

HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

Celebrate When Baby Gets First Tooth



NEW YORK.—Among the Syrians there is no such thing as giving a party in celebration of the first anniversary of the birth of a child; the celebration is held when the baby cuts its first tooth. On such an occasion friends of the parents are not invited to the house to eat cakes and listen to a phonograph, but whatever sweets may be prepared for the occasion are sent by the parents to the homes of the friends whom they wish to inform of the news. The friends later visit the parents and tender their congratulations.

Whatever the sweets may be, one particular dish is indispensable. Sananleeh is its name. The mother begins to prepare it soon after the birth of the child. First and foremost in the preparation of this dish is wheat. Parents with many friends use between ten and 20 pounds of wheat. The grain is boiled with sugared water until it is fit to be eaten; then it is put into hollow dishes and allowed to cool. The other materials include nuts, peeled almonds, pine seeds, candies and the like. These ingredients are spread over the grain and sprinkled with rose water and then the dish is ready to be sent out.

Sometimes one of the parents will carry a dish of this stuff to a particularly close friend. The women or the men as the case may be embrace each other and the neighbor brings into play all his knowledge of the congratulatory expressions befitting the occasion, some of which run like this:

"O my neighbor and friend, may the child live long to bring joy to your heart. May it please Allah that you marry him during your lifetime. I cannot describe to you how elated and enraptured I am to know that your child has cut a tooth. O son of my uncle, I am going to make an offering to a church for the long life of your child."

Then without much loss of time the neighbor invites his visitor to a drink of araq to the health of the baby and very seldom does he let him depart without having had four or five.

The dishes in which the sananleeh is carried to neighbors and friends are not returned immediately. Sometimes it is a week or even two before they are back in their customary places in the family cupboard. When they are returned they are not empty.

It is the duty of the recipient of a dish of sananleeh to return the dish full of some delicacy. Hence the home of the baby's parents will resemble an elaborate exposition of pastries and sweets when all the dishes are in.

SERVED ONE FAMILY LONG

Woman Who Has Worked 57 Years Tells How to Solve Servant Problem.

New York.—Bertha Steinberger, 76 years old, in love only once—and still in that happy condition, for she never married—is a servant there for the third and fourth generations of the one family, to which she has been devoted. She has been with Isaac Kurtz and his descendants for 57 years, passed on from father to daughter and daughter to daughter, a treasured heirloom. Never has she sought



Bertha Steinberger.

to leave her employers, and never will she, unless Martin Dieber appears in reality as he looms up in her dreams of the past.

This woman was born in Rheinpfalz, Germany, on February 10, 1833. She was the daughter of a gamekeeper. Martin Dieber, a young soldier in the German army, marched through her village one day and then began a romance that might have been. She was eighteen then. He wanted to marry her. She was willing, but Martin had three more years to serve. He suggested an elopement and again she was willing. The pair started for Antwerp, where lay a ship that would carry them to America. About \$200 was sent to a friend here to keep until they arrived. But Martin never did arrive. The police pulled him from his place of hiding on the vessel and sent him back. Bertha sailed alone.

When this girl of nineteen reached this shore she found that the "friend" had spent the money. She sat on her trunk at Castle Garden and sighed over her wealth—three cents. Employment was soon found for her in the Kurtz family and it is with a grandchild of her first employer she now lives. Speaking of the servant problem she says:

"To keep a servant should be very easy. Making a success of the plan requires only that she be treated as a human being, with human impulses and human weaknesses. My employers have looked upon me in that way and that is why I haven't made a change in 57 years and wouldn't want to."

Fatal Course. A matron who was visiting her former home city, and was under full headway with the seemingly endless string of questions usual in such a case.

"And your sister's daughter Violet?" she asked.

"Violet is married," the friend replied.

"Indeed! My! How time does fly. Happily married, I trust?"

"Oh, dear, no! My sister always humored her, you know," was the response, "and the poor child was permitted to marry the man she was in love with!"—Sunday Magazine of the Cleveland Leader.

Not Actually Necessary. The lawyer proceeded to examine the witness.

"Pardon the question, Mrs. Chucksley," he said, "but your answer constitutes a part of the record. How old are you?"

"Why, you ought to know, Mr. Sharpe," she answered; "my birthday is the same as yours, only I was born ten years later than you were."

"Ah, yes, I remember. Well, it isn't important, anyhow. Go ahead, Mrs. Chucksley, and tell the jury what you know about this case."

