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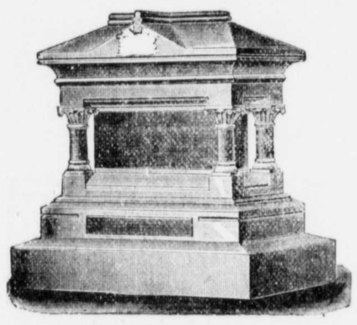

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MESSES THAT ARE SERVED ON BOARD A "MEAN SHIP."

Queer Names the Sailors Give to the Unpalatable Food—Dog Chowder, By the Wind Soup, Topgallant Tea and Cow Jipper.

Some ships are known as "mean ships" by sailors on account of the food that is served to the forecastle. They are chiefly deep water sailing ships and tramp steamers. Of course what a sailor shall have to eat is provided for by law, but the law sometimes gets badly mixed up on blue water. The strange dishes served to sailors on "mean ships" are no stranger than the names the sailors give them. One of the commonest of "mean ship" dishes is "by the wind soup." This delicacy is composed of well polished mutton bones, stale meat trimmings, a handful of potato parings and scraps from the captain's table. The mixture is boiled vigorously for two hours, at the end of which time the result is hot water of a light brown color with floating islands of grease on its surface. A little hardtack is added, and there you have your "by the wind soup."

When a "mean ship" gets well out to sea, one of the first dishes to appear is "dog chowder." It is a sort of resurrection pudding, made of scraps that the cook does not dare to serve up as they are, but which he shreds finely or pounds in a mortar until all semblance of their original state is lost. The mass is well mixed with grease and served hot.

Grease plays an important part in all the "mean ship" dishes. Another standard item on the bill of fare of these ships is "topgallant tea." It is served to the men in the dog watches, and the recipe for making it is this: Three times a week weak tea, made from fresh tea leaves, is served. The leaves are saved and mixed with the tea leaves from the captain's table. Brown sugar or molasses is added, and from the mixture is made a decoction which is served four days in the week and which the sailors coll "topgallant tea."

"Cow jipper" is a common dish on all "mean ships." It is made by boiling beef bones for six or seven hours with all the scraps left over from former meals. The broth so obtained is well seasoned with salt and served out. Another dish is "jumping jenny," sometimes called "double belt pie," from the fact that the sailor has to take in a couple of holes in his belt after eating it in order to stay him until the next meal. It is the result of a week's leavings from the cabin table mixed with six or eight ship's biscuits and half an onion. It is not at all a nice dish, and a sailor with epicurean tastes always makes a row when the cook serves it.

On some of the "western ocean" tramps a dish is served known to the sailors as "hide stew," and the toughest old salt that ever was drunk on shore or mutinous at sea is subdued by it to a state of lamblike docility, for it is sure to double him up with indigestion and make him think of the hereafter. It is made from a collection of the skins of everything—pigs, potatoes, fowl (from the captain's table), bacon rind and well picked chicken legs. This is boiled for six hours and plenty of thick grease added.

The captain of a "mean ship" always says, of course, that his men are well fed and that they only growl and grumble because they are a bad, ungrateful lot of abandoned wretches. In proof of it he will tell you that he gives them plum duff twice a week. The duff he gives them is known to the sailors as "bowline duff." It is made from the scrapings of pudding cloths that once held the puddings consumed in port—when the captain gave his men real duff, so that they might not know that they had shipped on a "mean ship" and make a "pierhead jump" for liberty. These scrapings are made bulky with biscuit paste and flavored with cloves. "Bowline duff" is the least unpopular of all the dishes on the bill of fare of the "mean ship," and its actual cost is 2 cents for every three men.—Exchange.

The Spoiled Child.

Once upon a time a young kingfisher went to the father bird and asked for his fishing rod, that he might catch some choice trout he had seen in a nearby stream.

"No!" answered the stern parent.

The young bird went his way and in an hour returned dripping wet, saying that he had tried to catch he fish without a pole and had fallen into the water.

"There!" said the mother bird to the father. "I knew you would spoil the child if you spared the rod."

Moral.—The mother can always find a way to place blame on the father, no matter what happens.—New York Herald.

Working Up.

A good story, even when the same man continues to repeat it, has a tendency to grow, like a rolling snowball. An instance is here furnished:

"So our friend Bushier went to the top of Mont Blanc?" said one man to another.

"Not at all."

"But he said so."

