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A Cincinnati man who expected a street car to detour around his auto will recover, doctors think.—Hagerstown Herald.

Installment

Ann: "The man I marry must be able to put the world at my feet."

Dan: "Well, I have $25 in cash. Will you be satisfied with Russia and Germany for a starter?"

A Life Program

Not think great things, but make each thought I cherish a worthy one.

Not do great deeds, but to perform faithfully all duties great or small.

Not have many friends, but ever to justify the friendship of those I have.

Not to live a long life, but to live each moment of time allotted to me with purpose.

Not long for a distant heaven, but to fill full of heaven the little corner in which I am called to dwell.

He Needed a Change

Smithson—"Come with me to the zoo."

Johnson—"No thank you; I'll stay at home. My eldest daughter does the kangaroo walk, my second daughter talks like a parrot, my son laughs like a hyena, my wife watches me like a hawk, my cook is as cross as a bear, and my mother-in-law says I'm an old gorilla. When I go anywhere I want a change.—New York Globe.

Seven Ages of Woman

Safety pins
Whip-pin's
Hair pins
Fraternity pins
Diamond pins
Clothes pins
Rolling pins.

"You say what you like about jazz music, but it's kept a lot of people out of jail."

"How come?"

"Well, if it wasn't for the music they'd be arrested." —Goblin

Rastus, you is just about as black as midnight.

Go on, nigger; Yo' is somewhere 'bout 'leven thirty yo' self—Twin City Sentinel.

There was a young lady from Natchez
Who walked in blackberry patchez;
Now she sits in her room
With her face full of gloom,
And scratchez, and scratchez, and scratchez.—Leigh Burr.

Was it an antecedent of Dr. Coue who prompted Napoleon to remark in the middle of his Russian campaign, Every day, in every way, I'm getting Warsaw and Warsaw?—Life.

Nephew: "What I want to get into, Uncle, is some line where one can make a quick turnover."

Uncle: "Well, you might get a job trying griddle cakes."—Boston Transcript.

Five-year-old, gazing at her new twin brothers: "Well, I neer saw such a woman as Mama is for hunting bargains."

Dr. Grabbe had dismissed his patient, Mrs. Gasoway, when she exclaimed, "Why, doctor you didn't even look to see if my tongue was coated."

"I know it isn't," said the doctor. You never find grass on a race track."

"Johnny, I'm afraid I'll not see you in Heaven," said the father to the errant son.

"Why, what have you been doing now, pop?"

"What have you been doing all summer?"

"I had a position in my father's office. And you?"

"I wasn't working either."—Exchange.

TUCKAHOE NECK

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Kern spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holsinger. On Monday they attended Mr. Draper's funeral near Greensboro.

Mr. Shanely Roe was with Mr. Howard Holsinger to supper Sunday evening.

Mr. Wallace Clark and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hollingsworth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Redden and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holsinger were recently entertained by Mr. Woodward's family.

Miss Thelma DeFord visited Miss Beulah Clopper Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. H. B. Wright called on Mrs. W. B. Higgins of Denton on Wednesday.

Mable Wright visited Misses Hilda and Florence Reed on Sunday.

Mrs. Fifield visited Mrs. Wallace Clark on Sunday.

A few neighbors happened into Mr. Reed's on Sunday evening to welcome them into our community. They spent the evening pleasantly in social chatting, music by the victrola and sacred songs. Among those present were Messrs H. B. Wright, W. O. Swann, W. E. Clark, F. Fleming, William Elben, D. C. Clopper and families, Mrs. Fifield and Thelma DeFord.

Misses Katherine Meeks and Hazel Parks spent Sunday with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Meeks.

The stork visited the home of Mrs. Melvin Pepper, last week, leaving with her a fine baby girl.

Rev. Betts and son Martin were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Clopper on Sunday.

Mr. Aron Samis and family, of Cordova spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Samis.

