

## UNCLE SAM LOOKING AHEAD

Making Provision to Tack the Epicurean Taste Four Years Hence

OFFICIAL FISH STORY WITHOUT FRILLS

Operations of the Shad Fish Hatchery on the Delaware and the Hudson—Overcoming the Greed of the Fisherman.

This is a story of the shad one will eat in 1907, if lucky enough to live that long. Uncle Sam, who is paternal and forefaring to nature, whatever vicious forefaring may say about him, has adopted a plan for preventing the threatening extermination of the favorite fish of the nation. He proposes to breed shad faster than the greedy fishermen can gather them in. The job is not an easy one, for it takes four years for the shad to reach maturity. Consequently, shad bred this year will not be ready for the net until four years hence. Then they will obligingly place themselves in the way of being caught by returning to the river in which they were turned loose.

At anchor in the Delaware is the government boat Fish Hawk, a trim little vessel, captained by James A. Smith, which does service in all kinds of odd capacities—collecting deep sea fauna and spores, and investigating the sea bed generally in the interest of science—but which is now engaged in the more important work of hatching shad. At Gloucester, on the Delaware, the shad fishing is now at its height. Hundreds of spectators line the grassy bank daily to watch the fishermen cast and haul in the greatest net in the world. It is a mile long, and requires the exertions of four horses and twenty men to bring ashore again after being towed into the river where the shad are supposed to be thickest. When the net is finally landed and the water is being churned into foam by the frantic efforts of hundreds of fish to escape the meshes, sailors of Fish Hawk gather around the catch and select such fish as are found by touch to be ripe for spawning. These selected shad the sailors take ashore. The spawn is then squeezed from the shad into little circular dishes and the fish turned loose again to spawn afresh. After the eggs are collected in the dishes, the sailors secure live males from the shad just caught and sprinkle the eggs with the milt of the male, without which the eggs would not hatch. Then the sailors sit down on the beach, with their pans all in a row, and carefully pick out from the mass of eggs those which are in good condition, and put them all together in one pan. With their plunder the sailors return to Fish Hawk, where the eggs are placed in airtight glass jars, and the hatching process begins.

### Youth of the Shad.

The water in the jars is kept pure by fresh river water being constantly added. The eggs hatch in from five to seven days. The most interesting feature of the progress of the eggs toward hatching is that through a microscope the fish can be seen gradually forming. On holding the microscope to the transparent surface of the eggs the little fish are seen to be curled up, with noses touching the tails. When they are ready to break loose they give a swish of the tail, smash the shell and sail free. At the throat the ova, in the shape of a small ball, adheres, and from this the little shad obtains nourishment for the first three days of its freedom, for during that time its mouth is sealed. When at last its mouth opens, the ova is absorbed. Then the shad forages for itself. The tiny shad are let loose in the river from big cans, thousands at a time. What becomes of them in the interval of four years between the time they are set free to begin their precarious career and their inevitable fish in the big net is a puzzle to those who have studied their habits, or tried to.

It is supposed that the shad retire to deep water as soon as they are big enough to roam around, and stay there for four years, returning at the end of that time to the rivers of the coast where they were hatched. The shad now being hatched will probably wander around the world, keeping always to the deep water, and will not be caught until the year of grace 1907. If Fish Hawk has a good season shad will be plentiful in that year. If the season is a bad one the succulent fish will be scarce. But in any event the shad will not be allowed to share the fate of the buffalo and become so scarce as to make it possible to count them.

### Millions Planted.

Three millions or four millions of small shad hatched on the Delaware to the Hudson and other rivers. The average number of eggs taken from one fish is not more than 30,000, but fish have been known to yield from 60,000 to 100,000. At one time, under strictly natural conditions, shad were taken in 5 per cent of the eggs are hatched. The shad has many enemies. Eels destroy the spawn, the growth of fungus kills them, and many millions in one season are suffocated in mud at the bottom of the rivers. While only 5 per cent of the eggs hatch out under natural conditions, on Fish Hawk the percentage is 60. By thus guarding the eggs from danger until the little fish are able to swim 80 per cent of the spawn of the shad is saved from an untimely fate. When it is borne in mind that a single fish produces 30,000 eggs at one time, the number of shad for whose existence Uncle Sam is entitled to the credit is seen to be incalculable.

