

FORGOTTEN ART OF WALKING.

Americans, fonder of going and moving about than any other people in the world, do less walking. If we cannot have an automobile to carry us, a street car will serve, but under no circumstances must we walk more than a block or two.

Slam is one of the few countries which boasts of a corps of women police. The members of this Amazon guard are all old and ugly. They wear a uniform, though they are not armed.

Somebody with a timorous imagination says sauerkraut is a dangerous explosive. He claims it has all the constituents necessary to qualify as an extra hazardous product.

Spots on the sun, according to an astronomical authority, are preparing stormy weather for us. It is hard; but, of course, as the earth is nothing but a satellite, it follows that when the sun is spotted we must suffer with some kind of sympathetic breaking out.

A country post office in Pennsylvania is vainly seeking a postmaster who will accept the salary of \$9 a year. Where is the boasted patriotism of the nation that its offices thus go begging?

The theory that the garden of Eden may be somewhere in the neighborhood of the south pole may now start expeditions to discover that elusive spot. It will be remembered that in connection with this unknown place Adam was the original man who failed to "come back."

The man who preferred an auto to a wife may or may not have made a wise choice. Both are sometimes difficult to control, the cost of maintenance is high in either case, though, of course, the auto can be shut off at will.

Chicago man left his wife because she refused to allow Spanish onions in the house. As Kipling would say, a woman's a woman after all, but a Spanish onion is a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

A weather prophet tells us that the coming summer will set a heat record. Looks as if nature is playing into the hands of the icemen.

The dogs on the various polar expeditions are highly praised for their work, zeal and fidelity. And as a reward for this devotion their masters killed and ate them. No wonder the animal creation has such a poor opinion of humanity.

If sporting cartoonists have any sense of gratitude they will erect a monument to the benefactor who invented the jest about the office boy and his dying grandmother.

An aviator in Long Island, who was arrested for speeding, is going to fly to court for his trial. With this precedent established, all motoring aviators will be arrested on sight in hopes of affording the curious public a free exhibition.

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TASTEFUL CAKES FOR PAPER BAG COOKING.

By Martha McCulloch Williams. Paper bag cooking seems to me ideal for plum cake, which needs to be made well done throughout without hardening the outer part to a lava crust.

President's Fruit Cake.—One pound butter, one pound sugar, twelve eggs, beaten separately, one pound flour, browned and sifted, four and a half pounds homemade citron, one glass grape jelly, two teaspoonsful melted chocolate, one pound crystallized cherries, one pound crystallized pineapple, one pound blanched almonds cut fine, one pound shelled pecans, one small, one tablespoon cinnamon, one tablespoon nutmeg, one-half tablespoonful allspice, one-half teaspoonful cloves, one-half glass cordial mixed with spices, one glass grape juice or whiskey. Soak almonds overnight in two teaspoons rosewater.

Along with the pies do not forget dumplings. The open-faced sort—my special delight—for a while seemed to me taboo paper bag cooked. But lo! finds a way in a cooking paper bag. I have found that by cutting rounds of paper out of a paper bag, six inches across, folding them V-fashion around the edges, and clipping the folds, I have cup-shaped paper molds to line with my paste, fill with fruit, sugar and seasoning, and cook inside another bag. Both the molds and the containing bag must be well greased.

Spice cake meant also silver cake— notwithstanding eggs were so plenty, it was never permitted to waste whites. For the silver cake, cream a large cup of butter very light, adding to it three generous cups of warm cream. Beat hard five minutes, then add the strained juice of a large lemon and four rather scant cups of warm flour sifted twice with half a teaspoonful of soda. Mix smooth, then fold in the whites of seven eggs, beaten very stiff with a pinch of salt and half a teaspoonful of lemon juice. Flavor with almond and rosewater—a spoonful of each. Three parts fill paper bag mold or tin ones lined with greased paper secured by cutting up a paper bag, seal inside another bag, lightly greased, and cook as directed for spice cake.

TOOTH-SOME SWEETS

By Nicolas Soyer, Chef of Brooks' Club, London. Pudding a la Munich: Take some slices of stale French bread and toast to a light crisp brown, then spread thickly, first with butter, then with golden syrup. Place a layer of golden syrup in a well-greased paper soufflé dish, sprinkle it with washed and dried chopped currents, chopped raisins, a little chopped lemon peel and a very little grated nutmeg or allspice. Put a layer of the toast, then currants, raisins, peel and spice, and repeat the layers until the dish is full. Make a custard with half a pint of milk, the well-beaten yolk of an egg and a tablespoonful of powdered sugar. Pour over the whole and leave for fifteen minutes. Meanwhile, whip up a white of an egg to a stiff froth with a few drops of lemon juice; add a little powdered sugar and pile high on top of the pudding. Put in a well-buttered bag, bake to a golden brown for thirty minutes, and serve. The meringue mixture may be omitted and the custard made with the whole

High Priest of Red Tape

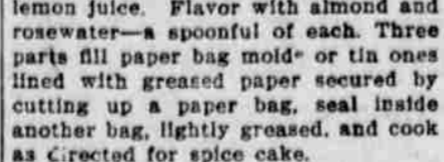
Russian Government Official Might Serve as Model of His Type of Official.

