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The Defiance Starch Co. will give 25 ladies a round trip ticket to the St. Louis Exposition, to five ladies in each of the following states: Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri who will send in the largest number of trade marks cut from a ten cent, 16-ounce package of Defiance cold water laundry starch. This means from your own home, anywhere in the above named states. These trade marks must be mailed to and received by the Defiance Starch Co., Omaha, Neb., before September 1st, 1904. October and November will be the best months to visit the Exposition. Remember that Defiance is the only starch put up 16 oz. (a full pound) to the package. You get one-third more starch for the same money than of any other kind, and Defiance never sticks to the iron. The tickets to the Exposition will be sent by registered mail September 6th. Starch for sale by all dealers.

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You can easily make a man hot by rubbing him the wrong way.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN P. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Women can invent excuses with a pretty candor.

If you wish beautiful, clear, white clothes use Red Cross Ball Blue. Large 3 oz. package, 5 cents.

It's a case of quick consumption with the man who bolts his food.

Carpets can be colored on the floor with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES.

In Florence, lately, one of several Italian ladies who were entertaining Mark Twain, asked what was the American national game. "Poker," he responded. When she laughingly protested that he was facetious, he gravely reiterated his statement, and added: "Madame, to the game of poker the American people owe the most valuable lesson a nation can learn: Never give up, even after you have lost your last chance."

Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cruger tells a story of a Washington postess who invited an attache of one of the foreign legations to dine with her. The invitation was formally accepted, but on the morning of the appointed day a note, written by the foreigner's valet, was received, which read: "Mr. Blank regrets very much that he will not be able to be present at Mrs. Swift's dinner tonight, as he is dead."

Love is the sun that hatches the flowers of the soul. The face, which reflects all the inner sentiments of the heart, betrays the love of its owner, and is beautiful.

It's a case of love's labor lost when a woman is compelled to take in washing in order to support a worthless husband.

The man who is vain takes pride in showing it on the smallest provocation.

After buying experience a man seldom boasts of his bargain.

Disgraces are often the brightest sunshine of life.

A spoiled child is almost as bad as one that is too fresh.

A man consumes more or less time when he is eating dates.

ARMY TRIALS.

An Infantryman's Long Siege.
This soldier's tale of food is interesting.

During his term of service in 17th Infantry in Cuba and Philippines, an Ohio soldier boy contracted a disease of the stomach and bowels which all army doctors who treated him pronounced incurable, but which Grape-Nuts food alone cured:

"In October, 1899, when my enlistment expired, I was discharged from the army at Calutote, Philippines, and returned to the States on the first available steamer that left Manila. When I got home I was a total wreck physically and my doctor put me to bed saying he considered me the worst broken-down man of my age he ever saw and after treating me 6 months he considered my case beyond medical aid.

"During the fall and winter of 1900 and '01 I was admitted to the Barnes Hospital in Washington, D. C., for treatment for chronic inflammation of the stomach and bowels but after 5 months returned home as bad as ever. I continued taking medicine until February, 1902, when reading a newspaper one day I read about Grape-Nuts and was so impressed I sent out for a package right away.

"The result is quickly told for I have used Grape-Nuts continually ever since with the best results, my health is so I can do a fair day's hard work, stomach and bowels are in good condition, have gained 40 pounds in weight and I feel like a new man altogether.

"I owe my present good health to Grape-Nuts beyond all doubt for medical science was exhausted." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Had he consulted any one of several thousand physicians we know of they would have prescribed Grape-Nuts immediately.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

BEES TOO SMART FOR HIM.

They Found a Way to Get Back Honey Taken from Hives.
One of our neighbors has for a number of years past derived a very satisfactory revenue from the industry of his bees. His farm is a village lot 50 by 200 feet, in a sheltered corner of which he keeps a few colonies of bees. With the numerous families he has always lived in the most perfect harmony of purpose, and each individual seems to know and respect him, however warlike they may appear to strange faces. When all the boxes were filled this season they were replaced by others, as is the usual custom. This operation did not commend itself to the bees, as it taxed their proverbial industry to too great an extent in a season of few flowers, like the past.

Seemingly, a council was held, and the question of a winter's supply of food duly considered and soon carried into effect. Some wise bee found a small hole in the attic, where 100 or more pounds of honey was stored. At once all the forces of the colonies were summoned, and with determination that knows no failure they transferred every particle of honey from the garret to the new boxes on the hives. A few days ago when our bee farmer went to the garret for a supply to fill an order, he found he had been robbed. No, it was not robbery! The bees got back what had been taken from them. It was theirs.—New England Homestead.