It is hoped that the government efforts to propagate shad will change the entire aspect of the fishery situation, causing the fish to appear in many rivers to which they have previously been strangers. Captain Smith has found shad in some of the southern rivers, and shad was caught off St. Helena, but not another was caught to support the hope that the fish were about to change their habits and forsake the seclusion of deep sea hiding places. The migrations have become so regular that it has been found possible to trace them. The fish appeared this year in the Savannah river and the Edisto, in South Carolina, early in January, in the Potomac late in February, in the Delaware late in March, and in the Hudson the last of March.

### EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

This is commencement week at Princeton university. Rev. Henry Van Dyke preaches the baccalaureate sermon today.

Kansas school teachers receive an average of \$20 a month, but the supreme court of that state has decided that their wages cannot be garnished.

Mrs. Douglas Robinson of New York, a sister of Mrs. Roosevelt, has offered financial assistance to William Pickens, the Yale negro student who won the Ten Eyck prize for oratory.

The new department for graduating librarians after a course of two years at Western Reserve university, provided for by Mr. Carnegie, will be opened in September. All graduates of recognized educational institutions are eligible.

Frederick Mense runs the dining hall (common) at the University of Pennsylvania. He was told that he had been between 200 and 300 regular patrons. The first day he sold just nineteen meals. "The students have no money," he is quoted as saying. "Only a few of them eat breakfast or dinner. The majority of them eat but a 25-cent meal in the evening and the rest of

the time they live on milk, crackers and apples."

Henry B. Edmunds, president of the Board of Education of Philadelphia, has declared himself in favor of modifying the curriculum of the elementary public schools of the city that all home study shall be made unnecessary. Knowledge acquired at the expense of bodily strength and health, he says, is purchased at too great a price, especially to a growing child.

Announcement is made of the appointment to the librarianship of Bryn Mawr college of Miss Isadore Gilbert Mudge of Brooklyn, N. Y. Miss Mudge took the degree of Ph.D. at Cornell university in 1901 and that of B. L. S. from the New York State library school in 1900. She has since been reference librarian and assistant professor of library economy at the University of Illinois. Miss Mudge succeeded Miss Ingham Lord, for six years librarian of the college, who resigns the post to enter public library work.

Phillips Exeter Academy is to have a reunion of its Alumni at Exeter, N. J., on Wednesday, June 11. Francis Rawley of Philadelphia is to deliver the oration at the Philadelphia is to deliver the oration at the Phillips Exeter Academy. The poem will be read by Prof. George E. Woodberry of Columbia University. They are both graduates. Robert Todd Lincoln, ex-Secretary of War and ex-Minister to England, and son of Abraham Lincoln, has promised to be present as one of the "old boys." The new Alumni hall, erected by gifts from the graduates, is to be dedicated on the same day.

Congressman Tawney of Minnesota has reached the conclusion that the American public school system is seriously defective in that not enough attention is given to elementary branches. This decision has been reached because eight young men selected by him for appointment to West Point or Annapolis have been rejected in succession because of inability to pass in elementary English branches, though all were high school graduates and were selected largely because of high standing as students. Mr. Tawney is convinced that pupils are being rushed through grammar schools without proper training.

### PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Tommy—Tomorrow's your birthday, ain't it, Ma? I wish I had a dollar; I'd buy a present.

Ma—That's thoughtful of you, my dear. But why do you need a dollar?

Tommy—Cause that's the price of it. It's the dandiest catcher's mask you ever saw.

Small Harry recently accompanied his mother to church for the first time, and when the organ began to play he proceeded to stand up on the cushion.

"Sit down, Harry," whispered his mother.

"All right, mamma," replied the little fellow. "I'll sit down just as soon as I see the monkey."

"Why don't you play with the little boy next door?" answered the youth with many freckles. "He's too easy. I'd win all his marbles. He's one of these children that start right in being good as soon as one circus is over for fear they can't go to the next."

General O. O. Howard occasionally addresses juvenile patriotic clubs. An organization of this type entertained the veteran at a social and dinner.

A little chap near the general displayed a good appetite.

"You eat well, my son," said the old soldier.

"Yes, sir."

"Now, if you love your flag as well as your dinner, you'll make a good patriot."

General Howard's eyes beamed on the boy.

"Yes, sir; but I've been practicing eating twelve years and I ain't owned a gun but six months," was the laconic reply.