Mrs. T. H. Meeks has forty little chickens about two weeks old. Though it is early for them they are doing fine.

Mr. Clark Woodward and family visited Mr. J. H. Woodward Sunday.

Mrs. Ireland spent Sunday at Stevensville, visiting her daughter.

Messages to Seekers of Success

New Fashions in Foods

By KARINE HOLMES

Stuffings for Fowl

We find that roast chickens, especially at this time of year, appeal to the appetite a little more strongly if we vary the dressing. An English dressing for chicken, duck or goose is: To your dry bread crumbs made moist with fat from the fowl, whatever it may be, or other nice fat, add one sour apple chopped in cubes and one cup of raisins.

As salads are popular because it is an excellent way to use remnants and leftovers of all kinds of edible materials, so in dressing for poultry these leftovers may often be used. A little sausage with nuts is delicious in poultry dressing. One very wonderful cook advocates the using of whatever stale candy that may be unattractive to the family, especially the hard candies.

Another good dressing is stale bread crumbs or cracker crumbs, and cooked hominy, about equal parts. The use of half a large onion is always recommended, chopped fine and heated in the fat.

An Italian chef whose reputation is unquestioned, uses the following, especially for roast duck:

Chop the liver fine and cook in a tablespoonful of hot butter with a tablespoonful of chopped onion. Mix with one quarter of a loaf of bakers' bread 1-4 cup of fat in 1-4 cup of hot water. Now add one tablespoonful of parslep chopped fine and the yolk of one egg, beaten till lemon color.

Of course we never tire of oyster dressing, and nuts added to the regular mixture.

Another stuffing for goose:

1-4 lb prunes
1 cup rice
1 dozen large chestnuts
1-2 cup fine goose fat or butter
Salt, paprika and cinnamon.

Soak the prunes until soft, drain, cover with fresh water and cook until nearly ready for the table. Cook rice five minutes in boiling water, drain, add prunes from which you have removed the pits, then measure, adding prune water until you have about 3 cups in all. Place over fire and cook until the rice is very tender; add the chestnuts, blanched and cut in pieces, then the seasoning as desired; mix thoroughly and handle as any stuffing. This is much used in Cuba for the stuffing of turkeys.

In Cuba the turkey for Christmas dinner is killed and prepared for the oven, then wrapped in a clean cloth and buried 3 feet in the ground for one week, or 4 or 5 days, at the least. Then it is taken from its earthy grave and the above stuffing finishes the bird for the fire; then it is put on a spit and roasted very carefully. It is a meal fit for the king, with the dish garnished with red and green peppers and baked bananas.

Potatoes in New Ways

The cooking of nitrogeneous and carbohydrate foods are two extremely important principles in cookery. Albumen, or protein materials represent the former, while starch is the one we think of by the latter. When one fully understands the principles for cooking these two food elements she has a good foundation for doing some excellent work with foods. Of course starches are rarely cared for as tenderly as they should be, but let us deal with them another time.

Potatoes are a good illustration of starch. If you could look at a cross section of the potato through a microscope you would find myriads of starch granules encased within cellulose crisscross sections running in every direction. So we pare the potato thinly, for next to the skin lies all of the protein that is in this tuber, and allow the potato to stand in cold water for awhile, then have boiling salted water, ready to put the potato directly from the cold bath into this boiling water and cook 20 minutes, drain, and return to the fire to drive off all of the remaining moisture, and then if the potato must stand, never leave lid on the kettle, always in the open kettle, and of course serving as soon thereafter as possible. This is not only for the niceness of the potato, but those hot starchy masses freshly cooked will cause the digestive juices to flow more rapidly and thus mix more thoroughly with the food for digestion. All these precautions tend very materially toward keeping the digestive apparatus in prime condition.

Prehistoric man was endowed with stronger digestive powers than this present race of civilized beings, and we not only require our starches cooked, but we have attained the heights of civilization to the extent that man needs all the intelligent aid which cookery can devise to render the starches in his food as soluble as possible.