THE RETORT WAS APT.

Pious Old Lady Answered Fool According to His Folly.

After the opening meeting of the Religious Education Association's recent convention in Philadelphia the Rev. Erastus Blakeslee, of Boston, entertained Dr. Frederic Tracy and Dr. Halsey Gullick with stories of his youth.

"A friend of mine at college," this learned editor said, "was a lad of skeptical views. He and I made a walking tour one summer, and late on a certain evening we stopped at a lonely farmhouse and asked for shelter for the night.

"The old woman who owned the farm welcomed us. She had a simple, pious mind, and she insisted on our taking part with her in evening prayers.

"At the prayers' end my skeptical companion attempted to deride her piety.

"Do you really believe," he said, "that men are made of dust?"
"The Good Book says so; therefore I believe it," said the old woman.
"How about wet weather, then, when there is no dust, when there is only mud? What is done then?" said my friend.

"The old woman looked at him and laughed.
"When there is only mud," she said, "infidels and such like truck are made."

Ensily Explained.

A dear son of New England having piled a newcomer in the milling region of Nevada with every conceivable question as to why he visited the gold region, and hopes, means, prospects, etc., finally asked him if he had a family.

"Yes," was the reply, "I have a wife and six children, and I never saw one of them."

After a brief silence the bore commenced:
"Were you ever blind, sir?"

"No."

Another pause.
"Did I understand you to say that you had a wife and six children living in New York, and had never seen one of them?"

"Fact."
"How can that be?"
"Why," was the reply, "one of them was born after I left."

Their Heads Alike.

Justice John Proctor Clarke of the Supreme Court was holding court a few afternoons ago in one of the badly ventilated rooms of the County Court House. Before him was a lawyer whose head was almost as devoid of hair as that of the Justice himself—and the latter comes pretty near to holding the record in that way.

"Your honor," said the lawyer, "I must request that the window over on the other side of the room be closed more tightly, I feel the draught on my head."

"The court sympathizes with you perfectly," said the justice. The court has the same kind of a head.—New York Times.

Life's "Scarecrows."

Once on a time a farmer made a scarecrow, fierce and high: A sparrow, lighting near it, said: "It looks so cozy. I believe it is the very best of nooks wherein to build a nest."

And so he went to work, and soon a pretty home had made. And by and by his charming mate Four cunning eggs had laid: And from that happy nest one day Six gleeful chicks flew far away.

But ere they went, the old bird said: "My children, all through life Remember what you think of this Or that brings peace or strife: And even scarecrows joy may bring: If one knows how to view a thing."—Nixon Waterman, in Woman's Home Companion.

After-Dinner Candies.

The fashion of eating sweetmeats with dessert is one that is ever gaining ground, and dainty little silver dishes of chocolates, salted almonds, fondants, as well as preserved ginger and dried fruits, are now as necessary an addition to our dessert as fresh fruits. Where only a small dessert is required, both fresh fruit and sweetmeats may be tastefully arranged in a glass or silver center dish.



Dainty Decoration for Dinner Table.

In table setting there is always something new. At a recent dinner the hostess surprised her guests by decorating the center of her table with a cloth of pure gold thread, solidly worked, the border a lace design of white silk and fine gold mesh in diamond-shape stitches. The green for the table was small ferns, set in an oval dish of dark blue china, with figures in relief representing peasants in holiday costume. At each corner of this gold center was a candlestick in dull silver of colonial design, furnished with a shade of iridescent glass, which graduated from tones of light yellow to dark orange, and then to red.

Eton Collars for Spring.

The Eton collar is noticed on some spring suits. It is a welcome change from the collarless effects of former seasons. It gives a girlish, not to say boyish, look to the wearer. It has already been seen on the English tennis suits of white duck and sea green linen in Florida courts, and now it comes along as a top dressing of the bolero or jacket-shaped bodices of spring suits.

It is of linen usually, but is made more becoming and softly feminine by a frilling of soft Valenciennes lace sewed all the way around. The open space between the collar points is thus filled in and finished with a bow.

Menu Card Ideas.

Nothing is prettier for a dainty luncheon than the ribbon menu. This consists of a nine-inch length of broad satin ribbon, with a floral emblem and the word "Menu" painted on it.