Miss Ethel M. Smyth, the composer and librettist of the successful one-act opera "Der Wald," was preoccupied in her childhood and now that she has achieved a certain fame a number of odd episodes of her early life are being narrated.

According to one of these, the little girl said to her mother one day:

"Mamma, if I get married, will my husband be a man with whiskers and who smokes, like all the men I see?"

"Yes, my dear," the mother answered.

"And if I don't get married, will I be an old maid like Miss Brown?"

"Yes, Ethel."

The little girl brooded for a moment. Then she sighed and said, in a sad, resigned voice:

"Mamma, it's a hard world for us women, isn't it?"

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw is given as the author of a new story illustrating the unconscious wisdom of children. Among his acquaintances are a woman and her husband who are of agnostic tendencies. Their little 3-year-old girl has received her only religious training from her grandmother and it consists simply of the evening prayer.

"Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep," was the prayer which the little girl used to repeat. "Now I lay me down to sleep, pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep, Godless papa, Godless mamma."

One night the mother was putting her little girl to bed and the latter insisted she wanted to say her prayers. The mother consented in an indifferent mood, but was somewhat startled to hear the little tot repeat: "Now I lay me down to sleep, pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep, Godless papa, Godless mamma."

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

William Mackabee, the oldest living veteran of the United States navy, will celebrate his 100th birthday next September at the Naval Academy in Philadelphia.

The annual loss from the burning of buildings in the United States is about \$100,000,000, and the appliances for fire protection.

It is reported that a number of Americans are negotiating for the purchase of the Washington family, near Heidelberg, England, for the purpose of transferring it to America.

During the Spanish-American war it was estimated that only 1 per cent of the shots fired by American gunboats hit the enemy's ships. In the recent quarterly target practice at North Atlantic squadron 615 per cent of the shots hit.

A California man has applied for a divorce on the ground that his wife cares more for cats than she does for him.

A man willing to confess that he could not make himself winning than a cat proves that his wife had good reason for passing him by.

H. P. Peterson of Aurora, Ind., a veteran of the civil war, while on a visit to Gettysburg recently discovered a large powder barrel behind which he sought shelter during the battle and purchased it and had it shipped to his home to mark his grave after his death.

The cargador, or carrier, of Mexico is a remarkable individual. Nothing seems too bulky, nothing too heavy for him to carry, and it is quite wonderful how he manages not only to lift, but to balance the loads on some loads. It is nothing for a man to carry a load weighing 80 pounds, this being the average weight of the head of an ox on the shoulders, and kept in place by a fat braided passing across the forehead.

## DOOM OF THE STENOGRAPHER

Talking Machines Menace the Business of the Short-Hand Artist.

CRACK OF DOOM FOR QUAIL TRACKS

Advantages of Recording Machines Realized by Court Reporters—Market Already Overcrowded with Stenographers.

Keen competition in every trade, every field of labor and even in the very arts is always felt among the average, but "at the top" of every line the endeavor always survives an envious minority which tenaciously holds its own, seemingly safe from the fierce struggle of the many and well fortified by mechanical science to replace individuals, whether they stand for ideas, theories, facts or control the agencies of produce or nature.

"At the top" of one profession at least, or subprofession, a stoical bow to the inevitable is in order where the competition has not been felt, as it has been lower down in the ranks. This is the stenographic profession.

Only a few years ago in New York an expert and experienced stenographer could make more money with his notebook and pencil than in any other business which can be engaged in without much outlay of capital. Stenography is seriously practiced as an art by the court stenographers, the men who are under oath to take down and transcribe correctly every word that drops from the bench, bar or witness box. In turn these men, until recently, dictated the minutes of their cases to the equally expert amanuenses and typewriters. And this was a field of strenuous stenographic operations, in its significance known to but few outside of the legal profession. Here only great skill and intelligence are of account, and to attain to the necessary expertness required more than ordinary skill, quickness and training, this fact alone limiting the number of competent ones. And after the necessary training of years to become thoroughly proficient a competent person could always find plenty to do among the busy court reporters, always anxious to get out their cases expeditiously and well, and the demand for such trained assistants was often in excess of the supply.

Introduction of the Phonograph.

