" to Be Sung in English at Covent Garden-Caruse Not Likely to Sing There Another Season.

the land of anniversaries. Richard Wagner fort. "Papa, didn't you tell me in a story that was performed on July 26, at Bayreuth.

infant phenomena. "Kill that woman!" The soldiers cover her with their shields, and they did it with such emphasis that Mme. Kobold, bruised before the realistic chorus could be

restrained. Edyth Walker, who was such a favorite n Vienna, has left the Stadt theater in Hamburg to become a member of the comwho was entertaining a couple of small pany at the Volks theater in Vienna, which is a private opera house. She will remain

In the approaching Wagner festival at Munich the role of Tristan will be sung by Heinrich Knote, Carl Burrian and Ernest Krauss. In the production of the "Nibelungen Ring" the principal artists will be Berta Morena, Thila Plaichinger. Marie ler, Clarence Whitehill, Priederich Feinhals

and Zador. Felix Mottl will conduct. At Covent Garden.

The interesting announcement is made novelty of the present season, which closed Cleofonte Campanini con-

large. Although he fills Convent Garden whenever he appears, whoever happens to be associated with him in the cast, it is probcompany next season. He is under the hen burst forth again. "I'm orful sorry he has a personal contract for all the years. In the future the contract of the London he asked, "kin I have his drum?" | Signor Bonci, was brought there for a few

lighter roles in the Italian reportoire, than ten legalized saloons. Where hitherto built of white marble with silver trimmings tinfoil in which the chocolate is enveloped NOTES OF OPERA IN EUROPE lighter roles in the Italian reportoire, than ten legalized saloons. Where nither to built of white marple with eliver training box. Shortly after its completion an Englishman

"A Winter's Tale" opera a new opera by Zemlinsky called "The Dream." Munich is to hear a "Don Quixote," with music by Anton Walbrunn. Hubay has composed present time. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the first for Budapest a new work with a mytholoperformance of "Parsifal" at Bayreuth gical subject called "Venus:" Rubinsten's passed almost without notice in Germany, "The Demon" is to be a novelty for Frank-

personally conducted the opera when it In Italy the two music publishers Son- more than thirty years past to put down sogno and Ricordi divide up the operas the moonshining traffic. Since 1876 until Joseph Joachim, the veteran violinist, houses between them and besides what 1903 at least one man was killed every year, who is still appearing in public at the age aperas shall be given, quite independent of except three, in the performance of his of 77, has recently been very ill and in their merits. By cantroling the opera houses duty. Many revenue officers of long serview of his advanced age there is grave with financial aid they compel the produc- [vice who have faced the hostile guns of apprehension that he might not recover. flon of their own operas. In Naples the moonshiners more than once are still He is well again, however, and will be Leoncavallo's "Zaza" will be sung during in the employ of the government risking able to resume his activity in discovering the long season at San Carlo. At the Fenice in Venice Bancinelli's "Paolo and Fran-During a recent performance of Strauss' cesca" will be sung for the first time dur- have done much to inculcate respect for the "Salome" in Hamburg the soldiers almost ing the carnival season, and "Marcelia," succeeded in carrying out the command by Giordano, and "Amaryllis," by Gail- the south. of Herod, which concludes the play. Point- hard, will also be sung. Massenet's "Thats"

ing to galome, he says to the soldiers, is announced in Venice, Milan and Florence. Felia Litvinne is to sing in Italy during the present season for the first time in many years. She will first be heard at La who was singing the title role, was severely | Scala. The deficit at La Scala last season amounted to only \$5,200, which was the smallest loss the institution had known for The question of sinking the orchestra in La Scala has been discussed by experts and two engineers have been sent to examine the Bayreuth theater. The jury which is to decide on the feasibility of the scheme includes Toscanini, Boito and Puccint. The latter is at his estate. Torre del Lego, in Tuscany, putting Atlanta penitentiary this difficulty has been the finishing touches to his latest opera,