Another idea is the swan menu, which is cut out of deckled cardboard. The tail feathers are first cut, and the word "Menu" printed at the top with the bill of fare underneath. The head and wings of the bird are then cut separately, and a piece of baby ribbon in the shape of a loop attached to the head and over the tail feathers to keep the different parts of the anatomy together.

Eton Jacket.

Eton jackets are to be noted among the most fashionable coats and are jaunty, becoming and generally attractive. This one includes the tiny vest effect that marks the latest designs with full sleeves and the drop shoulders that give the broad line of fashion. As shown it is made of wood brown broadcloth with trimming of brown and white braid, the vest being white cloth braided with brown and tan, but all suiting materials are appropriate and the vest can be one of many things. Oriental embroidery is much liked, broadcases and lace are seen and wide braid is used.

The jacket is made with fronts and back and is fitted by means of single darts, shoulder and under-arm seams. The little vest can be applied over the edge and finished with the braid, or the jacket can be cut away and the edge of the vest arranged under it, then stitched to position. The sleeves are gathered and are joined to the



4686 Eton Jacket, 22 to 40 bust.

drop shoulders, the seams being concealed by the braid and are finished at the wrists with flare cuffs.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 4 yards 21 inches wide, 3 yards 27 inches wide or 2 yards 44 inches wide with 3/4 yards of vesting, 5 yards of braid and 3 yards of lace to trim as illustrated.

The pattern 4686 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

Potato Salad.

Eight cold boiled potatoes, one bunch of celery, two white onions, one head of lettuce. Slice the potatoes, cut the celery fine and slice the onions very thin; take off the green leaves of the lettuce, wash carefully and drain and line your salad bowl with them; break up the center of the lettuce and mix with the salad. When ready to serve mix the mayonnaise through before putting in your salad bowl. Garnish with olives and hard boiled eggs.

Small Mutton Pies.

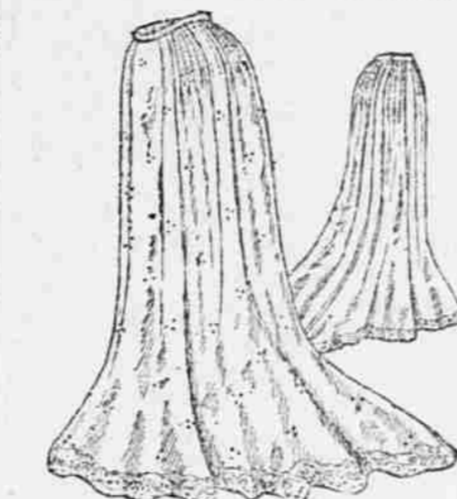
Pour enough boiling water upon half a pound of clarified beef dripping or upon the same quantity of cleaned and crumbled suet to melt it to the consistency of lard.

Make a hollow in two pounds of

sifted flour to which you have added a little salt, and pour in the melted dripping, adding more water if required. Work with the hand until it is a smooth paste, and then roll out like small tins with the paste, put in the meat, cut small and parboiled, place a "lid" of paste on the top, press the sides and top together, cut a small hole in the top and bake in a quick oven.

Seven Gored Skirt.

Full skirts are rapidly becoming general and some fresh variations are shown each week. This one is eminently graceful and suits the season's fabrics admirably well. As shown it is made of novelty sage green voile with trimming of ecru lace, but there are numberless other materials that suit it equally well. The combined plaits and tucks are notably smart but when liked shirrings can be substituted for the latter. In either case



4687 Seven Gored Skirt, 22 to 30 waist.

the lines are good and the skirt falls in becoming folds below the stitchings which confine the fullness over the hips.

The skirt is cut in seven gores, there being a box plait at the back edge of each with tucks between that are stitched with corticeil silk. The plaits in the center back meet and beneath them the invisible closing is made.

The quantity of material required for medium size is 9 1/4 yards 21 inches wide, 9 1/4 yards 27 inches wide or 5 1/2 yards 44 inches wide with 5 1/4 yards of lace applique.

The pattern 4687 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist measure.

A French Salad.

Take one cup of lima beans, one cup of celery, cut in small pieces; one cup of peas, one cup of brussels sprouts, one-half of a cauliflower, three medium-sized potatoes, two small carrots and one chopped onion. Boil all these separately. When cold, mix in a salad bowl and season with salt and pepper. Break into small pieces the center of one head of lettuce and mix with the salad. Let all stand until ready to serve, then mix through it a mayonnaise sauce.

