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GOD IN NATURE.

O man, who thinks there is no God,
Roam far and wide o'er every land,
And view the work of Nature's hand.
Canst thou then cry, "There is no God ?"

Stand on the mountain's lofty height;
Intently gaze with watchful eye
On peaceful earth and glorious sky,
Canst thou then cry, "There is no God ?"

Behold the ocean's foaming tide
Beat fiercely on the rock-bound shore,
And think of One whose might is more.
Canst thou then cry, "There is no God ?"

From slumber wake at break of day,
And view the glory of the dawn,
Foretaste of the eternal morn.
Canst thou then cry "There is no God ?"

The Book of Nature open wide,
The sea and all its wonders sound,
Science and Nature's laws profound.
Canst thou then cry, "There is no God ?"

O man who thinks there is no God,
Search truly now thine inmost heart,
And of His love see but a part.
Then wilt thou cry, "My Lord ! My God !"

—WARREN ELSING.

KITCHEN FURNISHINGS.

Should Be Neat and Attractive Enough to Worker Therein to Minister to Her Content.

The value of attractive kitchen utensils is not often appreciated. Housewives give their servants battered saucepans and tins, and expect them to keep these spotless and to take pleasure in cooking with them. A servant doing kitchen work generally takes interest in it if she has utensils in good condition to work with. One actually enjoys washing dishes in a brand-new dishpan.

If the kitchen itself is a neat, picturesque room with snowy curtains at the windows, neatly oiled floor, clean, glazed paper on the walls and everything comfortable and convenient, almost any servant will feel an inspiration to keep it in that condition.

In furnishing a kitchen one may, on the other hand, make the mistake of having too many utensils and too many patented contrivances. The average servant girl, who is only used to the simplest and most ordinary utensils at home, will invariably leave the patented things on the shelf and use any common makeshift.

Though the kitchen should be simply furnished there is no reason why the things a servant does use cannot be picturesque and in good condition. Nowadays there are many charming mixing bowls, etc., in blue and white earthenware, that look better on the shelves than the common ware, and are often just as cheap.

It is wise not to have too much kitchen china for the servants to use at mealtime. There should, of course, be a sufficient supply, but if there are too many to draw from the servants will never report breakages to the mistress, and it is said that some lazy servants will not take the trouble to wash their own dishes, but leave them in some out-of-the-way corner of the cupboard until the whole supply is used.

It is sometimes asserted that because a servant girl is a human being there should be pictures, etc., in the kitchen, a nice rug on the floor and a screen before the stove or sink. Any experienced housekeeper knows, however, that this is not practical, and no sensible servant will be bothered with things purely ornamental, always in the way and always collecting dust or grease. A kitchen is merely a workshop. After working hours are over the average servant would rather sit or rest elsewhere, and some place ought to be provided for her. Where there are several servants they can visit in the "servants' dining-room," and they should have the pleasure of making that as cozy as they wish.—Boston Budget.

Peach Compote.

Use either fresh, canned or dried peaches, and stew until very soft; sweeten well and allow them to simmer in the water in which they are cooked; then remove from the fire, and when cold strain and turn into moulds of rice. Make the moulds by lining ordinary teacups with boiled rice and leaving a deep impression in the center, this depression to be filled with the peach mixture, which may require a little gelatine if it does not "boil down" to the right consistency.

Coffee Jelly.

One-half box of gelatin or two tablespoonfuls of granulated gelatin, one-half cupful of cold water, one cupful of boiling water, one-third cupful of sugar and two cupfuls of boiled coffee. Make the same as orange jelly and serve with sugar and cream.

When Hands Have Been in Water.

When the hands have become soft and shrunken by using soda and hot water, rub them with common salt, and it will help to make them smooth again.

Arranging Flowers.

The Japanese have taught us one important particular in the arrangement of flowers. We no longer thrust the stems of half a dozen kinds into a vase and regard the effect as beautiful. Fewer blossoms, all of one kind, arranged with regard to lines and individual display, content us better.

Omelet.

Six eggs, one cup milk, two tablespoonfuls flour, one pinch salt. Beat the yolks and whites separately. Mix the flour with a little of the milk, then add the rest of the milk and add all to the yolks. Beat in the whites lightly.

TO REDUCE ONE'S WEIGHT

No Matter How Much Avordupois One Has Strict Attention to Diet Will Lessen the Burden.

If you are anxious to get thinner, you may indulge in good and appetizing food to an unlimited extent, and yet, if you obey the simplest rules, you will steadily lose flesh. Indeed, the result is beautifully certain. Would you, for example, like to lose a pound and a half in the first 24 hours, one pound the next day, and an average of three-quarters of a pound thereafter? If so, you have only to follow these instructions:

Eat meat, any kind you want, and plenty of it, but only the lean part. Eat eggs, as many of them as you like. Eat all the fruit you can stuff, barring only bananas. Eat every vegetable, excepting potatoes and corn. But cut out pastry, bread and sweets.

You see, meat fat does not go to make muscle or blood. Such of it as is not consumed as fuel is converted into fat in the body. The same is true of sugar and of wheat and the other cereal grains. Therefore it is that these things must be avoided, if one desires a shrinkage of the belt. But it is an immense consolation to be able to indulge ad libitum in a diet sufficiently varied and at the same time to lose flesh right along.

Nearly all vegetables, fortunately, are mainly water, and water, of course, doesn't fatten. Beets, for example, and carrots, celery, tomatoes, cauliflower, cabbages, lettuce, cucumbers, eggplant and turnips may be eaten to an unlimited extent—a variety surely sufficient for anybody. All fruits, except bananas, are in the same category, and for this reason a person threatened with overplumpness may consume them in unrestricted quantities. As for meats (if lean), as well as eggs, they are muscle and blood makers, and could never contribute fat to the most corpulently inclined individual.

