

# WASHINGTON GOSSIP

## Bugs to Cost Uncle Sam \$800,000 in Year 1915

WASHINGTON.—Bugs! Bugs that fly and bugs that burrow, bugs that bite and bugs that sting, big bugs and tiny bugs, ladybugs, and bugs anything but ladylike, are going to cost the federal government \$800,000 during the fiscal year of 1915. That is the amount carried in the agricultural bill before congress. Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the bureau of entomology and Uncle Sam's champion bug hunter, has pointed out, however, that these insects will cost the country fully 100 times that amount in cotton destroyed; corn and wheat and other grain crops injured; forests devastated; root crops ruined and fields laid almost bare. It is to stop such ravages as these that the bureau is maintained. That it saves many times its cost every year is demonstrated easily by statistics.

The biggest bug from the standpoint of destructiveness is the boll weevil, which is slowly but certainly retreating before the attacks of government scientists. But the "sinews of war" provided by the appropriation bill also are wanted for campaigns against the gipsy moth, which attacks tree foliage; the horn worm, that destroys tobacco plants; the cane insect that lays low cane fields; the alfalfa weevil, which attacks that crop; the cinch bug, that sucks the life from wheat and cornstalks; the codling moth, that spoils tree fruits; the pine beetle, and the bark beetle. The latter insect is a serious menace to the national and private forests, because it destroys millions of feet of standing timber.

"We have undertaken an extensive study of the house fly," said Dr. Howard. "In the small farm and village 99 per cent of the house flies are bred in stable refuse, and we have been co-operating with the bureau of chemistry to find some substance that will kill the larvae and not impair the fertilizing value of the refuse."

"We have several lines of work now going on in regard to the effect of insects on the health of man and animals. We wish, in the first place, to complete the records of longevity of the cattle ticks. Then, as to stable flies: This insect has been shown to be instrumental in the carriage of infantile paralysis. We also expect to undertake a series of malarial fever studies and the bionomics of malarial mosquitoes, in order to provide remedies for the requirements of plantations, especially in the Mississippi delta."

## Thought He Read From Congressional Record

EVERY one who has read "Chimmie Fadden" knows "Ned" Townsend, the author, and now representing a district in northern New Jersey. So much for the introduction. "Ned" Townsend had to make a speech in Newark the other day, and as he had some serious thoughts to impart, he went to the trouble of writing out a portion of the things he really wanted to deliver to that after-dinner audience. When he reached Newark a reporter for the Call spotted him and asked him if he had an advance copy of the stuff he was about to get off his chest.

"I have this bunch of notes," said Townsend, "and that is all."

The reporter said he could take the notes to the office, have them set up in type and promised to send a proof of the remarks back to Townsend in plenty of time for dinner. All of which he did.

Mr. Townsend arose in his appointed time, and after delivering himself of the usual introductory remarks, said that as he had a serious purpose in mind he would like permission to read some of the things he had written on the train going north. And he pulled out the proof.

The next speaker was a bank examiner. He started off something like this: "Gentlemen, you have been imposed upon. You have heard Mr. Townsend say that he wrote out his speech on the train, but I have been watching him every minute and I tell you upon my word of honor that he did not read from a written manuscript at all. He read from the Congressional Record."

Whereupon every one laughed. Townsend can tell that story to men who know the speed with which newspaper proofs are "pulled" after the "copy" goes into the composing room, but it would never have done to try to explain at a dinner that he read from the proof of a speech he had handed to a newspaper reporter only an hour or two previous. No, indeed. The ordinary idea of a piece of proof brings up visions of careful writing, long dickerings with a printer, seeing a first proof, waiting three days for a corrected proof, and then finding an error perhaps in the "corrected" proof.

No. It won't do. The people at that dinner probably firmly believe that Ned Townsend worked a week or a month on that speech.

## Negro Used for Mosquito Bait in Canal Zone

COL. WILLIAM L. SIBERT, U. S. A., builder of the Gatun locks, the Gatun dam, the breakwater at Colon harbor, and the excavation of the channel between the Gatun locks and the Atlantic ocean, has written an interesting article on the Panama canal, his first contribution on the subject, for the National Geographic society. In his article, Colonel Sibert humorously writes of the effort to rid the Canal Zone of mosquitoes.