But now up at the once apparently unsailable "top" a revolutionary little machine has changed the aspect of this once El Dorado of lightning workers. The machine has been effected by a heartless, soulless, but neat looking small yellow box. It is attached by a piece of wire to electric power that turns a roller that carries around and around a wax cylinder; a tube placed over this carries the dictator's voice, and words which, as soon as uttered, are engraved on to the wax cylinder, which repeats them at any rate of speed at the will of an "operator" (dial and blood this time), who transcribes them on the typewriter. This is Miss Talking Box, the Commercial Talking Machine, alias Phonograph, alias Graphophone.

This invention has put the expert amanuensis "out of court" before he got there—to which literal destination all the intelligent male assistants aspired, and from whose ranks nine-tenths of the best court reporters of today were recruited. For only through such training, under a practical court official, writing out his cases from his dictation, was graduated his fully equipped successor. Nowhere else can the necessary training be acquired.

But now that Miss Talking Box is on the scene, and is here to stay, shortly, no widely used in its day, will in a few years become, if not a lost art, at least a rare art. This prediction is made at a time when the market seems overcrowded with hundreds of applicants to each and every one of the thousands of positions where stenographers are called for, for even the average will be ousted by this same machine, for it repeats exactly what is dictated to it, never makes "it" out of context, except when an illiterate employer talks into it, and the twenty stenographers who will be replaced by the one "operator," like poor Lo, must "move on."

Machine Never Gets Tired.

The court reporters themselves, some of whom have spent more than two score years dictating their notes to intelligent amanuenses, find the recording machine a most convenient helper. They say it never gets tired or independent in manner, is not afraid of working overtime or going without lunch or supper when crowded for time and has no oppressive or distracting personality (as the case may be) to obtrude itself between the questions, answers, objections and rulings which make up the court records of cases. The reporter can now sit up all night with his trusty machine, unburdening his hundreds of folios into her wax, and, best of all, and no questions will be asked by his wife or to the typewriter in young, pretty, bright or what not; and he will not be nagged at because, unaware, he has betrayed the fact that she possesses alluring black or tender hazel eyes, for the "operator" now, who takes the dictation straight from the cylinders, will no longer have to sit alongside of her employer. He can shut himself up alone with the machine and will not even have to exchange the day's greetings with Miss Minnie Brown. She can transcribe her notes into the room, and just transcribe the voice and send the finished work in by the office boy.

There is a little heavy tragedy, however, for the pretty typewriter in all this. Because those suspiciously wicked raven locks or raven tresses are no longer needed to carry heavy burdens, and some of the busiest of busy workers have been the breadwinners of families, carrying others' burdens as well as their own. Cheerfully hastening back and forth, making "it" and "it" again, the typewriter is now a thing of the past, and the dingy business at all hours of the day and night—such are the demands of the business; but no other field of labor offered reward sufficient to cover the expenses of one at all. Now there are on the outside: Miss Win-up Talking Machine within—New York Herald.

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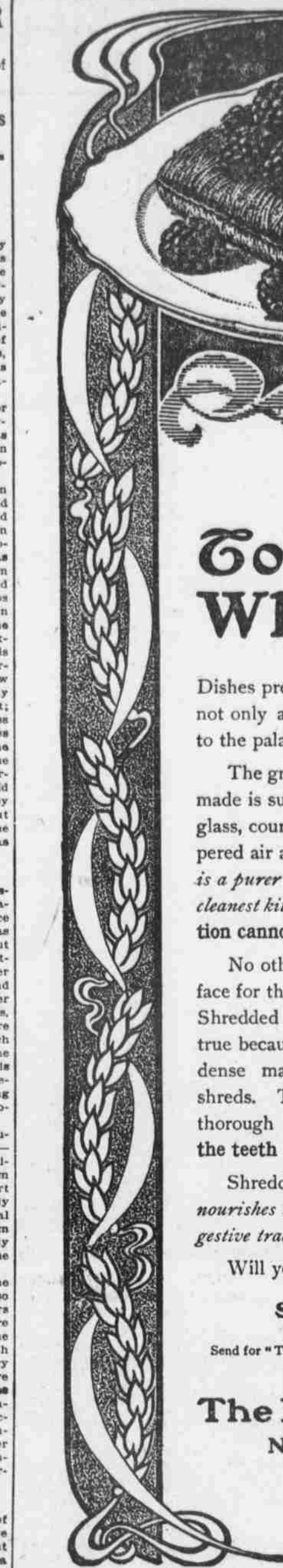
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## CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Summer Goods Moved Slowly Last Week Owing to Unseasonable Weather.