Potatoes Baked With Cheese

2 large boiled potatoes
1 pint of cream (or rich condensed milk; i. e., condensed milk diluted with water till it is richer than with the usual amount of water),
2 eggs
3 tablespoonsful of cheese, salt and paprika.

Cut the potatoes in thin slices, arrange in layers in buttered dish; sprinkle each layer with cheese, salt and paprika, pour over a little of the egg beaten and mixed with the cream. Bake about half an hour. This may be served as a supper or luncheon dish or for family dinner with boiled ham or broiled beefsteak.

Syracuse Hot Salt Potatoes

Select potatoes of medium size and smooth skin, and scrub clean. Have ready a kettle of brine at the boiling point, put in potatoes, cover and boil until tender; remove from the fire and drain. Serve at once. The outside will be covered with salt crystals and the inside will be white and mealy. This comes very nearly to the delicious baked potato which is not always convenient for the housewife to have, and may be done more quickly.

FEMININE TOPICS

(Copyright Hartford Courant)

A white crepe de chine sport frock, and an evening gown of lace, are seen in every collection of costumes for wear in the south.

Feather fans of enormous proportions match the gowns with which they are carried this year.

Small plain sleeves that are little more than a band of taffeta or lace are gaining favor for both afternoon and evening wear.

Bindings of silk and ribbon are used on folds and hems of the new gowns and suits for spring. Often it is the only attempt at decoration.

One of the best grades of Italian cheese is sold only after it has been seasoned for at least four years.

With the long low waistline, novel touches have been added in the form of girdles, draperies and similar variations; so that two frocks cut on the same lines still have the appearance of being entirely different.

The modern cook has learned that it does not pay to put all her sugars into one container. She has a series of boxes or cans. One is marked neatly "Granulated Sugar," another is marked "Brown Sugar," another is marked "Powdered Sugar." Another still marked Confectioner's Sugar." And another is marked "Tablet Sugar." There are now almost as many sugars alone as there used to be of all spices.

While hems are dragging their way through snow and the mud in New York skirts are being worn shorter in Paris than they were a year ago. The medium length skirt has come back for street wear.

To polish nickel rub a damp cloth over soap until a thick lather has formed. Then dip in salt and apply to the nickel.

Applique, though simple, is a fascinating bit of handwork that is very popular at present.

Long sleeves and short sleeves are divided between the former for day dresses and the latter for afternoon frocks.

Lemon from which most of the juice has been squeezed for other purposes will take the grease from pots, pans, dishes and sinks better and quicker than hot water and soap.

Where the dress is one that does not have to be laundered, sew a lingerie clasp each side of the shoulder seam on the inside, about one inch from the neck opening and with the clasp opening toward the neck. Fasten the straps of the underwear into the clasps and you will find this will eliminate the annoyance of the dress slipping off the shoulders, and so much more convenient than pinning.

Add some chopped mint to the apple sauce if it lacks flavor.

When washing curtains, unless they are of very strong material, they should be folded in quarters and left so all through the soaking and washing to avoid tearing. Soak first in often as possible, using plenty of soap Let the soap and water do the work. When the first dirt appears, use warm water and finally hot.

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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 11

THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

LESSON TEXT—Luke 18:1-14.

GOLDEN TEXT—The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise—Psalm 51:17.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—Matt. 6:5-15; Luke 15:20-24; John 4:23, 24.

PRIMARY TOPIC—How Two Men Prayed.

JUNIOR TOPIC—How to Pray.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Prayer that God Answers.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Secret to Prevailing Prayer.

I. Men Ought Always to Pray (v. 1).

Prayer is absolutely necessary to the spiritual life. It is to the spiritual life what breathing is to the physical life. Men ought to pray under every variety of circumstance—in times of sorrow and burdens for strength to endure; in times of joy and success for grace to behave aright. Prayer ought to be persisted in even when the answer is not immediately seen. God does hear and answer prayer even when we do not understand the mysteries of delay.