"In 1912 Gatun had probably the greatest influx of malarial mosquitoes in its history," he writes. "The sanitary department determined to locate all the breeding places of mosquitoes near Gatun, catch mosquitoes at each place, and after painting them turn them loose, and determine from the color of the mosquitoes caught in Gatun from what point they came. I went down there one morning to see how they were caught and painted. Mosquito bars were suspended from limbs tied up at the bottom. They had thousands of mosquitoes in them ready to be sprayed with a colored liquid, and the sanitary inspector was asked how he caught them. He said, 'We have a more scientific way, but this had to be done in a hurry. We simply let the mosquito bar down, as you would open a bed, left one side of it open, and put a Jamaica negro in there for bait.' As soon as the mosquito bar was full the bait was removed and the end tied up. I saw a Jamaica negro standing there. 'John, were you the bait in that bar?' I asked, and he replied, 'Yes, boss; that is the easiest money I ever earned—10 cents an hour for sitting there and doing nothing but just inviting the mosquitoes in.'"

## No Secret in the Manufacture of Money Paper

THERE is an erroneous idea, very generally held, that paper money is printed on paper manufactured by a secret process, which is carefully guarded from the public. The truth is that almost any paper house could make the identical paper, were it not prohibited by law from doing so. The matter of getting the silk fiber into the fabric is comparatively simple, and the appearance of these tiny shreds, often cleverly imitated with a fine pen, not infrequently induces the inexperienced to accept a counterfeit bill of which they are suspicious. With the development of photo-engraving the shady art of counterfeiting received a big impetus. Prior to that industry only experts could hope to produce bills that would pass even casual inspection. And as man's handiwork always expresses his individuality, the "thumb print" of every counterfeiter was literally on every bill he put out. Today, however, bills may be duplicated by a purely mechanical process; but the lines are heavy and uneven, and, while such a reproduction may get by an inexperienced clerk, the expert can spot it at a glance.

## ANCIENT VALLEY OF CAROL

Inhabitants on Steep Slopes in the Pyrenees Orientales Have Peculiar Customs.

London.—The Valley of Carol, in the Pyrenees Orientales, where snowed-up people recently had to escape from their dwellings by the chimneys, takes its name, the inhabitants boast, from Charlemagne. It always has been one of the main portals between France and Spain and, though it has not attained the separate status and independence of the neighboring little republic of Andorra, it has enjoyed for centuries a considerable degree of independence.

In 1399 King Martin of Aragon, by special grant, freed the inhabitants of this valley from arrest for debt, regarding it as vital that they should be



In the Valley of Carol.

at liberty to defend the Spanish border castles, which, by the way, was a shrewd move on the part of that monarch, who ceaselessly was in feud not only with the barons of the mountainous north, but with his Gallic neighbors, the rulers of France, as well.

The customs and habits of the people of the district are quaint, but no doubt necessitated by topographic conditions. The steep mountain sides are sheerly inaccessible. There is neither church nor priest among them and their dead are buried in coffins which by means of long, stout ropes are let down the steep rocks into the small valley hundreds of feet below, and there taken charge of by the church and interred. Under similar conditions these primitive, hard-living people go to church. This occurs but once a year, when in baskets the most fearless among them are lowered down into the canyon below.

## TWO SQUIRRELS WERE DRUNK

Chocolate Cocktails the Little Animals Found Sent Them Home Staggering.

Tarrytown, N. Y.—When Bud Weeks goes fishing he always comes back with a good catch or a good story. Recently he brought back both.

"As I was going over on the lake road," he said, "I saw two gray squirrels eating out of a small pasteboard box. When I approached they staggered away like drunken men. I looked at the box and saw the reason why. It had probably fallen from an automobile. I watched those squirrels as they tried to climb the tree and get in their hole. They were just like a drunken man trying to put a key in the keyhole and had about as much success. I went on fishing, and as I was coming home at night what do you suppose I saw?"

"Saw them signing the pledge," suggested Jim Graveson, president of the Roslyn Wheel club.

"No," said Weeks, "they were both sitting at the side of the lake holding a cake of ice on their heads. They were a sick looking pair, I tell you."

## COFFIN CONCEALED A MURDER

Sixteen Bullet Holes Were Found in Head of Dead Man When Casket Was Opened.