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Pretty Chicago Waitresses Lose Jobs



CHICAGO.—"Fire the beauties and employ plain faced workers," is the cry of the "quick lunch" bosses of this city.

There are two counts to the indictment against them.

First.—The pretty girl is flattered by too much attention and spends her time flirting, adjusting her rate and switches, and shifting her complexion rather than in keeping the "ham and," "cup and sinkers," "bowl and a slice of mince," and other essentials of a well-ordered luncheon in rapid circulation.

Second.—The impressionable youths—yes, and the baldheads who ought to know better—spend their time in pleasant conversation with fair Kathleen instead of in eating. Perchance, also, they may squander the last nickel of the lunch money on a tip to the waiting maid instead of on a piece of cake or a baked apple.

There is another element in the case, brought out by a proprietor when he said:

"Of course, when you have pretty girls sometimes a fellow will give one of them a home. But I'm not running a Sunday school."

But in order for these conditions to influence the restaurant man his pace must be some steps above the quick lunch class. In the latter success depends on feeding people promptly and cheaply, to which it is necessary that the employees be few, but work fast and constantly. In the restaurants the spirit was expressed by one manager yesterday as follows:

"We try to make our place as pleasant and attractive as possible, and the most important feature of the surroundings, or furnishings, in this regard is the waitress. We want them as pretty as we can get them."

But the pretty blondes and the brilliant brunettes are doomed in the places where the baked beans and "coffee and" constitute the principal items on the bill. The proprietors are afraid of her.

"It's simply a matter of business," a hard-hearted man said. "They say a pretty girl attracts customers, but what good does it do us if she attracts them to the lunch counter, only to distract their attention from the bill of fare? They come in to eat, to eat as much as they can in as short a time as possible. Anything that interferes with that has to go."

Dozen Lonely Widows Want Husbands



ST. PAUL, Minn.—Twelve lonely women of St. Paul, most of them widows, have appealed to the police by mail to help them meet 12 lonely men. They want to know how to go about it. Here is their letter:

"Sir: Could you tell us if, where and how we could best get acquainted with nice lonely good men, about 45 to 55 years old?"

"We are 12 women, 30 to 45 years old, all bright, nice, good looking, good character, who won't pick our acquaintance over counters or street corners, that kind we don't want; we are refined. So none."

"But cannot get acquainted so therefore we are lonesome. But, street corners we don't want."

"What is the best way to get acquainted in the best way, we are

most of us widows, without children, alone, and lonesome."

"And still we can't give you our names so you call us lonely women or widows, help us or we will call on the Mayor or Gov. Eberhart. They are good fellows. Am-n."

The women would accept men ranging as high as 45 years of age. There is no specification as to the men's personal appearance, earning power, ability to sing or dance.

As to who these 12 lonely women, all bright, nice, good looking and of good character may be, their letter tells nothing. But a Sherlock Holmes would perhaps deduce that they are not suffragettes and that they have kind dispositions.

Perhaps they have formed a Lonely Women's club and pooled their spare cash on a bet that the first one to get a lonely man takes all for her trousseau.

A mere man who is married, and also lonely, says he will pay for the license and ceremony for the first couple of these 12 lonely women and lonely men who sign articles.

Wonders If He Was Worked for \$1.50



CHICAGO.—Will the weight of a 200-pound man falling on a two-dollar derby damage it to the extent of \$1.50?

John M. Hubbard, assistant postmaster, replied in the negative.

"I paid him \$1.50 and now I learn he victimized my friends in the same manner and—worse yet—with the same two-dollar hat," said Mr. Hubbard to a group of friends in the Federal building.

"He came in and waited patiently to speak to me. A stranger he was, but he had an honest face. Once at return I turned and shook his hand, at the same time sitting down. He yelled: 'Look out, sir; my hat!' But it was too late.

"I am awfully sorry," I began as I picked up the crushed flat thing that lay in my chair. I tried hard to suppress a smile, but finally laughed outright. And he was angry. No mistake about that.

"That is my only hat, sir," he said, humble enough. I corrected him, saying, "It was your only hat."

"I am a poor man out of work, and my wife and four children—here I interrupted him. "How much?" I asked. "It's ruined," he said. "How will a dollar square it?" I asked. "I can't get a new one for that," he complained. When I handed him \$1.50 he grabbed it greedily and left."

Mr. Hubbard reflected for a time, then asked in a tone barely audible: "I wonder if that is the same fellow that worked my friends in the same manner and with the same hat?"

