THE HERALD

Belgian Coal Pits.

The Belgian authorities, says the Manchester Guardian, have not recognized the advisability of prohibiting the employment of women and girls underground, although public opinion has done a good deal to discourage this degrading practice. In 1868 in the collieries of the province of Liege were employed 940 females out of a total number of 15,686. In 1877 the numbers were, above ground, 1,086 women 15 years of age, and 321 girls under 15; underground were 463 women above 15, and 67 girls under 15. According to the recent report of the chief mining engineer of the province, these numbers have still further decreased, the underground female workers being only 453 altogether. It is hoped that the Belgian colliery owners will discourage the system until it dies a natural death. In great Britain the employment of women underground was forbidden by the Regulation of Mines and Collieries Act, 1842 (5 and 6. Vic., c. 99) and although there is no law to forbid their working above ground at the pit banks, there is in many coal districts a feeling against it.

Hot and Cold Baths.

The London Lancet, in a recent number, points out the difference between the effects of hot and cold baths. The effects of the cold bath, it says, being mainly due to impressions made upon the cutaneous nerves, the modifications of the cold bath largely depend on their power of increasing its stimulating action. The colder the water, the more violent the impression. The frequent change of water, such as is found in the sea or in running streams, increases its stimulating effect. Great force of impact, as when water fall from a height or comes forcibly through a hose upon the body; the division of the stream as is seen in shower baths and needle baths, and the additions of acids or salt to the water, all act, it would seem, by increasing the stimulating power which the water exerts upon the cutaneous nerves. Warm baths produce an effect upon the skin directly contrary to that brought about by cold water. The cutaneous vessels dilate immediately under the influence of heat, and although this dilation is followed by a contraction of the vessels, this contraction is seldom excessive; and the ultimate result of a warm bath is to increase the cutaneous circulation. The pulse and respiration are both quickened as in the cold bath. The warm bath increases the temperature of the body, and, by lessening the necessity for the internal production of heat, increases the call made upon certain vital processes, and enables life to be maintained with a less expenditure of force. While a cold bath causes a certain stiffness of the muscles, if continued for too long a time, a warm bath relieves stiffness and fatigue. The ultimate results of hot and cold baths, if their temperature be moderate, are about the same, the difference being, to use the words of Braun, that "cold refreshes by stimulating the functions, heat by physically facilitating them; and in this lies the important practical difference between the cold-water and hot-water systems."

The sleeping apartments of several lady guests at the Burnett House, in Stroudsburg, Pa., were entered last August, during the absence of their occupants, and robbed of considerable sums of money and valuable jewelry. Among the guests of the house was Chester B. Fulmer, an educated and polished young man, a son of Henry Fulmer, one of the wealthiest citizens of Easton, Pa., and owner of the Burnett House. After the robbery young Fulmer acted in a suspicious manner. He was suspected of being the thief, and a search-warrant was issued and his room searched, which resulted in the finding of some of the stolen money and jewelry in a cigar-box under his bed. Fulmer was subsequently arrested, and on his person was found a package of ten-cent silver pieces, which was also identified as a part of the money stolen. He was tried and found guilty, and sentenced to two years and six months' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Domestic.

Cafe Au Lait.—Make your coffee as usual, except leaving out half the water, add same quantity of unskimmed milk and let it boil. Very nice after-dinner coffee.

For Boils.—The skin of a boiled egg is the most efficacious remedy that can be applied to a boil. Peal it carefully, wet and apply it to the part affected. It will draw off the matter, and relieve the soreness in a few hours.

Custard for an Invalid.—Beat up an egg with a heaping teaspoonful of sugar; put it into a teacupful of boiling milk. Stir until it thickens. Pour it into a bowl over a slice of toasted bread. Flavor to taste.

Cream Candy.—To three pounds of granulated sugar add one pint of cream, one-half pint of water, two tablespoonfuls cider vinegar and one of butter. Boil quickly till done, or until it strings: when ready to pour out, add one teaspoonful of Vanilla. Pull till it is white.

Cement for Lamps.—The Rural New Yorker says that a good recipe for a cement for kerosene lamps is: Three parts resin, one of caustic soda, and five of water. Mix this composition with half its weight of plaster-of-paris. It will set firmly in about three-quarters of an hour.

