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BY A MAN

OLD CHESTERTOWN

BOATING ON THE CHESTER

NOTE:—In these articles, we obtain this information by word of mouth. Probably many names are left out but corrections, additions, or suggestions are welcome.

We will start way back before there were any motor-boats on the Chester. The only power boats were the steamboats which used to run to Baltimore and there was one little steam tug with a barge, which used to ply the Chester. All pleasure boats were of sail.

Most of the boats before this time were of the bateau type.

Mr. William Maul and George Cannon built a boat about this time which was a fast one.

One of the first sailing canoes to come to Chestertown was the "Lizzie," which was owned by Major Hynson and was sailed by Captain Howard.

The "Jim Wroth" was another and Capt. Taylor, Mr. Harry Brown and Mr. Slay used to sail her.

When they had boat races at Chestertown Mr. James W Crouch, father of Mr Crouch, who now works at the Chestertown Bank, used to bring the "Mayflower" from down the river to race. This boat is still racing and is owned by Mr. Howard Strong, of Chestertown. His father also owned the boat at one time.

"Glinea Guts" was a canoe owned by Messers. Harry and Ed Lambert.

"Sara Barnhart" was owned by Messers. P. A. M. Brooks and Harry Brown. This boat was a champion capsizer. A canoe came here to race from down the shore named the "Eureaka." Messrs. Brooks and Brown made a deal getting rid of the "Sara Barnhart" and bought the boat "Eureaka."

Another prominent canoe at that time was the "Minnie" owned by Capt. Bob Jones, of Quaker Neck Wharf. This boat has been bought recently by the Truslows and is in Chestertown. They plan to fix this boat up.

Another fast boat from Quaker Neck Wharf was the "Pilate Boy."

Capt. Curt Crane brought two canoes to town, one of which was the "Belle M. Crane." This boat races at the regattas here now and is owned by Mrs. Searles Rose, of Talbot County.

Mr. Hiriam Brown had a boat named the "Hampton." Capt. Nick Westcott also had a boat.

There was great rivalry among the colored folks about this time. They had two canoes and these two boats would race each other. One was the "My Queen," owned by Henry Gilbert and the other was the "Chester."

Another boat which was built at that time was the "Little Julia," owned by Mr. Bob Emory. Mr. Dorsey Hines fixed the boat up a year or so ago and the boat is now believed to be at Rehobeth, Del.

THE GILLING SKIFFS

Mr. Charles M. Bacon, in 1882, brought a Gilling Skiff from Betterton and soon this type of boat began to predominate. The Gilling Skiff type of boat is till in use at Betterton today but they have motors instead of sails. During this period boating was at its peak in town. Some of these boats were the "Puck" owned by Hines Thomas and later purchased by Mr. Harry Brown.

Capt. "Jack Coleman" now of Pomona had one named the "Old Jane," Mr. Frank Duyer and his brother had the "Elsie." Mr. Will Malin had the "S. Brindle," The "Happy Sisters" was owned by Mr. Harry Lambert and was built by Mr. George Adkinson, who was a carpenter and boat-builder and had a shop opposite the Catholic Church uptown.

Mr. Arthur Brown had a boat of this type.

A prominent Skiff at that time was the "Three Brothers." This boat was fast and was built by Eben, Clarence and George Perkins. The boat was built in the yard of the home where Mr. Eben Perkins now lives.

The skiffs used to race every Sunday and quite often during the week. This was the most active period of boat racing in Chestertown.

Many other boats were built later. A boat named the Puritan was built by Alfred Bisco who was a tinner for Messers. Lloyd McFeeley and Will Wheatley. Mr. Will Malin had another boat named the "Jennesta." Judge Lewin Wickes had the "Perry Auger." The "Tot" was owned by Mr. Nick Westcott.

There mentioned are only a few. Many were interested in boats, the Hynsons, Capt. Crane, George Westcott, Capt. Taylor, who was regarded as the best sailor ever here; the Eliasons, Will Malin, the Coleman's family composed of Jim, Ike and Jack, the Duyer Brothers, Will, Jess and Frank; Capt. Ned Emory, P. M. Brooks and Tom Stork, uncle of J. Franklin Stork, Commodore at present of the Betterton Yacht Club. These are just a few and all are from Chestertown. Other sections of the county will be taken up at a later date.