Olean, N. Y.—When Coroner Caesar Smith opened the coffin containing the body of William Lobarger of Bolivar, N. Y., who died at Manningsport, La., it was found that the dead man had 16 bullet holes in his head. Nothing was known here by the authorities or relatives of the manner in which he met death. The bullet holes appear to have been made by a .32-caliber revolver fired at short range. The police started an inquiry.

## Bean Shooter for Squirrels.

Evanston, Ill.—George Waterous was advised by the police to try a bean shooter to drive a nest of squirrels from the attic of his home. Waterous had asked permission to use a rifle on the pests, saying that they were too wary to be caught by traps or poison.

## Green Hair Causes Riot.

New York.—The first appearance of green hair in public in this city nearly caused a riot at the Globe theater. Several men refused to return to their seats after leaving the playhouse.

# The KITCHEN CABINET

**D**ON'T be a wobbler. If you think a thing, think it strong enough to live it, even though you may be too wise to argue about it. —Lloyd.

## SEASONABLE DISHES.

Procure a good size beef tenderloin, slit one side open and lay in a dressing made as follows: One cupful of dry grated bread crumbs, one tablespoonful of minced parsley and one of mixed herbs, one tablespoonful of chopped onion fried in a tablespoonful of butter. Season with a teaspoon of salt and a few dashes of pepper. If the mixture does not seem moist enough, add a little more melted butter. Sew up the opening, and place strips of bacon or fat salt pork over it, skewering them into the meat. Rub well with salt and dust with flour. When thoroughly brown remove the tenderloin, add a tablespoonful of flour to the pan and add a cupful of boiling water with two tablespoonfuls of chopped gherkins or pickles and a tablespoonful of chopped olives. If sufficient salt was used in the meat the gravy will need none; but much tasting of food is necessary to make it palatable.

**Codfish With Oyster Sauce.**—The homely codfish is here made a dish fit for the best occasion. Take three pounds of the fish and wash it thoroughly. In the kettle place three quarts of water, one teaspoonful of salt, one onion, one carrot sliced, one quarter of a bay leaf, three sprigs of parsley and a teaspoon of pepper corns tied loosely in a small cheesecloth. Wrap the fish in cheesecloth and cook slowly, not to break it. When the flesh begins to draw from the bones, lift it out and take off the cloth and put the fish on a hot platter. Surround with potatoes boiled, then sliced. In a saucepan prepare the following sauce, to be ready to serve with the fish: Take two tablespoonfuls of butter, and when bubbling hot add two tablespoonfuls of flour, cook until smooth and thick. Add a pint of the fish broth, salt and pepper to taste and a pint of oysters which have been rinsed and finely chopped. Cook three minutes, draw to one side, add a tablespoonful of lemon juice and the yolks of three eggs mixed with a tablespoonful of cream. Take from the fire and add a tablespoonful of chopped parsley.

**Cocoa Cookies.**—Cream a half cup of shortening, add three-fourths of a cup of sugar, add a beaten egg and a fourth of a cup of milk, two cups of flour, four teaspoonfuls of cocoa (dry), a teaspoon of cinnamon and a little salt. Roll out and bake in a moderate oven.

Failure is often the turning point, the pivot of circumstance that swings us to a higher level. Life is not really what comes to us, but what we get out of it. —Jordan.

## LET NOTHING BE LOST.

In the miracle which is recorded in the Gospels, the fact that after the feast there were gathered up 12 basketfuls, and they were told to do this that nothing be lost, is a lesson for us in economy. Even the Creator of all things in his wonderful providence to us expects us to use our blessings with care against needless waste.

Many people fail in economy because they do not know how to save, and, of course, there are those who are "penny wise and pound foolish."

Food is not the only article of importance in the great make-up of things. Energy, good temper, good looks and the joy of living should not be wasted by trifling things which seem but are not at all important.

Stinginess is degrading, and waste is sin; a wise oversight of expenditure of self, time and money is an honorable and just employment for every woman.

**The Waste of Food.**—A stock pot for soups is a wonderful saver and will prove a great help in planning the day's menu. The water in which rice or macaroni and any bits of leftover meat and bones can be cooked together until a jelly is formed. The inch or two of steak, the half cup of peas, the tablespoonful or two of string beans, in fact almost any kind of food may go into the soup pot with good results. At night strain the soup into a bowl and set on ice; in the morning skim off the fat, which should be saved for the various cooked dishes, and you will then have a foundation for various kinds of soups.

