

Can Our Coast Be Blockaded?
 If confidence can be felt in the opinion of military and naval officers at the seat of Government, such is the extent of our sea coast that to blockade it effectually seems impossible. When a blockade of the bowels exists, relieve it with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which also cures indigestion, malaria, rheumatism and kidney trouble.

Trees and Tides.
 A very curious theory lately revived is that the sap of a living tree ebbs and flows in some way in sympathy with the tides of the ocean. The idea comes from Italy, where a grower of vines and other fruit trees, who is also a chemist, has been experimenting in this direction. He says that no tree should be lopped or pruned except during the hours of ebb tide. He has taken fourteen years to come to this conclusion, and now always acts upon it. The result is his trees and vines have developed beautiful foliage, bear splendid crops and are quite free from the attacks of the insects which devastate surrounding properties.

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 "An eccentric carpenter in Alexandria, some years ago," says an old-timer, "erected a three-story dwelling by constructing the roof first and set high up on the corner posts. He did this to have protection from the weather as he worked downward. This was looked on as a novel way to work, but in ante-bellum days the third story of a building in the northern part of Washington, which had served as parlor, dining-room and kitchen, became the upper chambers of a comfortable dwelling. The owner had built on a hill of red gravel, and after he had lived in his little house a few months there came a demand for gravel by the street contractors. He therefore disposed of the earth beneath his house and by carefully shoring up kept his little home intact and built up to it, the proceeds from his bank of gravel being sufficient to pay for quite a handsome improvement."

It Would Be War Here.
 "The vendetta is a terrible institution," remarked the man who had been reading a novel. "I am very glad that it could not possibly gain a foothold in this country."
 "Of course, the American temperament could not tolerate such thing."
 "And, moreover, supposing a man named Smith were to have a difficulty with a man named Brown or Robinson. Just look in the city directory and see how many families would be involved. It wouldn't be any vendetta. It would be a war."

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Town Without Doctors.
 A place for physicians to emigrate to is the city of Hamah, south of Aleppo. Though it contains 60,000 inhabitants, among whom diseases of the eye, in particular, are rampant, there is not a single physician in the city.

A. R. T. Dent & Co.
 The undersigned having altogether severed his connection with the Dent Grain Co. of Sioux City, Iowa, of which company he was the founder, has opened a grain commission office under the title of A. R. T. Dent & Co., on the corner of Pierce and Fifth Streets, Sioux City, where he hopes to have the pleasure of seeing all his old friends. His Chicago correspondent will be F. G. Logan, a house which is not only one of the strongest in Chicago, but one of the most popular in the west. It will be strictly a commission business.
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Largest Grain Elevator.
 It is said that the grain elevator recently built in Buffalo is the largest in the world.



"Where's My Hat?"
 I know a boy, and know him well, Of whom this tale there is to tell, That always, when he's going out, By day or night you'll hear him shout, "Oh, where's my hat?"

There is a hat-stand near the stair, You'd think he'd hang his hat up there, Or on the rack behind the door; But, no; it seems he'd rather roar, "Where is my hat?"

Each morning when the school bell rings, Oh, how he shakes up rugs and things, And rummages in drawers and shelves, And makes his sisters stir themselves, To find his hat.

And when his comrades to the gate Come whistling loud, and games await, And sides are called, and time is scant— He'd like to go, but, oh, he can't— For where's his hat?

My boy, who smile the while you read, Is this a lesson you should heed? Can it be you, who skip and fly, And hunt and hustle, as you cry, "Who's got my hat?"
 —Madeline S. Bridges.

Bread Raiser.
 Get two boxes, one big enough to hold your bread pan and a milk pan underneath it, the other eight inches larger every way. Take off the covers and fasten the small box inside the large one. Stuff the space between with sawdust and cover it. Turn the boxes so the door will be on one side. Make a door to fit the large box and pad it heavily with sawdust and put it on with hinges. Put a shelf in to set the bread pan on, high enough to slip a milk pan underneath. On a cold night set your bread sponge in, slip a covered pan of hot water underneath and your bread will be light in the morning. When you knead your bread heat the water again. On a warm night use warm water. This does away with all wrapping up of the bread.—Mabel Baldwin.