II. The Urgent Prayer of a Widow (vv. 2-8).

The picture here is of a helpless widow who was being cheated out of her property rights, coming to a godless judge for redress. Her only means of getting help was to prove the justice of her claim by her persistence. Even this did not gain access to his heart, for he feared not God nor regarded men. He complied with her request in order to get rid of her.

The point here is not that God is like this unjust judge and can be teased into compliance, but rather that if such action can be secured on the part of a godless judge by persistence, how much surer will be the help of God to those who cry unto Him day and night.

The helpless widow pictures the church in this age suffering the deprivation of her rights. It is not the church praying for vengeance upon her enemies, but suing for the possession of her rights by virtue of covenant relation in Christ. The heritance of the church will be realized at the coming of Christ. This is why the truth concerning the coming of Christ is so vital to Christianity, and why such disastrous consequences follow the loss of the Blessed Hope.

The apparent delay in the vindication of the church may dishearten some and cause others to mock (II Peter 3:4). Jesus' question should be a solemn warning against allowing the apparent delay of the coming of the Lord to crowd out our praying. Though many may give up we should be assured that genuine faith will abide, and that the divine promise concerning the coming of Christ shall be fulfilled. We can be sure of God.

III. The Prayer of the Proud Pharisee (vv. 9-12).

1. He Took a Striking Attitude (v. 11). The Jewish custom was to stand while praying, but the word "stood" implies the assumption of an ostentatious position. He was self-righteous and trusted in himself.

2. He Prayed With Himself (vv. 11, 12). He used the name of God, but it was really a soliloquy. He pretended to be thanking God when really he was rehearsing his own goodness—complimenting himself. His whole thought centered in himself. He congratulated himself for (1) his morality (vv. 11). He thanked God that he was not as other men are, such as extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as the publican who was standing afar off. (2) His Religious Merits (v. 12). He fasted twice a week and gave tithes of all he possessed. He thus informed God that he did more than was required, implying that God was under obligation to him.

IV. The Prayer of the Humble Publican (v. 13).

In striking contrast with this supposed saint stood the publican whose shame kept him from even looking up to Heaven, beating upon his breast as a sign of anguish of soul, crying out to God to be merciful to him, a sinner. He took his place as a sinner and called upon God for mercy.

V. Christ's Testimony (v. 14).

He declared that the publican went away justified rather than the Pharisee. The one great and urgent need on the part of men is a confession of sin and a willingness to cry unto God for mercy.

The Dull Man.

A dull man is so near a dead man that he is hardly to be ranked in the list of the living; and as he is not to be buried whilst half alive, so he is as little to be employed whilst he is half dead.—Saville.

Losing Aspirations.

Men lose their high aspirations as they lose their intellectual tastes, because they have not time or opportunity for indulging them.—J. S. Mill.

Causes Wonder.

I never wonder to see men wicked, but I often wonder to see them not ashamed.—Swift.

Nibbling at the Bait.

I see the devil's hook, and yet cannot help nibbling at his bait.—M. Adams.

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Does Jesus want children to come to him?—Matt. 19:14.

By what is a child known?—Prov. 20:11.

When should one begin to study the Bible?—2 Tim. 3:15

Whom should a child honor?—Exodus 20:12.

Whom should we love?—Luke 10:27

Why do we love Jesus?—1 John 4:19.

HOLIDAY NOTICES

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Suspicious

A cantankerous person told the vicar whom he had come to see on some local matter, that he was an atheist.

"But surely," said the vicar, "you consider the Ten Commandments, broadly speaking, to be an excellent rule of life?"

"No, I do not, " replied the man almost savagely.

The vicar rang his bell. "John," he said to his servant, "show this man to the door and keep your eye on him until he is beyond reach of my hat and coat in the hall."—London Post.

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