KEEPING TAB ON BIG FIGURES

Work of the Men Who Produce the Daily Palance Sheet of the Government.

TWELVE BOOKKEEPERS DEAL WITH MILLIONS chief of the division.

a Year Accounted For and Recorded-Other Duties of the Big Dozen.

Uncle Sam will spend about \$730,000,000 between July 1 and June 30 of next year. All of that immense sum is accounted for and ultimate record made of it by one set of bookkeepers, twelve in number, in the Treasury department at Washington. By these twelve men Uncle Sam's daily cash account is kept straight and every morn- woman, because the wind never blows her

get \$2,000 a year. They are all experienced, The long, common envelope boxes are very areful men, and most of them have served long in the department. The chief of the division gets \$3,500 a year, and is a busy man. He has to initial every requisition and warrant, for the secretary of the treaswould not sign a warrant without the red ink initials showing that the paper had passed the careful scrutiny of the veteran

The division performs other functions besides keeping Uncle Sam's daily cast ac-Upwards of Seven Hundred Millions count. At the beginning of every congress a statement is made showing the probable needs of the several departments for the yolks smooth with a little oil or butter, coming year, and indicating the estimated receipts of the government. This is sent to congress, so that the lawmakers can tell readily how much money they will probably have to appropriate and how much is demanded for the next fiscal year.

A Bachelor's Reflections.

New York Press: The world owes every man a living and every woman a loving. It's a great advantage to be a pretty



homely woman's.

Some woman has written a book entitled

"How to Enjoy Matrimony." I wish the

Table and Kitchen

Practical Suggestions About Food and

Dall's Menus.

LUNCH.

Irdines in Jelly. Dressed Cucumbe

Milk Biscuit. Fruit.

Tea.

DINNER.

Turkish Soup.

Chinese Ragout. Boiled Rice.

Corn Pudding. Lettuce Salad.

Pineappie Cake. Coffee.

TUESDAY. BREAKFAST.

BREAKFAST.
Cercal. Fruit.
Omelet. Grilled Tomatoes.
Toast. Coffee.

LUNCH.
Eggs Canada. Brown Bread.
Fruit. Soft Gingerbread.
Cercal Coffee.
DINNER.
Cream of Corn Soup.
Spaghetti, Mexican Style.
Mashed Potatoes. String Beans.
Fruit Salad. Wafers.
Coffee.

Coffee.

OUTDOOR FUNCTIONS.

andwiches of Fish, Flesh, Fowl or

Good Red Herring.

Since fashion has approved of the sand

wich it has become one of the indispensa-

bles on the family table as well as on the

While one rule governs all sandwich

making-the bread must be of close, fine

whose chief merit must be to give a feel-

ing of satisfaction and plenty to the ap-

petite sharpened by the fresh air and un-

These are made as attractive in appear-

ance as possible and if intended to take the

place of a salad at an afternoon or even-

ing affair must partake as much of the na-

Then again they often accompany the

salad and in this case are frequently made

with cheese, nuts, olives or any ingredi-

ents suitable to serve with materials com-

The society sandwich may be an ap-

petizer like the canape or, on the other

They may be cut round, triangular, ob-

long, diamond, square, heart-shaped or cut

into squares large enough to roll and tie

The Piente Sandwich.

In preparing these the desire is to ge

to as little trouble as possible and yet at

the same time have something very ap-

petizing. Cut the bread a little thicker

for these and the slices in oblong shape

for convenience in carrying and eating

in picuic style. Wrap each sandwich in

oiled paper to keep them fresh and moist.

ture of a salad as possible.

menu for large entertainments.

usual exercise.

posing the salad.

hand, a sweet dainty.

with narrow ribbon.

Cereal. Fruit. Stewed Potat cs. Rolls. Coffee.

LUNCH.
Dressed Cucumbers,
Fruit.

ing a balance is struck showing how | skirts around near as much as it does much cash the government took in the day before from its various source of revenue and how much was spent by the several departments and giving the total of the publishers would ask me to write a preface remaining cash in hand. Accompanying for it. this daily balance sheet is a statement made up in another division, showing the character of the money on hand, gold, silver and bank notes. It is an interesting place, this counting room of Uncle Sam. where the state of the finances is exhibited. A dozen or so big ledgers and an immense daybook, known in business houses as a "blotter," contain the records. Their pages exhibit every day exactly the amount of business the government is doing and whether Uncle Sam's household expenses exceed his income or not. It must be un- Sardin derstood, of course, that these accounts are a final summary of the business transacted and that 1,001 other books are required for the detailed record in other departments.