"True. Two months ago, when he returned from Switzerland, he said he had been at the foot of Mont Blanc. Since then he has gradually lied himself to the top."

His Suspicion.

Mother—You nice little boy! In dividing that apple you kept the half with a worm hole for yourself and let sister have the other half.

Johnny—Yes; I s'pected the worm had bored through to t' other side.—Boston Transcript.

A HEARTY LAUGH.

The Wonderful Effects It Has Upon the Human System.

"Laugh and grow fat" is a saying as old as the hills. It has long been an accepted fact that humor is a promoter of digestion and merry words the deadliest foes of disease. Dr. J. E. Kennedy, editor of the Iowa Health Bulletin, writes an interesting article on the value of laughter, in which he shows it is not only a remedial agent, but is also a valuable preventive against a host of diseases. The physical effects of laughter are thus put down by Dr. Kennedy:

Laughter increases the blood circulation.

It enlarges the heart.

It expands the lungs.

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It promotes the dioculation of the spleen.

In other words, laughter stirs up the vital regions of the body, gives them healthful exercise and produces a mental exhilaration which acts upon the system much as a brisk walk in a crisp atmosphere does upon the appetite. As strong allies to laughter Dr. Kennedy gives the following directions for mental peace of mind:

Beware of theologians who have no sense of mirth. They are not altogether human.

Keep your chin up.

Don't take your troubles to bed with you. Hang them on a chair with your trousers or drop them in a glass of water with your teeth.

Dr. Kennedy has surely hit the nail on the head. If his prescription and advice are followed, his own bills will be decidedly cut down.—Burlington Hawkeye.

LURED BY SCENT.

Rats Caught in Numbers by an Ingenious Means.

Rats are very susceptible to the odor of certain drugs, and any ordinary trap set in their haunts is likely to be successful if dressed with these scents, the attraction of which, rat catchers affirm, they cannot resist. An example is: Powdered assafetida, eight grains; oil of rhodium, two draps; oil of aniseed, one dram; oil of lavender, one-half dram. Shake together in a bottle and use a very small quantity to dress the bait.

To catch rats, cover a common barrel with stiff, stout paper, tying the edge round the barrel. Place a board so that the rats may have easy access to the top. Sprinkle cheese parings or other food for the rats on the paper for several days until they begin to think that they have a right to their daily rations from this source. Then place in the bottom of the barrel a piece of rock about six or seven inches high, filling with water until only enough of it projects above the water for one rat to lodge upon.

Now replace the paper, first cutting a cross in the middle, and the first rat that comes on the barrel top goes through into the water and climbs on the rock. The paper comes back to its original position, and the second rat follows the first. Then begins a fight for the possession of the dry place on the stone, the noise of which attracts the others, who share the same fate.—Baltimore American.

An Embarrassing Query.

In a city where children above the age of five years have to pay full fare on the tramcars while those who are younger go free the passengers in a car saw one day a rather large boy, looking seven years old at least, held in his mother's lap as though he were a baby. The big child seemed restless about something.

Presently he cried: "Mamma! Mamma!"

The mother, as if with a premonition of something wrong, tried to hush him, but he still kept saying: "Mamma! Mamma!"

"Well, what is it?" she asked at last.

"Mamma, when do I have to say I'm only five?"

Then the passengers—some of them—laughed and the mother turned very red.—London Answers.

A Unique Book.

A publishing firm which makes a specialty of expensive editions of standard authors has recently published an edition of the works of Dickens. The set is in thirty volumes and liberally illustrated and illumined. An eccentric buyer decided he would like to have a set composed of the proof sheets of the edition. These were, of course, much marked, corrected, noted and otherwise marred, but they were collected and bound in an exquisite binding and sent to the collector of original books. He paid $1,400 for the privilege of owning probably the most unique reprint of a set of Dickens' works in existence.—New York Times.

A Choice of Calves.

The difficulties the early Virginian colonists had with their live stock is curiously illustrated by the fact that in the colony of Massachusetts Bay a red calf was cheaper than a black one, experience having shown that the former was more likely to be attacked by wolves, owing, it was thought, to the wolves mistaking it for a deer.

Suited His Flock.

The Colonel—You only have to preach one sermon on Sunday, Uncle Micajah? I should think your congregation would insist on an evening sermon too.

Parson Micajah—Dat's coz de cong'gation has hern me preach, cunnel an' yo' hain't.—Chicago Tribune.

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