Bits of butter left on the plates or from the butter balls which look

## Sunday Observance.

The Lord's Day Observance league is actively pushing its campaign to make Sunday a day of rest in England. Recently adopted resolutions of the league call on the London county council to do its utmost to check the Sunday amusements that entail work by thousands of persons.

## Proof Infallible.

He is a very courteous man. I freely make a vow: He offered me the only clean spot on the roller towel.

messy can be saved for the various needs in cooking.

Scraps of pastry, if kept on ice, may be rolled out, cut in squares, sprinkled with cinnamon and sugar, and baked, and will make a nice little cake to serve with a light dessert. Or if cut very small without putting on any sugar or cinnamon, and when baked brown may be used as croutons in soup.

Take stale bread and cut into small squares or fancy shapes, and put into a jar to keep from the air. When croutons are wanted for soup, dip them in melted butter and brown in the oven. They thus make most attractive croutons.

Who is the wisest man. He who says the right thing at the right time? No, indeed—but he who leaves unsaid the wrong things at the tempting moment.

## VARIOUS HINTS.

For cheap meals for a week, one finds it necessary to plan and work out a schedule for each day. On Monday get a large, meaty shank, which will cost anywhere from 10 to 25 cents, depending on the town and the butcher. Cook this until tender, also cook a few potatoes, carrots, turnips and rice. Remove the meat from the bones, and either brown it in butter or slice and lay on the platter with the vegetables around it. Have the carrots and turnips cut in dice. Serve rice as a dessert, with a hard sauce or sugar and cream.

On Tuesday, make a vegetable soup, using the stock from the meat of the day before and the vegetables put through a sieve. The rice that is left over may be served as an escaloped dish with cheese, and a white sauce.

For Wednesday, a few pork chops baked, with sliced potatoes, makes a most appetizing dish and one which is easy to prepare.

On Thursday, make a hash of the leftover meat of the first of the week, and bake it with mashed potatoes over the top of the loaf. Slice and serve as a loaf. Have escaloped corn for a vegetable.

On Friday, have fish boiled and served with a lemon sauce. Baked potatoes and a steamed pudding with egg sauce.

On Saturday, which is baking day in most homes, a nice dish may be prepared with little watching, is a mutton stew with peas. Lamb will be nicer and more tender, but it is not always to be had. Cook slowly until nearly ready to serve, then add a can of green peas and serve around the stew on the platter. A few carrots may be added an hour before taking off, to give them plenty of time to cook. They will add to the flavor as well as to the appearance of the dish. With this meat dish a light dessert is all that is necessary.

Cheerfulness is the daughter of employment. I have known men to come home from a funeral in great spirits, just because they had the management of it. —Horne.

## LEAKAGES IN HOUSEKEEPING.

It should be a matter of pride with every young woman starting a home that she will know how to spend wisely the money given to her for the household expenses. It is as necessary that the housewife know how to spend as it is that the head of the house know how to earn it.

Economy and wise planning stand at the head of first aids to the beginner. Poverty is no disgrace, and if poor, all the more need of brains to mix with all the household processes. The woman who need not think of expense is deprived of the keen enjoyment which comes to every woman in making a little go a good ways. It calls forth all of her ability and originates new ideas, and also develops character and individuality.

Small quantities and no waste is a good rule to remember, except for the staples, which are cheaper bought in larger quantities and have good keeping qualities.

Marketing economically does not, necessarily mean always the cheapest food. We may be "penny wise and pound foolish." Economy means, not always spending little, but getting full value for the expenditure, whether it is time, money or energy.

One of the biggest leaks in most homes, is that of doing too many of the unnecessary things and leaving out the really vital things of life.

It will be of much more moment to the house mother that her daughters find her a chum and companion than that she always have the kitchen floor clean enough to eat from desirable as that may be.

Nellie Maxwell.

## Not Too Far Forward.

"Are you a political leader?" "No," replied Senator Sorghum. "A political leader has to be away up in front where he can't see all that is going on. I make it my business to stay where I can maintain supervision."

## Not Too Tough.

"We will have beefsteak for the piece de resistance tonight." "Try and get some that won't offer too much resistance, my dear."

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