Big figures are dealt in here. The bookkeepers make an entry of \$250,000 as un concernedly as a merchant would enter a ton of coal or a grocer the sale of a pound of ten to a credit customer. The balances are jotted down in pencil and the book keeper will report that "the Navy department has only \$60,000,000 left today" in an off-handed way, as if that were a small item. Absolute accuracy is required. of course, and if one of these employes should make an error in addition or subtraction he would feel disgraced. neDpla dward nco-ae d rodrar thansents

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|---|---|
| The Bulance Sheet. | Cereal, Fruit |
| Here is a sample of the daily balance | Fricassee of Dried Beef. Baked Potatoes. White Muffins. Coffee. |
| sheet, which is printed every morning and | LUNCH. |
| laid open to public inspection. This one | Thin Slices of Ham, Broiled. |
| | Stuffed Lettuce. Boiled Rice. |
| was for May 2: | Fruit, Wafers, |
| RECEIPTS THIS DAY. | DINNER. |
| Customs \$ \$19,222.24 | Fruit Soup. |
| Internal revenue | Roast Young Duck. Currant Sauce. |
| Auscenaneous 100,021.00 | Stewed Cabbage. New Potatoes. |
| Total receipts | Combination Salad, Lemon Jelly, Fruit, |
| EXPENDITURES. | Lemon Jelly. Fruit. |
| Civil and miscellaneous \$ 795,000.00 | Control. |
| War 380,000.00 | OTHEROD MEXCENORS |

Total expenditures \$1,775,000.00 Excess of receipts \$26,362.93 Excess of receipts In other columns on the same sheet are the receipts and expenditures for the month and for the fiscal year up to date, as well as a comparative statement for the same

period in the preceding year. On another page of the exhibit is a statement prepared by the treasurer's office grain and texture, a day old, sliced very showing the cash in the treasury. The thin and crust removed—there is quite a cash in the general fund was \$239,356,708,59. distinction between those which grace the Against this were liabilities such as outfestive board and are considered worthy standing drafts, disbursing officers' balthe most elaborate "affairs" and the ances, etc., amounting to \$83,326,415.01. plainer, more substantial picnic sandwich, leaving an available cash balance of \$156,-

There at a glance is a statement of Uncle Sam's daily business and running cash account. Fortunately, it is a pretty good statement and shows a prosperous condi-Besides the available cash balance, what you might term the of the government, the statement also shows that the treasury contains a little matter of \$150,-000,000 in gold coin and bullion, a reserve fund, and a trifle of \$771,592,989 in gold and silver, held for the redemption of the paper money current throughout the country, making every piece of greenback as good Your Uncle Samuel is not con-

templating "going broke" just yet. Important Dutles.

This section of the Treasury department, known as the warrant division, is a very important branch of the government service. It is the brake on expenditures. Not a dollar of the taxpayers' money can be spent until one of these twelve bookkeepers looks into his ledger, to ascertain that the account has not been overdrawn. Then, and not until then, the chief of the division certifies the existence of a balance to the credit of the particular account.

When congress makes an appropriation for the War department, say of \$100,000,000, a ledger account is opened with the department, and the account is credited with that sum. Congress gives to each of the bureaus a stipulated amount, and the accounts are so accredited in the ledger. When the secretary of war desires to draw money to pay the officers and men he sends to the treasury a requisition for \$100,000, for instance, on account of the pay and allow ance of the army. The bookkeeper looks at the requisition, which is in the form of a check, and turns to his ledger account to see if there is \$100,000 left. If so he charges the sum to the account, and a warrant signed on the treasurer of the United States, who turns the money over to the secretary of war, who thereafter makes i proper accounting to the designated officials who admit and control the expenditures. It is therefore impossible for any department of the government to get more money out of the treasury than congress has provided for it, as the watchful bookkeepers know to a penny how the account stands every hour.