Simple But Sure Worm Medicine.—Two tablespoonfuls of pumpkin seed peeled and pulverized, or give to a child to chew fine. The seed does not kill, but stupefies the worm. The next day give castor oil or any other cathartic, and if the worms are present in the system they will pass off.

Corn-meal Muffins.—One cup cornmeal, half a cup of flour, one tablespoonful of sugar, half a teaspoon of salt, one teacup of sour milk, one egg, and half a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a teaspoonful of hot water. These are particularly nice baked in rings, but may be baked in the pans.

Rice Croquettes.—To be eaten with roast beef. Boil a teacup of rice in milk and water, and quite dry. While hot, add a little butter, sugar, one egg, and the juice of one lemon; when cold make it up into rolls about the size of an egg, dip them first into beaten eggs and then into rolled crackers; fry them in hot lard until they are brown.

Baked Fish.—Make a dressing of bread crumbs and a little pork chopped fine, and season with pepper, salt, and a little butter. Fill your fish with the mixture, sew it up, dredge on a little flour, and after laying it in a dripping pan, cover it with very thin slices of salt pork. A four pound fish will take from thirty to forty minutes to bake.

Superior Sausage.—To every hundred weight of corn fed pork, not too fat, add a quarter of a pound of sage, one ounce of summer savory or thyme, two pounds of salt, six ounces cayenne pepper, six ounces black pepper; mix all well together and cut tolerably fine. Of course, for a larger or smaller quantity of meat the same proportion of ingredients should be used.

Chocolate Whip.—Take one ounce of cocoa paste, or the same quantity of sweet chocolate scraped fine, and add it to one quart of rich cream and half a pound of pulverized sugar. Place on the fire and bring to the boiling point, stirring constantly with a whisk; then remove it, and when it is thoroughly cold add to it the whites of four eggs, and whisk briskly, and remove the froth as it forms with a perforated skimmer, and lay it on a hair sieve to drain. When you have a sufficient quantity to whip, fill your glasses or cups three-fourths full of the cream, and pile the whip on top of them; sprinkle a little vanilla sugar or powdered cinnamon on the whip, and serve.

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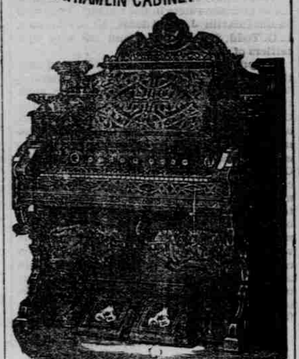

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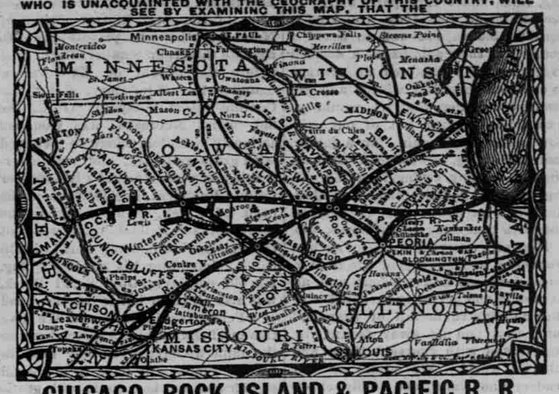

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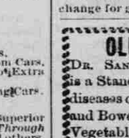

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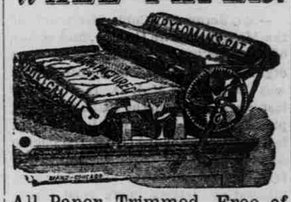

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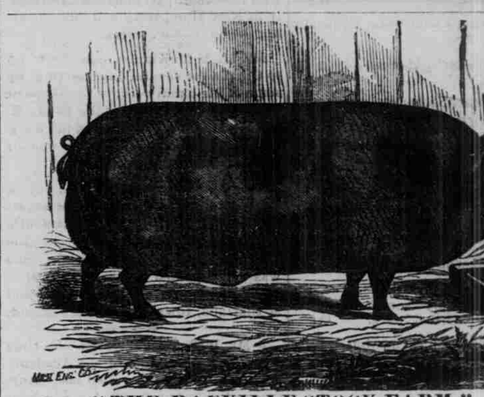

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