RAISINS: An Accident

UNTOLD years ago some stone-age man accidentally left his crop of wild grapes in the sun. When he returned they were dry and shriveled but he sampled one and found it delicious.

Today, centuries later, the raisin industry is an important one in America, where wise dried fruit producers have succeeded in wresting domination in the field from European countries, especially Spain. Raisins are first recorded in early Egyptian lore, but the Bible says a subject of King David of Israel once brought "asses laden with cheeses and raisins to pay his taxes." The industry flourished in Armenia in 400 B. C. Hungary came into prominence about 1300 A. D., followed by Spain which built a huge business.



WHEN grapes have reached their ripest, sweetest stage, they are cut from the vines in bunches and carefully laid on trays (left), exposed to the hot sun and allowed to dry. They are turned after a few days to complete the drying on both sides. When the raisins reach the packing plant they are graded for quality, cleaned, stemmed and processed before going out to markets of the world.

Raisins, like spices, tea, coffee, nuts and extracts, are today available for a few cents. A few hundred years ago they were worth a king's ransom.

THORNTON W. BURGESS' WEEKLY BEDTIME STORY

WHERE the old brush pile had been in the Green Forest sat Buster Bear, laughing so that he had to hold his sides. Up in a tall pine tree close by sat Hooty the Owl. He had been laughing, but he had stopped now. Excitement had taken the place of laughter. It had been very funny to see Old Man Coyote and Reddy and Granny Fox ducking and dodging and twisting and turning as they tried to get out of the way of the flying sticks as Buster Bear tore the old brush pile to pieces.

But now, the last bit of brush had been scattered and there was no Peter Rabbit, and Hooty was too much disgusted and disappointed to laugh any more. Of course, Old Man Coyote and Reddy and Granny Fox didn't see anything to laugh at. Indeed, they were too angry to laugh at anything. Then, too, the joke was on them, and you know it is always very hard to laugh at a joke on yourself. They had watched all day to catch Peter Rabbit when he should come out from under that pile of brush. They knew Peter was there because Reddy had chased him there and the others had seen him do it.

They hadn't seen the twinkle in Buster's eyes as he had kept urging them to come closer, so that there would be no chance for Peter to escape. Then he had made the sticks fly so fast that they couldn't get out of the way of them. Now they were sore and lame and scratched, and, worse, still, they knew now that Peter Rabbit had somehow been too smart for them.

Hooty the Owl looked down at Buster solemnly and suspiciously.

From the way Buster was laughing, they knew now that he had known all the time that Peter wasn't there, and that he had kept urging them to come closer just so that they would be sure to be hit by those flying sticks when he tore the old brush pile to pieces. He had simply played a joke on them. If angry looks could have done it, they would have killed Buster Bear right on the spot. They were afraid of him in the first place, and had not welcomed him to the Green Forest. Now they didn't dare do anything but smart at him and tell him what they thought of him and how some day they would get even with him, all of which made Buster laugh all the more. You see, big and strong as he is, he really is one of the best-natured fellows in the world.

Hooty the Owl looked down at Buster solemnly and suspiciously. "Did you know all the time that Peter Rabbit wasn't there?" he asked.

"Of course, I did," replied Buster, when he could get his breath. "Do you suppose a great big fellow like me would have been mean enough to spoil the hiding place of a poor little fellow like Peter Rabbit without giving him any chance to escape? Now my way up here I met Peter scampering for the dear Old Briar Patch as fast as he could go. Probably he's down there now laughing in his sleeve to think how he fooled you all who are supposed to be so smart, particularly Old Man Coyote and Reddy and Granny.

And this is just where Peter was and what he was doing.

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AROUND THE HOUSE

Cleaning the Tub.—A badly-stained enamel bath can be cleaned by being rubbed all over with a cut lemon. Leave for a short while and then clean in the ordinary way.

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To Peel Oranges Quickly.—Put them in boiling water for five minutes or so. This will also make them juicier.

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Proper Heat for Cake.—Angel food cake is apt to be tough if the oven is too hot; 250 degrees Fahrenheit is the proper temperature.

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When Baking Apples, Etc.—Use muffin tins for baking apples, onions, stuffed peppers, etc. They will keep their shape much better.