The work of the bookkeepers is not only important but very arduous. The requisi-tions come piling in sometimes at a tre-mendous rate, and each one has to be scanned, the ledger consulted and careful subtraction made. The hours of labor are not long, from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m., with half au hour for lunch. The two principal okkeepers receive \$2,100 a year and ten

Minced Sandwich-Chop half a pound of lean ham very fine; add a minced pickle and a tablespoonful of mustard. Put ounces of butter in a saucepan and add the ham, the beaten yolk of an egg, with a little salt and pepper; remove from the fire; mix all theroughly and pour into dish to cool. When firm slice thin and place between slices of buttered bread. These are nice for picuic lunch.

wrap in oiled paper.

convenient for packing sandwiches; they

are light, easily carried in a small strap

or with a handle and can be thrown aside

Deviled Egg Sandwich-Boil eggs for

twenty minutes; chill in cold water, shell

and separate yolks and whites. Chop the

whites very fine and mix with a little

mayonnaise dressing. Place a lettuce leaf

on each slice of the bread which has been slightly buttered; spread a

slice with the mixture of white of

eggs and mayonnaise dressing. Rub the

season to taste with salt, pepper, mus-

tard and a little Worcestershire sauce.

Add a level tablespoonful of minced ham or boiled salt tongue to each egg yolk.

Spread a layer of this mixture on slices

of bread, lay this on the slice covered

with the white of egg and mayonnaise and

Celery Sandwiches-Take three hardboiled eggs, remove the shells and chop very fine or put through a vegetable press add two-thirds of a cup of finely chopped white celery and enough mayonnaise dressing to bind together properly, season to

taste with salt, pepper and paprika. Salad Sandwich-Under the head of salad sandwiches all forms of meat may be used, the filling being placed in lettuce leaves which are put between two slices of bread, the ruffled lettuce being used and the crinkly edges allowed to extend beyond the trimmed edges of the bread slices. Cress is frequently used instead of the lettuce and the leaves always spread with mayonnaise. Do not put a salad sandwich together too long before using. Club Sandwich-This belongs to the salad sandwich group and is very tasty and quite substantial. Butter the bread, slice thin and cut into oblong shape, lay a lettuce leaf on a buttered slice, on this place a thin slice of chicken; spread with a little mayonnaise, cover with a lettuce leaf and another slice of bread; on the second slice place another leaf and two thin, narrow strips of fried bacon (ham may be used, but is rather dry). Cover the bacon with lettuce leaf and slice of bread. Fold neatly in oiled paper. With these sandwiches are served olives and small, sweet pickles, These are especially nice for travelers

Cucumber Sandwich-These are a comparative novelty and are served only for a relish. Slice large cucumbers very thin and soak for an hour in white wine or tarragon vinegar to which has been added a few drops of onion juice. Lay the cucumber slices on tiny rounds of buttered brown bread.

Dill Sandwiches-Butter and cut thin slices of rye bread; one half of the slices place a layer of white meat of chicken cut into thin chips. Cover the chicken with a layer of dill pickles cut very thin; cover this with another slice of buttered brend. French Sandwich-Cook some chicken or turkey livers in a very little water; when done mash very fine. To one-third quantity of liver add two-thirds quantity of minced olives. Mix together with a thick

mayonnaise dressing. These should be made

in small, fancy forms and with white Peanut Sandwich-These are quite popular and are to be recommended for children's luncheons and picuic parties. If possible they should be served at once, as soon as made; cover thin slices of white bread with a stiff mayonnaise dressing; cover this well roasted or salted and chopped fine. When served at society luncheons they should be accompanied with sherry. For children's luncheons or picnics put the roasted nuts through a meat grinder and spread the paste on buttered slices of bread. Mixed nuts can be used. Peanuts and strawberry or raspberry jam make a delicious sweet sandwich for tea and is bet-

ter for children than sweet cake. Raisin Sandwiches-These are served for outdoor tea with iemonade or iced tea with lemon. Select large raisins, cut them in half lengthwise with a sharp knife or fruit scissors and remove the seeds. Lay them close together between slices of bread cut into fancy shapes.