Certain of the theaters in Russia are under the control of the state, and the actors are therefore subject to government control. There is told a story of a famous dancer at one of these theaters who desired to secure a month's leave of absence in order to recover her health by a tour of the province. She accordingly went to the government official to obtain the usual permission. He received her politely and asked for her written application.

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A house built at right angles to itself is shown in the accompanying plan. For some reasons this style of building has more to recommend it than almost any other design. It was the first way invented to make a house larger without making it too long.

In the early history of building operations, houses were made narrow because window lights were small and it was difficult to light a wide room. It was also more difficult to build a wide house at that time, because they lacked the mechanical contrivances that we now have for putting buildings together. A floor with hewed timber beams more than 16 feet long was altogether too shaky; in fact, floors used to go down into the cellar occasionally when parties of young folks got too boisterous.

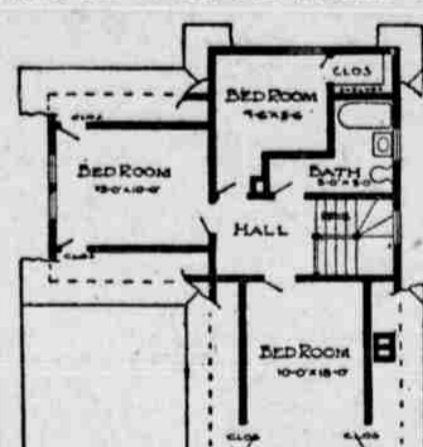
Although this way of building a house is several hundred years old, it is still as popular as ever, and the reason is that houses built in this way make very comfortable homes. They have a home-like appearance as you stand and look at them, and when you go inside they are so light and cheerful that you feel at home in time.

The only objection is that every room in the house has two or three outside walls, and for this reason it is a little more difficult to heat such houses in cold weather; but we have learned how to protect ourselves against low temperature by using building paper and other non-conduc-

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fitting it with screens and sash, the time may be extended to include almost the round year in some locations. The fashion of screening porches in the summer time to keep out flies and mosquitoes is a good one, and it is easy to lift out the screens in the fall and put sash in their places.

There are different ways of managing. Some people like to do things differently from the ordinary; and I notice that such folks generally get more out of life. Some families live in their houses; while others make the house a place to stay in when necessary, and get away from it as much and as often as possible. A



Second Floor Plan

good deal depends on the house plan. In the first place, but more depends on the housekeeper, because one person will make a house comfortable and inviting, while another woman who works just as hard perhaps has the faculty of making things rather unpleasant. The chairs may be too nice to sit down in, or there may be a lot of bric-a-brac in the way—stuff you are afraid of breaking or disar-

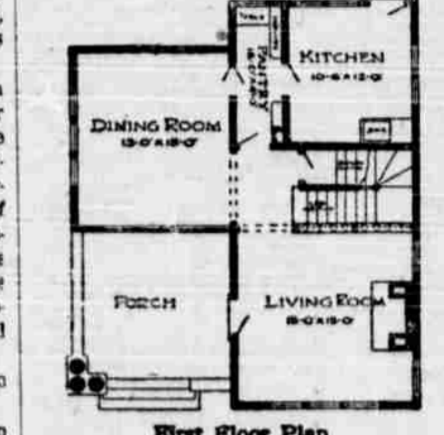


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tors of heat and cold. Then, when you consider that during the ordinary winter, even in the northern states, we have only a few days of extreme cold against 50 weeks of moderate or warm weather, this objection fades into insignificance. The fact is most of our winter weather hovers around the freezing point, thawing a little in the daytime and freezing at night. It is easy to keep even a large house comfortable all through with such temperatures, and you can keep part of it warm the coldest days if the house is well built.

We value light and fresh air more than our grandfathers did, because we know more about the importance of such things in regard to health. We understand that people who live in the open air and sunshine usually have very little use for the doctor. We have figured it out scientifically; so we know the reason why.

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properly connected for convenience as well as looks. Some house plans are a great puzzle to an architect; but this kind of plan comes easy. You have the space, the difference exposures, you have room for doors where you want to put them; and you have a convenient corner where you can put in a good, comfortable stairway designed for looks as well as service.

When it comes to heating, you can place the furnace under the front hall, and carry short pipes to each room; and you can carry the hottest pipe to the bathroom, where it is most needed.

Short of Coin

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In the Busy City. In The American Magazine, James Oppenheim, writing a story entitled "The Proud White Mother," makes the following comment on life in the city: "In the city human communication grows inconceivably rich in summer; windows, doors, all the pores are open, there is a play of people one on another, there is at night a drench of golden atmosphere."

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