Laughter was the only answer that came from his group of friends. Other friends call him on the telephone many times during the day now and ask him if he buys old hats.

STIRS UP NAVAL CIRCLES

Outcome of Auld Court-Martial Matter of Great Interest to Sea Fighters.

Boston.—Great interest is manifested by officers and men of the United States navy in the verdict the court-martial will render in the case of Paymaster George P. Auld, who was tried on several charges growing out of his alleged attack on Dr. Edward S. Cowles, relative of Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt.

The case attracted wide attention because of the connection with it of Miss Dorothy Hesler of Evanston, daughter of a naval officer who died in the Philippines, and Miss Swift, daughter of Rear Admiral Swift. It was reported that Auld's attack on Cowles followed unpleasant attentions given to Miss Hesler by the physician.



Paymaster George P. Auld.

who is a married man. Cowles was barred from the navy yard dance, and when told his presence was not wanted a fight followed. Auld testified that he did not strike Cowles, but admitted having grappled with him and throwing him to the floor.

In navy circles it is said this was not the true cause of the trouble and that a rare scandal is behind the whole thing. An investigation by congress is now being talked of.

Let's not talk about the weather.

Remember and give the horse a square deal.

Even bad weather cannot keep the airships down.

In this age, the water wagon ought to be an automobile.

Canada seems to be getting a better neighbor all the time.

An aeroplane collision might be a good state fair attraction.

The next aerial record to be broken is that for the highest fall.

Delaware has a record snowfall. No use asking after the peach crop.

Wouldn't automobile tires as ball bonds come under the head of inflated securities?

Isn't it great that you can get used to almost anything if you try it long enough?

Sea voyagers at this time of year get their money's worth if they like excitement.

It is said injections of rattlesnake venom will cure hookworm. Also pellagra. It is a kill-or-cure remedy.

One of the most pernicious evils-doers is the man who tries to pull another down from the water wagon.

With real butter worth its weight in gold the temptation is strong for imitation butter to get into the game.

European rivers have been hurrying up their high water programs so as to forestall the Ohio's spectacular performances.

Whenever a cake of floating ice crashes against the Eads bridge the seismograph in St. Louis registers an earthquake.

The nine-dollar hog at Chicago may make the silver of bacon for breakfast more like a silver than it has ever been before.

The only consolation there has been about the bleak weather of the past few days is that each day of winter brings spring nearer.

Speed maniacs should be given a sentence, when convicted, on the treadmill, which would make the punishment fit the crime.

Buffalo meat has been placed on the New York market. And its price, notwithstanding its rarity, was not much greater than that for ordinary beef.

Seldom will even a vain and unreliable woman give an untruthful answer if you ask her about her age. She will say it is none of your business.

A New York husband complained in court that his wife called him a "shrimp," and in view of the fact that he went to court with his trouble we are inclined to agree with her.

With eggs at 70 cents a dozen in New York a St. Louis man is willing to eat five dozen at a time on a wager. Perhaps the motion picture privileges help out this branch of capitalistic sport.

Twenty thousand acres of land especially adapted to fruit culture have just been opened for settlement in Oregon. The Pacific coast is looming into prominence as a rich agricultural region.

In one of the big police precincts in New York there were only two arrests in 24 hours, and the fact has led to the inquiry whether a reform wave has struck that part of the city. More likely it was merely a cold wave.

Two newspapers, one in Chicago and the other in Baltimore, have talked with each other by "wireless," though 1,000 miles apart. This is reported to be the longest distance on land for successful communication of this kind, and experts allege that a thousand miles over the land is equal to 3,000 at sea. Be this as it may, the incident is of interest as showing the development of wireless telegraphy. There is no doubt that the system is constantly enlarging the scope of its usefulness.

It looks more and more as though the American propositions for a world's arbitral court, tending to promote international peace, and for the neutralization of the Manchurian railroads, looking to the removal of a cause of friction and strife, are likely to be accepted by the leading powers. And so the year will be memorable because of one of the greatest advances ever made toward general and permanent good understanding, the chief impulse toward which came from the United States and was generated by American statesmanship.

Great thoughts are noble guests which do not enter the home of our intellect unbidden, nor do they remain long where they are not properly entertained.

A university scientist declares charity is to be a disgrace, advocating the policy of letting the useless starve and the unfit die. Science is the bet for the loss of such scientists who thus practically hold it as a defense of a return to the old barbarous doctrine of brute force in the survival of the fittest.