Fruit Sandwiches-These belong to the tea or sweet sandwiches and are very dainty. Cut French rolls into thin slices and spread with thick cream or rich cream cheese (white); cover alternate slices with large strawberries cut in half and thinly sliced bananas; sprinkle the fruit with crushed loaf sugar and tie each roll with narrow ribbon. These rolls should be baked with a very tender, delicate brown crust and not trimmed, as for most sandwiches. Scented Sandwiches-These are a new fancy for flower luncheons and lawn teas.

Roses, violets, clover and nasturtiums are the flowers most generally used. Trim the crust from the bread. The loaves must be very small, as these sandwiches must be very dainty and there will be too much waste if large loaves are used. Put the trimmed loaf in a deep covered dish, completely embed it in the rese leaves, clover or whatever flower is used. Cover closely and let stand over night. Treat the butter in the same manner, but first wrap in very thin cheesecloth. The sandwiches are served plain, simply thin slices of the scented bread spread with the fragrant butter. The rose and clover sandwiches are delicious with a glass of cold, rich milk fresh from the dairy.

Hot Cheese Sandwich-These are nice for Sunday evening tea and are a change from Welsh rarebit. For these bake the bread in half- pound baking powder cans or get the very small, round French loaves. Trim off the crust, slice thin and spread with a thick layer of grated, rich cheese. Season with salt and a little paprika or cayenne, place another slice on top of cheese and press closely together. Spread these lightly on both sides with butter and grill over a slow fire or brown in the oven Serve with olives.

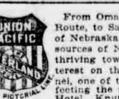


Twelve More Splendid Vacation Trips

The Bee will send twelve girls, who carn their own living, on twelve of the best vacation trips which could be planned. All of their expenses will be paid and transportation furnished for a friend to accompany them. It is left to the readers of The Bee to decide

who they shall be, by voting on the coupons published in each issue.

The Best the Land Affords.



From Omaha via the Union Pacific, the Overland Route, to Salt Lake City. This trip through the heart of Nebraska is an education in itself, teaching the resources of Nebraska and giving a view of the most thriving towns of our state. The newest point of interest on the Union Pacific is the Sherman Hill Tan-

terest on the Union Pacific is the Sherman Hill Tannel, one of the latest engineering enterprises in perfecting the road. This includes ten days at the Hotel Knutstord at Salt Lake City, the reputation of which extends in either direction across the continent as one of the finest hostelries of the country. When one goes to Salt Lake always has more than ordinary attractions on account of the Great Salt Lake. Salt Lake is within easy reach of Gardield Beach and Saltair, famous for their splendid bathing facilities. The return trip will be via Denver, with three days at the Brown Palace Hotel, the just pride of Denver. It is well named, for it is a vertiable palace. A day's excursion around the famous Georgetown Loop and then return home via the Union Pacific.



From Omaha to Chicago over the Northwestern is but a night's ride and a most pleasant one in these days of luxury. A double track span between Omaha and Chicago makes it a safe as well as a pleasant journey. A day's stop at the Grand Pacific Hotel, centrally located and splendidly appointed, will give an opportunity for a didly appointed, will give an opportunity for a bring one to Waukesha, the most famous watering place in Wisconsin.

The Fountain Spring House, were there no other attractions at Waukesha, would furnish every comfort and convenience for rest and a good time. The grounds are not only most beautiful, but also have arrangements for all sorts of outdoor sports, and the famous fountain spring is part of the hotel property. Within twenty minutes ride of the hotel on the trolley line is Waukesha Beach with opportunities for fishing, boating and bathing.



not only give the young lady who takes this trip an idea of the vast resources of the state of Nebraska, but a chance to enjoy the best of railroad service in every detail. Three days at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver is a taste of luxury and also an opportunity to see the capital city of Colorado. A day's excursion up to Georgetewn and Silver Plume through Clear Creek Canyon is a trip that no traveler to Colorado should miss. Then ten days at Colorado Springs at the Alta Vista Hotel will furnish a chance to enjoy the grandeur of the Garden of the Gods and Pike's Peak, the most famous spot in Colorado. The table of the Alta Vista Hotel is always adequate to satisfy the appetite even when stimulated by the mountain atmosphere and everything is thoroughly comfortable and commodious. From Omaha to Denver over the Burlington will