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Cooling Bread and Rolls.—Freshly baked loaves and rolls should be cooled on a wire rack or inverted baking pan; never on a cloth, because that raises steaming which results in soggy crusts.

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To Brown Pies and Tarts.—Use a small pastry brush to apply milk lightly before putting pies or tarts in the oven. To glaze pies, brush them with the white of an egg if you wish them to be a shiny brown.

Summer Afternoon Dresses

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HOW to SEW

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



THE windows shown here are the same size. The center one is made to look taller by adding an extension at the top. The one on the right is made wider with extensions at the sides. Tall windows lend dignity and a note of formality. By placing the tiebacks quite high this effect is emphasized even more.

Wide windows often make a room seem larger and give a pleasing better proportions. Extensions at the sides may also be used so the drapery will cover less of the window, giving more view and sunlight. This is particularly good trick to try in the summer with straight curtains hung so they barely cover the woodwork at the sides of the window.

To make a window higher, merely screw blocks of wood to the top of the frame as at A and B with metal straps such as may be obtained at any hardware store. The curtain rods are then screwed to the wood blocks. To add width, screw the blocks to the sides of the window frame as at C and D. If tie-backs are to be used, extensions for them may be added as at E and F.

Draperies like the ones shown here may be lined or not according to the weight of the material used. My book SEWING, for the Home Decorator, shows you exactly how to make them either way and how to make the French heading. This book also gives directions for making slipcovers; all types of dressing table covers; seventeen different types of curtains; bedspreads; and numerous other useful and decorative things for the home. Readers wishing a copy should address Mrs. Spears, 210 S. Desplaines St., Chicago, Ill., enclosing 25 cents (coin preferred) for the book will be sent by return mail.

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Gay Note Can Be Added to Home By Pictures with Clever Frames

By BETTY WELLS

It's too bad that we can't all own original Titians and Rembrandts. But an ambitious painting takes a lot of living up to, and so for a simple informal house, maybe it's just as well to be glad we have incidental pictures to choose from. Flower, fruit or bird prints, for instance. Or reproductions of sunny water colors, or prints of scintillating Van Goghs or Ganguins.

Part of the success of the picture will be the framing of it. Here are recent news notes we've collected:

Shadow box frames, even for smallish pictures, are seen often. Though they are some more expensive, they give added importance to small pictures.

Victorian velvet ribbon is seen here and there to hang pictures by. Red or purple or black ribbon about the width ladies used to tie around their necks! If you add a gold tassel at the point where the cord is hung, you'll get just the quaint and fussy effect you want.

Another new idea for an informal picture (that will go in a provincial or some other very informal room) is to use a piece of calico or gingham for the mat. Add a plain molding frame of unfinished wood which acquires a lovely tone if you wax or oil it. (Maybe the man in your life can make this frame for you.) Or use a pie pan! Cut the gingham the size of the pan, paste the picture on gingham and gingham on pie pan. Tack a small wooden panel to the back to hold screws and there you are, a mighty clever decoration!

Have you got in your attic one or more old wood frames in oval shape? Get them out and polish them up and use the natural wood color or paint them white or dull pink.

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Straw Pancake



This unique spring hat is a straw pancake affair in navy blue straw with a cock's comb in the same shade as its sole decoration. Worn by Myrna Loy.

Spanish Soldiers Flee to France

BAGNERES DE BIGERRE, FRANCE—Under guard of a lone French frontier guard, hundreds of tattered Spanish loyalist soldiers are shown arriving here after fleeing across the Franco-Spanish border to avoid being wiped out when almost completely surrounded by insurgent troops. The authorities disarmed the refugees.



TWO-MINUTE BIOGRAPHIES

FRANK J. LOESCH

He is known as the man who cleaned up Chicago's crime and led the way to overcoming the reputation that was Chicago's 10 years ago. Today the "windy city" is a comparatively crime-free city.

Born in Buffalo, N. Y., of French-Germany ancestry, he came to Chicago in 1871, opening a law practice in 1874. Although he is Chicago counsel for the Pennsylvania railroad and counsel for the Chicago Union Station company, Mr. Loesch is much better known as a crime-buster than a corporation lawyer.