PRICES FIRM, WITH UPWARD TENDENCY

Both Wholesalers and Retailers Confidently Settled Weather Will Quickly Enable Them to Make Up for Lost Time.

Trade with Omaha jobbers and manufacturers was of rather moderate proportions last week, owing to the unseasonable weather. The balance of the week, however, the greater proportion of the territory tributary to this market. Railroads were crippled by the weather, and the country roads were in such a state that the balance of the week, however, the greater proportion of the territory tributary to this market. Railroads were crippled by the weather, and the country roads were in such a state that the balance of the week, however, the greater proportion of the territory tributary to this market.

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strong position. Prunes are beginning to assert themselves and prices have been advanced on the new crop and are found to be higher than those that have been ruling for the last two or three weeks. The demand is very active for all lines of dried fruits and the trend of the market is upward.

In canned goods the market on spot corn still attracting a good deal of attention. The market seems to be developing additional strength each week. Those who are in a position to buy are buying heavily. The stock will undoubtedly be wanted at full prices before the new goods arrive on the market. The drought in the east, together with the floods in the west, have given a very strong feeling to farmers and it is reported that some Illinois farmers are offering 5 cents per dozen to secure cancellations of their contracts. It will be necessary to replant a great deal of the acreage in Iowa and the situation all around looks rather gloomy to those most vitally interested. The fact is pointed out, however, that there is still time to get a crop if favorable weather should prevail from June 10 on.

The rice market is still going up, the latest advance being on the low grades.

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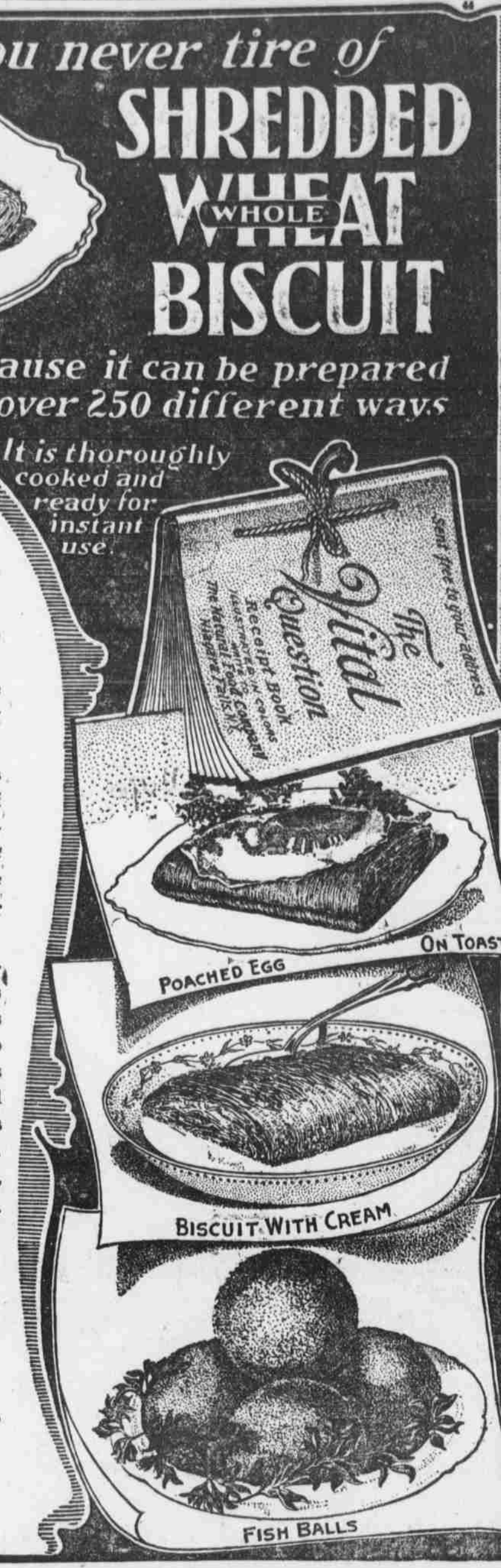
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## TABLE AND KITCHEN

Menu.

BREAKFAST.

Fruit. Cream.

Salted Shad Roe, Broiled.

New Potatoes in Cream.

Strawberry Cream.

Coffee.

DINNER.

Corn Bread.

Clear Soup.

Young Turkey Cranberry Sauce.

New Potatoes in Cream.