From Omaha to Minneapolis via the "North-Western Line," with choice of trains, either the "Twin City Limited," a fast night train, or the "Twin City Express," a fast day train. The night train leaves Union Passenger station, Omaha, 7:55 p. in., daily, arriving Minneapolis the next morning in time for breakfast. The day train leaves Union Passenger station, Omaha, 6:55 a. m., arriving Minneapolis for supper. It is less than two hours ride from Minneapolis to Lake Minnetonka, over the Great Northern, which is the best known and the most beantiful of the lake resorts. Two weeks at the Hotel St. Louis will convince one that this is one of the best conducted summer hotels in the country. Two weeks will be given to the fortunate young lady to enjoy the boating, driving, and summer galety of Lake Minnetonka, which is one of the spots of which nature can be truly proud, for it is one of the most beautiful little sheets of water in the land, and offers every opportunity for liversion and rest.



opportunity for liversion and rest.

From Omaha to Kansaz City over the Missouri Pacific, with three days at the biggest and best hotel in the west—the Coates House. The Coates House is eminently the leading hotel of Kansas City, and the traveler naturally says "The Coates House" in the same breath with "Kansas City," but a comparatively short trip. Just outside of Warrensburg is Pertle Springs, and the Hotel Minnewawa, where everything is as delightfully refreshing as the name. It is decidedly restful there, but still there is plenty to do if one has the inclination—botting, fishing, driving and other seasonable pleasures never allow time to hang heavy. Two weeks there will convince the fortunate young lady that the time is altogether too short.

From Omaha to St. Louis over the Omaha & St. Louis R. R. and Wabash, with three days at the Southern hotel, with its broad corridors and its ideal service. There is something about the Southern Hotel which makes it unlike anything in the land, whether it is the fact that it combines the luxury of the modern hotel with the home-like atmosphere and the courtesy of the old southern hostelry or whether it is because no stone is left unturned to make the guests comfortable, it is hard to say. From St. Louis to Toledo, with a day of rest at the Boody House, Toledo's leading hotel. It is so conveniently located that it is easy to get a glimpse of Toledo, as well as enjoying the splendid hotel service of the Boody House. From Toledo it is a three hours ride over the waters of Lake Erie from Toledo to Put-in-Bay on one of the Detroit and Cleveland coast line steamers, which so completely combine safety, comfort and speed and which afford comfort and luxury to those who have the opportunity to enjoy a lake trip. Two weeks at Hotel Victory at Put-inBay will give a thorough enjoyment of the pure lake air and the luxuries of probably the finest hotel on the lakes. The Hotel Victory has an enviable reputation, which has been well earned.



This trip will be over the Great Rock Island Route to Denver, Colorado Springs and Manitou. There is only one Rock Island Route and everybody praises its splendid equipment and reliable service. On this road there is a choice of three equally splendid trains. A night's journey and then one is in Denver-with 2 days at the Brown Palace Hotel. A day's excursion on the "Colorado Road" through the Clear Creek Canyon, up to Georgetown, around the famous Loop and then back again to Denver before evening. Then over the D. & R. G. through the fa-

nous Royal Gorge, with its three thousand feet of towering rock, into the Grand Canyon, and at last reaching Glenwood Springs and Hotel Colorado, for ten days' pleasure there. No noise beautiful situation for a hotel will be found than in this romantic spot, with its pure mountain air and magnificent scenery.



From Omaha to Chicago on the Milwaukee, the only electric lighted train between the two cities, is a picasant trip for another young lady. There is just time enough in Chicago to catch a train over the Nickel Plate for Buffallo, without hurrying. This will bring one lpto the exposition city. For any one who has had an appetite created by the Tiansmississippi Exposition the Pan-American exposition will offer a pleasant kind of a vacation and a trip to be long remembered. Ten days in Buffallo is ample time to see the exposition thoroughly and every comfort will be afforded at one of the hotels of the Pan-American Hotel System. This institution controls several of the best hotels in Buffallo, which are conveniently located for the exposition. The Buckingham, The Lincoln, The Mariborough. Besides these hotels, they have made arrangements with a large number of private dwellings in the neighborhood, where an overflow can be accommodated. Every opportunity will be afforded to see the exposition at its best, the Midway and all the attractions. The return trip will allow a day's stop at Chicago at the Grand Pacific, Chicago's most popular hotel, and back to Omaha again over the Milwaukee.