The Coal Scuttle Bonnet.

The quaintest of all chapeaux for little people is a coal scuttle bonnet in white satin trimmed with roses and other white flowers. The sides of this bonnet are sometimes folded over after the manner of Breton caps. For the little fancy coat and wrap, white cloth is the general favorite. There are many different designs for these garments, but the Gretchen shape, which is simplicity itself, seems to be the most popular.

One Style of Sailor Hat.

A hat on the Bretonne sailor order that is selling well in London has the brim made of green yodda and the crown of a green and white plaid silk braid, pleated and standing on edge. A band of emerald green velvet ribbon around the crown is ornamented at each side with steel buckles. These buckles hold pairs of dainty small wings, shaded from green to white.

The Summer Sleeve.

Sleeves are still full and voluminous below the elbow, but in the summer dresses they will be half length, and some will fall in fan pleats from the elbow.

New Fabric for Spring.

A new voile, something of a cross between cloth and crepe de chine, is among the latest fabrics for spring costumes.

Readers of this paper can secure any May Maston pattern illustrated above by filling out all blanks in coupon, and mailing, with 10 cents, to E. E. Harrison & Co., 65 Plymouth Place, Chicago. Pattern will be mailed promptly.

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THE SWORD IN JAPAN

WEAPON HELD IN GENERAL ESTEEM AND REVERENCE.

Authentic Blades of Famous Makers Still Highly Prized—How the Product of One Swordsmith Obtained a Bad Reputation.

Until the year 1603 there was no law existing in Japan with regard to the wearing of swords. Any one might carry as many as he chose. During the Tokugawa regime, however, a law was promulgated which allowed only the nobles, the fighting men or samurai, the artists or painters and the swordsmiths to carry swords. This law remained in force until 1877, when an edict was issued forbidding any one to wear swords in public. This created discontent among those whose privilege it was to carry them, whereupon the government proclaimed another edict, allowing any one to wear as many swords as he pleased. This removed the cherished distinction attached to the wearer of a sword, and no one cared to do what was permitted to all. Although wearing swords has entirely ceased for twenty years in Japan, the old esteem and reverence for the weapon and its use still exist among the gentlemen of the country, and many of the nobility have at their houses regular establishments where fencing is practiced.

In the past there were certain famous swordmakers in Japan and authentic blades of their workmanship are highly prized. One old-time swordmaker has a singular reputation. This is Muramasa, who was a pupil of the great Masamune, second in fame of all Japanese swordsmiths. He was widely known and undoubtedly made swords which were excellent weapons, but he was a man of violent temper, and his swords were thought exceedingly dangerous. It was supposed that once withdrawn from the sheath they always shed blood before being returned. They were regarded as being particularly unlucky, so far as the Tokugawa family of Japanese rulers was concerned. The father and grandfather of Iyeyasu, the first shogun of the family, were both attacked by men carrying Muramasa swords. Iyeyasu therefore issued an edict forbidding any one to carry them. It was in this way that they acquired their bad reputation.

Muramasa once challenged Masamune to a trial of their respective swords. Masamune consented, and the sword blades were placed in a running stream of water, with their edges turned against the current. All the leaves, twigs and rubbish which flowed down stream ran into Muramasa's sword and were severed, while they carefully avoided coming into contact with Masamune's blade. "Ah," said Masamune, "that demonstrates very well the difference between our swords; yours is bloodthirsty and cuts everything which comes near it, while mine avoids doing unnecessary damage."

MISTAKEN FOR A PATIENT.

Amusing Reception Accorded a Visitor to a New York Hospital.

An Italian who had been in this country only forty-eight hours went to Bellevue hospital last week to visit a patient. An obliging fellow countryman in the reception room instructed the stranger in the mysteries of the main office, and presently he was whisked upstairs in an elevator. When the elevator stopped the Italian walked into a ward and sat down.

The first nurse that spied him there took it for granted that he was a new patient. In less time than it takes to tell it he had been thoroughly scrubbed and put to bed. Then the doctor in charge of the ward came along and made an examination.

The unwilling patient seemed to be resting comfortably, but the absence of any pronounced symptoms was alarming. A second doctor was sent for. The two made a second examination and then called a third. By that time the bewildered Italian had yielded to the inevitable and was sleeping peacefully.

The third doctor prescribed an interpreter and finally a guide took the smiling visitor to the bedside of his sick friend.—New York Sun.