Care of the Kitchen.
 Some women can prepare a meal and keep the kitchen in order all the time. The utensils may be dirty and need washing, but they will have an orderly look about them, and when the time comes to wash the dishes there will be no muss or confusion. Other kitchens are a total wreck after a meal has been prepared. Things are tumbled about and appear to have been thrown together by a young earthquake. The great secret of good housekeeping is keeping things neat and in order. Any chit of a girl can put things in order, but it takes a grown woman with a great and level head to keep things in order and have work go on at the same time.

Swing for Children.
 In giving hints to farmers and housewives, we should not forget our little ones. The following is a description of a very nice and safe swing for the children, one that will please and cost but little. Make two common rope swings on posts five feet apart, then take a board 1 inch thick, and 12 inches wide; put ends of plank through the rope swings, and drive small staples on each side of board underneath, and over the rope to fasten board in place. With this arrangement you have a swing that can be enjoyed by six or more little ones at once and is not dangerous like the single swing.—Mrs. Julia F. Hardison, in Practical Farmer.

Strawberry Shortcake.
 Into one quart of sifted flour rub one-half of a cupful of butter; add one-half of a teaspoonful of salt, one tablespoonful of sugar, and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and stir until well mixed. Add gradually sufficient milk to mix to a soft dough, divide into three portions; roll each out in a round cake, place on a greased jelly cake tin and bake in a quick oven. Split and butter while hot; spread over each half a layer of crushed and sweetened berries, then a little whipped cream. Put together in two cakes of three layers each, covering the top with a thick layer of the cream and as many perfect berries as can be crowded on.

Dressed Beef.
 Buy a rib stew or any of the less expensive cuts of beef. Prepare for boiling, and season with salt to taste, three whole cloves and large tablespoonful of vinegar to each four pounds of meat. Boil until thoroughly done. Remove all bones and skin and chop fine, adding pepper to taste. Place in a stone vessel, and press with a heavy weight. When quite cold and firm the beef will slice easily. Serve cold or dip thin slices in beaten egg and bread crumbs, and fry in hot lard.

Tidbit Salad.
 Take a small quantity each of cold potatoes, carrots, peas, beans and lentils, or whatever tid-bits of vegetables happen to be left over from the previous dinner. Chop all up together, adding a small onion chopped with parsley, a few tablespoons of any ground nuts, a little celery and mustard seed. Season to taste, and add French dressing. Garnish with hard-boiled eggs and dices of cold boiled beets. This salad can be simplified by using but one or two vegetables.

To Remove the Taste of Wood.
 Scald the vessel well with boiling water, letting it stand therein till cold. Now dissolve some pearlash or soda in luke-warm water, adding a little lime to it, and wash the inside of the vessel with the solution. Scald again with hot water and rinse with cold water.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS.

From the Free Press, Detroit, Mich.
 A prominent business man recently expressed the opinion that there is one thing which will prevent women from completely filling man's place in the business world—they can't be depended upon because they are sick too often. This is refuted by Mrs. C. W. Mansfield, a business woman of 58 Farrar street, Detroit, Mich., who says: "A complication of female ailments kept me awake nights and wore me out. I could get no relief from medicine and hope was slipping away from me. A young lady in my employ gave me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I took them and was able to rest at night for the first time in months. I bought more and took them, and they cured me as they also cured several other people to my knowledge. I think that if you should ask any of the druggists of Detroit who are the best buyers of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, they would say the young women. These pills certainly build up the nervous system and many a young woman owes her life to them. "As a business woman I am pleased to recommend them as they did more for me than any physician and I can give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People the highest credit for my general good health to-day." No discovery of modern times has done so much to enable women to take their proper place in life by safeguarding their health as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Acting directly on the blood and nerves, invigorating the body, regulating the functions, they restore the strength and health to the exhausted woman when every effort of the physician proves unavailing. For paralysis, locomotor ataxia, and other diseases long supposed incurable, these pills have proved their efficacy in thousands of cases.

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