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WHEREAS, At the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, two bills were passed, one proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article I of the Constitution of the State, the other proposing an amendment to Section 34 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State, which said bills are in the words following, to wit:

CHAPTER 96.

AN ACT to amend Section 1 of Article I of the Constitution of this State and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland* (three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 1 of Article 1 of the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, as herein provided, it shall supersede and stand in place and stead of Section 1 of said Article 1.

SECTION 1. All elections by the people shall be by ballot. Every male citizen of the United States whether native born or naturalized, of the age of 21 years or upwards, who has resided in this State for one year and in the Legislative district of Baltimore city or in the county in which he may offer to vote for six months next preceding the election, and who moreover is duly registered as a qualified voter, as provided in this Article, shall be entitled to vote in the ward or election district in which he resides at all elections hereafter to be held in this State; and in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts for the election of Representatives in Congress, Senators, Delegates or other officers, then, to entitle a person to vote for such officer, he must have been a resident of that part of the county or city which shall form a part of the electoral district in which he offers to vote for six months next preceding the election, but a person who shall have acquired a residence in such county or city, entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county or city to which he has removed. Every such male citizen of the United States having the above-prescribed qualifications of age and residence shall be entitled to be registered so as to become a qualified voter if he be—

First—A person able to read any section of the Constitution of this State submitted to him by the officers of registration and to give a reasonable explanation of the same; or if unable to read such section is able to understand and give a reasonable explanation thereof when read to him by the registration officers; or

Second—A person who on the first day of January, 1869, or prior thereto, was entitled to vote under the laws of this State or of any other State of the United States wherein he then resided; or

Third—Any male lineal descendant of such last-mentioned person who may be twenty-one (21) years of age or over in the year 1906.

No person not thus qualified by coming under some one of the above descriptions shall be entitled to be registered as a qualified voter, nor be entitled to vote.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the foregoing section hereby proposed as amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be at the next general election for members of the General Assembly to be held in this State submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of the direction contained in Article XIV of the Constitution, and at said election the vote on said proposed amendment shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment," or "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as the voters shall elect; and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote on said proposed amendment as directed by the said XIVth Article of the Constitution.

This is to certify, that this engrossed document proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the original of which was passed by the Senate by yeas and nays, more than three-fifths of all members elected voting in the affirmative, on March 3, 1904.

SPENCER C. JONES
President of the Senate.
ROBERT MOSS,
Secretary of the Senate.

This to certify that this engrossed document proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the original of which was passed by the House of Delegates by yeas and nays, more than three-fifths of all the members elected voting in the affirmative, on March 10, 1904.

GEORGE Y. EVERHART,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.
BENJAMIN L. SMITH,
Chief Clerk.

CHAPTER 97.

AN ACT to amend Section 34 of Article 3 of the Constitution of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland* (three-fifths of all the members of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, as herein provided, it shall supersede and stand in the place and stead of Section 34 of Article 3 of said Constitution.

SECTION 34. No debt shall be hereafter contracted by the General Assembly unless such debt shall be authorized by a law providing for the collection of an annual tax or taxes sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to discharge the principal thereof within fifteen years from the time of contracting the same, and the taxes laid for this purpose shall not be repealed or applied to any other object until the said debt and interest thereon shall be fully discharged. The credit of the State shall not in any manner be given or loaned to, or in aid of any individual, association or corporation; nor shall the General Assembly have the power in any mode to involve the State in the construction of works of internal improvement, nor in granting any aid thereto which shall involve the faith or credit of the State; nor make any appropriation therefor, except in aid of the construction of works of internal improvement in the counties of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert, which has no direct advantage from such works as have heretofore been aided by the State; and provided that such aid, advances or appropriations shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, and they shall not use or appropriate the proceeds of the internal improvement companies, or of the State tax now levied or which may hereafter be levied to pay off the public debt, to any other purpose until the interest and debt are fully paid, or the sinking fund shall be equal to the amount of the outstanding debt; but the General Assembly may, without laying a tax, borrow an amount never to exceed fifty thousand dollars to meet temporary deficiencies in the treasury, and may contract debts to any amount that may be necessary for the defense of the State

But nothing in this section or in this Constitution contained shall deprive the General Assembly of the power to apportion amongst and to appropriate to the city of Baltimore and the several counties of the State out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum of money not exceeding four hundred thousand dollars each year, to be expended only in the construction and maintenance of public roads and highways under and in accordance with such regulations as the General Assembly may from time to time prescribe.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid.* That the aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution shall be, at the next general election held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot shall be printed the words: "For Constitutional Amendment," and "Against Constitutional Amendment," as now prescribed by law, and immediately after said election due return shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by the said fourteenth article of the Constitution.

This is to certify that this engrossed document proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the original of which was passed by the Senate by yeas and nays, more than three-fifths of all the members elected voting in the affirmative, on March 2, 1904.

SPENCER C. JONES,
President of the Senate.
ROBERT MOSS,
Secretary of the Senate.

This is to certify that this engrossed document proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the original of which was passed by the House of Delegates by yeas and nays, more than three-fifths of all the members elected voting in the affirmative, on March 10, 1904.

GEORGE Y. EVERHART,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.
BENJAMIN L. SMITH,
Chief Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWIN WARFIELD Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and of the mandate of the Court of Appeals of the State of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that a copy of each of said bills proposing said amendments to said Articles 1 and 3 of the Constitution of the State be published in at least two newspapers in each of the counties of the State where so many may be published, and in any county where not more than one newspaper may be published, then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers in the city of Baltimore, one of which shall be in the German language, once a week for at least three months preceding the next general election, which said election will be held on the 7th day of November, 1905, at which election the said proposed amendments shall be submitted, in the form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the legal and qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

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