He entered the field in 1908 as special prosecutor of election frauds for the Cook county criminal court. His work was successful, but the state supreme court held his indictments void. In 1920 he became a member of the city crime commission, accepting its presidency in 1928. From an investigation following the death of Octavius C. Granady, a Negro lawyer, came conviction of 16 gangsters.

Mr. Loesch became first assistant state's attorney in 1923 when a new state's attorney took office. In 1930 he started a classification of the city's "public enemies," listing Al Capone as No. 1. From that moment, public enemies were harassed, arrested, prosecuted, jailed.

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WHAT TO EAT and WHY ★★★

C. Houston Goudiss Noted Food Authority

Describes the ACID- and ALKALINE-ASH FOODS and Explains Their Role in Maintaining the ACID-BASE BALANCE of the Body ★★★

By C. HOUSTON GOUDISS
6 East 39th Street, New York City.

ACIDITY is the topic of the hour. On every side we hear people complaining that they have too much acid in their systems, that they suffer from acid stomach, acid headaches, acid mouth, acidosis. In fact, most adults fancy themselves victims of a great battle between acid and alkaline forces, with the acid having the better of it.

They confuse gastric acidity—which is entirely normal, for the healthy stomach is always strongly acid—with the potential acidity of foods which leave an acid residue following digestion. And many of them are convinced that they should take drastic steps to overcome the danger of acidosis.

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The Vogue of Acidosis

There are fashions in disease. Just as in dress, home furnishings and automobiles. Ten years ago, we heard much about the evils of autointoxication, and it was some time before people realized that they had been misled by the extreme claims of those who had some sort of remedy to sell. And



now it is acidosis that is the most talked of complaint. Friends caution one another against this or that food, with the mistaken idea that it causes or aggravates an acid condition. Food faddists have frightened thousands by suggesting that acidosis is brought about by mixing various kinds of foods.

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Health Endangered

Indeed, we have come to a point where the fear of a so-called acid condition is assuming proportions which indicate the possibility of real trouble unless the American people get the true facts and put aside these foolish delusions.

Physiologists believe that fear and worry have a detrimental effect on digestion, and, in turn, on the general health. Thus eating meals in constant fear of acidity may upset the digestion and bring about the very symptoms that you are trying to avoid. One well-known authority contends that perhaps 90 per cent of digestive distress, attributed to the kind or combinations of food eaten, is actually due to unfavorable mental or emotional states, and other causes such as over-eating, even when fatigued, or consuming at one meal too many foods that are difficult to digest. **It, therefore, becomes apparent that thousands of people are contributing to their own discomfort as a result of fear, ignorance, or a blind belief in misleading claims which are opposed to scientific facts.**

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Acidosis Uncommon

The danger is not from acidosis, but from the fear of this bugbear, and from self medication in the belief that certain remedies are required to overcome a fancied condition. For in spite of the large amount of acid produced in metabolism, the blood normally remains remarkably constant and slightly alkaline, due to a highly efficient buffer system.

Perhaps you wonder, if this is so, why doctors and dietitians talk so much about the acid-base balance.

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The Acid-Base Balance

To understand this phrase, you must know that every food leaves an ash when burned in the body, just as ashes remain when coal or wood is burned in a furnace. In the body, the ash consists of valuable minerals which are required in large amounts to maintain optimal health.

Some foods, such as meat, fish, eggs and cereals, leave an acid ash because the predominating minerals are phosphorus, chlorine and sulphur. Other foods, chiefly milk and most fruits and vegetables, leave an alkaline ash because the remaining minerals are principally calcium, magnesium, potassium and sodium. These are the base-forming foods.

Besides the alkaline ash and acid ash foods, there is a group of foods, including sugar, cornstarch and purified fats, which are so highly refined that no minerals remain after they are burned; and some other foods, such as butter and cream, leave a balance of the two types of ash. These are known as neutral foods.

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Cannot Trust Your Tongue

The sense of taste cannot be relied upon as a guide in determining which foods are acid and which alkaline. For exapmle, cereals, which are bland to the taste, have an acid reaction following digestion. Bread, likewise, is acid forming, although you would not suspect that fact from its taste. On the other hand, potatoes, though somewhat similar to bread in flavor and food value, are one of our most valuable alkaline foods, and dried lima beans are the most highly alkaline of any food known.