Missouri Valley Railroad to the Black Hills and Missouri Valley Railroad to the Binck Hills and
Hot Sprhigs and return. The Elkhorn carries
you through one of the most beautiful farming
countries in the world—the Elkhorn Valley,
with its fertile fields and well-built bergs.
Thence to the Black Hills, both picturesque and interesting, with
its gold mines and typical western towns. The chief attraction
there will be a two weeks' stay at the Hotel Evans, the finest appointed hotel in the west at Hot Springs, which boasts of the
largest and finest plunge bath in America. This will include all largest and finest plunge bath in America. This will include all of the privileges of the baths without expense and this is a treat to be envied. Pleasant paths and drives, wonderful caves, cascades, canyons, flowers and waterfalls go to make up the beauties which nature has abundantly furnished.

This trip is over the Fremont, Elkhorn &



This trip will be made on the Illinois Central, which has become one of the popular Omaha-Chicago lines, on account of its high class train and unexcelled service. A day's stop in Chicago at the famous Grand Pacific Hotel, and then to the northward over the Pere-Marquette Radiroad toward the prettiest spot in all the state of Michigan—well named "Charlevoix, the Beautiful." The Belvedere Hotel has been chosen for a point of land between Round and Pine Lakes, but is such a home-like hotel that the pleasure is doubled. There is everything everyone can wish for in the way of amusement—sailing, rowing, bicycling, tennis, bathing, bowling, golfing and fishing, together with numerous excursions on the many little launches and steamers of Pine and Round Lakes, or out on Lake Michigan, with all the chances in the world to delight the eye and enjoy the pure air, which acts as a tonic to shattered nerves. The return trip will be by water on the steamship Manitou to Chicago, and home again over the Illinois Central.

From Omaha to Lake Okoboji on the Milwau-kee is only a night's ride, and the same splendid service is afforded as between Omaha and Chi-cago. All of the Milwaukee trains are electric lighted and this is a feature which no other road offers the same advantage. MILWAUKEE



Two weeks stay at The Inn at Lake Okoboji offers a delightful rest for any one. As every one knows, Lake Okoboji is one of the most beautiful spots in the west to spend a summer vacation. It offers boating, fishing, driving, and enough going on all of the time in a social way to keep something doing without being ultra fashionable.



No traveler between Omaha and Chicago really appreciates the trip unless they take the daylight train over the Burlington Route, which affords fast service over a smooth road, as well as the opportunity to see this splendid western country. Two

days at the Grand Pacific at Chicago, which has been entirely rebuilt during the last year or so, making it second to no hoatelry in Chicago. From Chicago to Lake Geneva, with two weeks at the Garrison House, is a prospect not only for a cool and beautiful vacation trip, but the pleasure of staying at so well an equipped hotel makes the trip doubly desirable. The lake is a most beautiful sheet of water, twenty-four miles in circumference, and an almost infinite variety of charming scenes. Its shores are lined for miles with summer residences, club houses and hotels, which leave no doubt of its popularity. Fishing, boating, driving and the kindred summer pleasures are at anyone's command, within reach of the hotel. The return trip will be via Chicago and again over the Burlington Route, with a chance to compare the night service with the daylight trip.

Rules of the Contest

The trips will be awarded as follows: Four trips to the four young ladies living in Omaha receiving the most votes; one trip to the young lady in South Omaha receiving the most votes; one trip to the young lady in Council Bluffs receiving the most votes; three trips to the young ladies living in Nebraska outside of Omaha and South Omaha receiving the most votes; two trips to the young ladies living in Iowa, outside of Council Bluffs, receiving the most votes; and one trip to the young lady living in South Dakota receiving the most votes.

The young lady receiving the highest number of votes will have the first choice of the trips, the next highest second choice, and so on.

No votes will be counted for any young lady who does not earn her own living.

All votes must be made on coupons cut from page 2 of The Bee.

Prepayments of subscriptions may be made either direct to The Bee Publishing Company, or to an authorized agent of The Bee.

No votes sent in by agents will be counted unless accompanied by cash, in accordance with instructions No votes will be counted for employes of The Omaha Bee.

The vote from day to day will be published in all editions of The Bee. The contest will close at 5 p. m.,

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