A Bridge of Note.

The "Auld Brig o' Ayr," which Burns made dear to all lovers of his immortal poetry by the famous dialogue between the new bridge and the old one, is falling into decay. Well it may, for the date of its foundation, cut into its wall is 1252. Six hundred and fifty years is a respectable age for a bridge. Its supports are now crumbling. An architect, who is also an archaeologist and an enthusiast for Burns, reports that it will soon collapse unless it be shored up and renewed. He is trying to induce the town council of Ayr to appropriate \$3,500 for its preservation. The council is willing to act, it is said, but is delaying over a question of whether the money should come from taxation or be taken from a bequest long ago made for the purpose, the validity of which is undecided. Here is an opportunity for Andrew Carnegie.

The Rippling Years.

In spite of all that poets sing About our childhood's happy hours It seems to me that every spring Brings greener fields and sweeter flowers.

The foliage upon the trees Seems greener as it reappears: There's something in the very breeze That grows more sacred with the years.

Somehow with each succeeding June New lustres come into the sky: Some subtle chord in nature's tune Sounds sweeter as the years roll by.—W. H. Wilson, in Four Track News.

Tree's Wonderful Vitality.

A curious incident occurred during the gale at Hansworth, a short time ago, says a Scotch paper. A large tree was blown down across the roadway. A number of men were told off to remove the obstruction, which they commenced to do by lopping off some of the larger branches. After about half a ton had been thus removed, the tree began to lift itself from the ground, and as soon as a little more weight was taken off it sprang into a vertical position, which it retained despite the subsequent rough weather. It was found that the roots had been stretched, but not broken, and were sufficiently elastic to pull the trunk after it had been relieved of some of its weight.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness cured by our cure that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circular, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Value of Carrier Pigeons.

The best carrier pigeons are worth several hundred dollars in the market, and some cannot be purchased at any price. During the annual pigeon show in New York last year \$200 and even \$300 was refused by the owners for some of their choicest pets. The average exhibits were valued at \$25 and \$50. Prices, however, do not stand in the way of the pigeon fancier today, for excellent homing pigeons can be purchased for \$5 and less. One can start a loft with half a dozen breeders, and within a few seasons have all the birds desired.

Wiggle-Stick LAUNDRY BLUE

Went's spill, break, freeze nor spot clothes. Costs 10 cents and equals 20 cents worth of any other bluing. If your grocer does not keep it, send 10c for sample to The Laundry Blue Co., 14 Michigan Street, Chicago.

"I am disgruntled," said Senator Foster recently: "I'll never give money to a street beggar again as long as I live. There was a very pitiful-looking beggar in the avenue, a few minutes ago, and my heart going out to him, I stopped to hand him a few small coins. I had difficulty, I admit, in finding my change, but was that any reason for the beggar to frown at me and say, impatiently: 'Hurry up, sir, I've lost several customers while you've been muddling over them pennies.'"

What a "Yeggman" is.

The word "yeggman" is now eligible to dictionary honors. It has court authority. In a recent damage suit in Lynn, Mass., the plaintiff set forth that by calling him a yeggman the defendant meant "that the plaintiff was a desperado, a criminal, a night burglar, a tramp burglar, a crook, a freebooter, a murderer, a man who posed as a tramp in the daytime and as a burglar in the nighttime."

A well known actor was telling his sixteen-year-old son, who he considers very immature and young for his age, that he ought to be doing something for his glory and his country. "Why, when George Washington was your age, my son, he was surveying the estate of Lord Fairfax." The boy thought a moment, then he replied, quietly: "Well, when he was as old as you, pa, he was president of the United States."

An Easy Way To Do It.

Mineral, Idaho, April 11.—Mr. D. S. Colson of this place has something to say which will be of interest to many men. Mr. Colson claims to have found a simple way to get rid of pains in the back, Sciatica or Rheumatism. He has cured himself and so claims personal experience in proof of his method.

Mr. Colson says:—"I had awful pains in my hip. They got so bad at last that I could hardly walk. I tried several things, but got no relief till I began to use Dodd's Kidney Pills and I had taken but a few of these pills till the pain left me entirely.

"Dodd's Kidney Pills certainly did me lots of good and I consider them a great medicine."

The remedy that cured Mr. Colson is the same that has been making such sensational cures of Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy and Rheumatism all over the country. The name of the medicine is Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Self-made men generally act as though they were proud of their job.

A man is never satisfied until he attends his own funeral.

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