Homemaker's Responsibility

A balanced diet must include sufficient base-forming foods to neutralize and counter-balance the effects of the acids formed in metabolism.

That is one reason why it is so important for the homemaker to provide her family with plenty of milk, fruits and vegetables, in addition to the necessary meat, fish, eggs and cereals.

In general, one is likely to feel better when base-forming foods predominate, at least slightly, in the diet over acid-forming foods. Some authorities believe that this may be due not so much to their effects on the acid-base balance as to the fact that they provide such splendid amounts of vitamins, minerals and fiber.

However, one must not make the mistake of becoming so enthusiastic over building a highly alkaline diet that one overlooks good foods necessary to round out a balanced diet.

To those homemakers who take seriously the important job of feeding a family, and wish to be correctly informed, I shall gladly send a chart showing which foods are alkaline and which acid. It can be used as a helpful guide in planning a balanced diet.

Send for this chart and increase your food knowledge. In the meantime, don't under any circumstances allow misguided individuals to frighten you into joining the vast army of acid-minded people who are so concerned over the possibilities of acidosis that they haven't time to enjoy life.

Questions Answered

MRS. S. T. R.—No, egg whites most certainly are not toxic, except to people who have an allergy toward this food. For all normal individuals, they offer an excellent source of protein.

Miss M. V.—Indeed I am not against the eating of fried foods, except in abnormal conditions where, for some reason, the fat in take must be restricted. The moderate use of fried foods, which have been properly cooked, makes the diet palatable and interesting.

MRS. R. McK.—Generally speaking, the ideal weight for men and women over thirty is their normal weight at the age of thirty. From that time on, the scales should be watched, and the food intake reduced as soon as a gain is noticed. When maturity is reached, food is no longer required to support growth, and unless physical activity is maintained at a high level, the total energy requirement will gradually decline.

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Have You a Question?
Ask C. Houston Goudiss

C. Houston Goudiss has put at the disposal of readers of this newspaper all the facilities of his famous Experimental Kitchen Laboratory in New York City. He will gladly answer questions concerning foods, diet, nutrition, and their relation to health. You are also invited to consult him in matters of personal hygiene. It's not necessary to write a letter unless you desire, for postcard inquiries will receive the same careful attention. Address him at 6 East 39th Street, New York City.

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My Friend Joseph

By Lillian Oakley
● McClure Newspaper Syndicate. WNU Service.

THOUGH a strong wind was blowing, driving sheets of rain across my front yard, I wasn't surprised to see Joseph, my little seven-year-old neighbor, making his way up the front walk. Yesterday was my birthday and he was here when the postman brought me a five-pound box of candy, and Joseph has a weakness for good chocolates.

He comes puffing in and while he sheds his waterproof coat he looks around for the candy. But all the candy spots are vacant. My boon resistance is below normal on bad days and I have put all the sweets away and resolved not to bring them out for a week. But now from past experience I know that without once asking me for any candy Joseph will soon have me bringing out my five-pound box and urging him to take all he wants. He has an indirect method all his own that never conflicts with any of the rules of etiquette and always gets him what he wants.

He pulls a low stool in front of the fire and while he warms his hands he looks over his shoulder at me and says:

"Guess who I'd be if I could be anybody I wanted to be?"

This is easy for he always wants to be Tarzan or Dizzy Dean. But I'm all wrong.

"Not today," he says with emphasis, "today I'd be 'Laddin An' His Lamp."

"And guess what's the first thing I'd tell that old genie to do after I rubbed my lamp?"

This isn't really meant to be a question so I simply sit still and look interested.

"I'd tell him to build my mother the finest house in town an' furnish it full of the finest furniture in town an' have a hot supper on the table ready for her when she got home from work. And I'd make him give me some money an' I'd go down town an' pay all of her bills an' put 'em on the table by her plate." He finishes exultantly.

Joseph has no father and the bills that have to be paid at the end of every month hang heavy over his head.

"Then," he says with enthusiasm, "I'd rub my lamp an' when that old genie came I'd tell him to bring me a motorcycle just like the road cops ride only littler, an' a police uniform an' a machine gun that could shoot forever an' a five-pound box of candy just like the one you got for your birthday yesterday. And," he adds with a smile that shows all of his dimples, "I'd bring you down about half of the candy."