"Marie Antoinette." "Tristan and Isolde" in Naples. The first performance of "Tristan and Isolde" in Naples is announced. In order to make the work as acceptable as pessible to Neapolitans, Director Martucci, a paratively insignificant. With the excepfamous Italian Wagnerite and professor of the Conservatory of Bologna, has conthat the company at Covent Garden next Naples will also hear "Salome" next

winter. The Milan conservatory has just received a legacy of \$30,600, of which the interest is to go to deserving students. The tists. Catalani's "Lorelei" was the last bequest came from Mme. Parmentler, wife of the general of the same name. lanolla sisters who at the end of the '20s and Atlanta, devotes something like two made a sensation throughout Europe by and one-half months a year to moonshinher violin playing.

the Opera and Opera Comique, for which the municipality will pay the state \$5,000 the theater, is to give it to MM. Carre and Isola so long as the managers present at the cheap prices named the repertoire they have promised. The theater will be given free of rent for ten yars on these o tions. Of course the leading artist of the two principal opera houses will not appear

Moonshine and Mountain Dew

(Continued from Page One.) and it was decided to try to get along next season without Signor Caruso. His rival, known to be in the neighborhood of Middle-Signor Bonet, was brought there for a few appearances and will next season sing the and Gadsden, Ala., do not contain more took great pride in the bath room. This was shining districts of the south, which are

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state of North Carolina, where state pro- while I hibition laws are not so stringent as else- Record. where in the south, is any considerable

In thus giving due praise to the change of public sentiment in the south, there is no desire to detract from that credit which should be accorded to the persistent efforts of the United States revenue officers for their lives in the enforcement of the law There can be no reasonable doubt that they revenue laws in the mountain districts of

Influence of a Penitentiary.

Another factor which has contributed to the enforcement of the law against illicit distilling in the south was the building of the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., o few years ago. Until that time judges on the federal bench in the mountain districts were extremely loath to send the average moonshiner to a northern prison. In most cases it could not be denied that close con finement for a man of this class in a locality to which he was not acclimated meant certain death within a comparatively short space of time. Since the completion of the overcome. It is no longer a difficult matter get prison sentences for moonshiners. Beyond all question this has had a salutary effect in breaking up the traffic.

The quantity of whisky put upon the

market by illicit distilleries has been com tion of North Carolina nowhere has the south more than met the local demand. At sented to conduct the first performance. one time there was considerable moonshine whisky brought to Atlanta and points near that city from the Blue Ridge mountains of north Georgia, but more recently practically all that has been made in Georgia has been consumed there. Judge Neuman of the northern district of Georgia, who was one of the marvellously gifted Mi- holds court at Rome, Columbus, Athens ers. He has disposed of an average of The new popular opera house in Paris fifteen cases a day. For nearly twenty has petitioned the state for the right to years he has been holding court in this use the costumes as well as the artists of district and during that time he has prebably presided at the trial of at least one third of the moonshiners tried in the every year. The municipality, which owns United States. He usually imposes sentences of from one to four months in lati for the first offense, six or eight months for the second and a year in the penitenttary and upward for the third and fourth offence. He is now sending to their first term in jail young fellows whose grandfathers he sent to the penitentiary twenty years ago .- Boston Transcript.

What the Music Box Played.

Italian repertoire next year at Covent Garden.

The Moody-Manners company has just commenced at Covent Garden an eight weeks season of opera in English. "Madam Butterfly" and "Tristan und isoide" will be among the operas sung.

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Winter's Tale" opera a new opera by the first and set of the state of North Carolina, where state prohibition laws are not so stringent as else
Shortly after its completion an Englishman came to visit this man and was invited to spend a few days at the geashore. Naturally which is dear. Keep it and before long the owner asked the Briton whether he wanted to take a bath and accompanied him to the bath room, turned on the music box? The will be called for by our agents, who wanted to take a bath and accompanied him to the bath room. An hour later the host met his guest and asked him: "How did you care for the music box?" To which the work of its own people. Only in the state of North Carolina, where state prohibition laws are not so stringent as else
New Operas Promised.

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The repertoires of the judges, sheriffs and other does do will be owner asked to take a bath and accompanied him to the bath room. The will be called for by our agents, who will pay for it at its market value. The wanted to take a bath and accompanied him to the bath room ""Oh, it is beautiful." responded the Englishman. "Well, how did you care for the music box?" The biomistic box? The biomist the will be called

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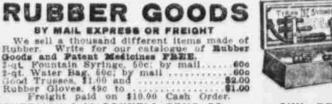
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