The object of his visit has been attained. And he leaves with his pockets full of my birthday chocolates, the rain having let up somewhat.

"What Knows He of England Who Only England Knows?"

"Even after months in England my wife sometimes had to call upon the housemaid to translate some item in the laundry list, or to interpret between her and the grocery boy," declares Mr. Harry A. Franck, the irrepressible globe-trotter, in "Footloose in the British Isles." "In England a 'vest' is an undershirt, not a waistcoat. 'Suspenders' are garters, and 'braces' are suspenders. A child's underwaist is a 'bodice,' while rubber boots are 'Wellingtons.' The word 'sweater' still strikes many of the English as a trifle low-class and odoriferous; they call it a 'jersey,' 'jumper,' 'pullover,' or 'cardigan.'

"In the drapery shop (which means dry-goods store) unbleached muslin is 'calico' and calico is 'cottonprint.' Cheesecloth is 'butter muslin,' and instead of using cutting flannel for a child's pajamas one buys 'wincey-ette' and asks for a 'sleeping suit.' A spool of thread is a 'reel of cotton.' An American who asks for crackers will get firecrackers or a package of those Christmas paper bonbons that explode when pulled. In England a cracker is a 'biscuit,' and biscuit is a roll. A muffin is something else again, and cookies are as unknown as if the word were Persian.

"Our kind of bacon is 'streaky rashers'; a slice of ham is a 'gammon rasher,' and the best cut of beef is a 'piece of topside.' Gasoline is 'petrol,' kerosene is 'paraffin,' and paraffin is 'paraffin wax.' An English cook does not rinse the dishes, she 'swills' them. When my wife told the nursemaid to bathe the children, or to give them a bath, the maid proceeded to 'bath' them or give them a 'bathe.'"

Australian Camel Patrol

The Australian government maintains its own breeding and training stations for camels. The two greatest fences in the world—one that bars the pestilential rabbits from entering the great wheat belt of Western Australia, the other erected against wild dogs and rabbits along the border of New South Wales and South Australia—are maintained by government camel patrols.

Today in Australia, in a country as large as the United States, camels stand as an important means of transportation in the arid and semi-arid central and western areas and, in some remote areas, are the only means of transportation at all.

Imported from India originally with their Afghan breeders and handlers, camels were introduced to Australia as soon as the dryness of the interior became known. Specially selected bulls and females were ferried from India, for instance, for the benefit of the famous explorers, Burke and Wills, who crossed from Melbourne on the south coast to the Gulf of Carpentaria on the north as early as 1860. And in 1866 camels were imported for all general service, and in general service they remain today. — A. R. Wetjen in Globe Magazine.

Wise and Otherwise

Some people look on the bright side of things so persistently that they wind up the proud possessors of a gold brick.

Some men make money hand over fist. And then their wives make fist hand over money.

Big men get the best jobs, I'm told. Because the small men are so often overlooked?

Then there was the man who was so lazy he bought a Great Dane so he wouldn't have to stoop over to pet it.

Money doesn't grow on trees. Just the same, it's the smart bird that get it.

Growing Virtue

Bees will not work except in darkness; thought will not work virtue work except in secrecy. Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth! Like other plants, virtue will not grow when its roots be hidden, buried from the eye of the world or the sun shine on it, nay, do but look at it privily thyself, the root withers, and no flower will glad thee.—Thomas Carlyle.

Once Upon a Time There Was a—

Baseball announcer who announced an entire game without utilizing the adjective "beautiful" in describing the weather, the crowd, or the plays.

Book reviewer who never wrote that it was "a book you simply can't put down."

Neighbor, who, when scooping snow or mowing the yard, went several feet past his boundary line into his neighbors' territory.

Person who retrieved a tennis ball outside the court and threw it over the backstop on the first throw.

Man who said, "Now for a good night's sleep," and was not disturbed by someone hunting a book in his room or the telephone jangling.

Group of relatives who didn't heckle the young male member of the household by inquiring as to his status with girls, and add, whether it was true or not, "Look at him blush!"—Kansas City Star.

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