Races back in those time were held at Chestertown, Quaker Neck, Kent Island, Rock Hall and Tolchester. Very few long trips were taken. With a few exceptions the boats were smaller then than they are today.

THE MASCON

The "Mascon" was built in 1892, by Mr. Eben Perkins. She was 29 feet long and had about a 10 and a half foot beam. Her cork-pit would hold twenty-five people. This boat was perhaps one of the best riding boats ever here. She was taken to a race at Tolchester and showed so much speed that Mr. Perkins had an attactive offer for her. He sold her to a man in Baltimore. After some time as a pleasure boat she was used for work around the harbor. One day an ocean boat from Cuba was in the harbor and one of the officers was attracted by the "Mascon." He tried the boat out and was so pleased with her that he bought her. She was loaded on the ocean boat and shipped to Cuba. It has been learned lately that the boat is still in use in Cuba today.

"THE JOSEPHINE"

The only boat that could be called a yacht back in those days was the "Josephine." She had sleeping accomodations and many long trips were taken in her. Captain Curt Crane was the owner and many festive occassions were held aboard the Josephine. One day the Josephine with a party aboard came in the mouth of Chester River and the wind died out. A land-lubber was aboard who was very anxious to steer. So as the tide was running out they dropped the anchor and let him steer, telling him to head for Hail Point. The rest went down in the cabin and played cards. The land-lubber was enjoying himself, heading for Hail Point and thinking he was sailing her by himself. All went well until the tide turned and it was impossible to keep the boat headed up the river. Then he called for help.

POWER BOATS

The first gasoline launch to be owned on Chester River was owned by Mr. Hope H. Barroll. It was a complete flop as they could never get the motor to run satisfactorially.

When the news that the motor boat was to be used, was heard in the town many would flock to the bridge to watch. The boat however seldom gave a performance.

Mr. Harry Blackiston, P. M. Brooks and others took a boat trip to Norfolk. They bought a sailing canoe and towed it up to Chestertown behind a large sailboat. Coming up the bay a storm struck them and they started to cut the canoe loose. Mr. Kay a relative of Mr. Blackiston's got in the canoe and told them if they cut it loose he would go with it. He stayed in the canoe and bailed it out until the storm was over.

This canoe was later the property of Mr. P. A. M. Brooks. He put a one cyclinder five horse-power motor in it. This was the second motor boat on Chester River and the first to be a success. Mr. Medford Brooks, his son, enjoyed nothing better than to show off in the motor boat, as he was just about the show-off age. The boat attracted about as much attention as the first automobile. He would make trips to Centreville and in the bay showing off the motor boat. She was considered very fast. In a few years however she was one of the slowest boats here. Mr. Will and Harry Collins purchased this boat and remodelled it. They had it for about twenty-four years.

Mr. Tom Eliason had a boat called the "Red Devil." Mr. Duyer built a boat the "Suebert," which is now owned by Mr. Tom Massey. The "Mary I" was owned by Mr. Hynson Rogers. Mr. Charlie Smith had a boat in which he carried passengers for hire. Cavt. Pheffer had the "Lottie." Capt. Ned Emory had the "Irma." Others having boats were Messrs. Eben Perkins, Will Usilton, Alan Harris, Frank Duyer, Clint Wroth, Frank Greenwood, Capt. Bill Thompson.

Mr. Lewis Stam was quite a boat builder at the time and had a speed boat. This was the first boat to beat the steamer, B. S. Ford. He went to several races and won one at St. Michaels. Mr. Stam and Raymond Wilkins came home with a piece of shubbery as a prize.

A few years after Mr. Stam left town. Mr. Moody had the fastest boat in the harbor. The "Sara" owned by Mr. C. W. Kibler was second and the "Virginia" owned by Dr. Micou was third. Mr. Will Duyer had a cabin boat which is now owned by Mr. Eben Perkins and this was the fourth fastest boat. This is the way they raced at the races held here about twenty years ago.

Then the automobiles came and this put boating on the blink for quite awhile although some have never been without a boat.

Boating was revived some years ago. Mr. Wm. H. Truslow bought a Hooper's Island boat named the "Peggy". Mr. Tom Perkins had a boat, the Ann, of the same type but sold her. Messrs. Medford Brooks and R. H. Collins have boats now of the same type.

Messrs. Hynson Rogers and Medford Broks bought Skip-jacks and converted them into pleasure boats. As a rule it was hard to get a crew for them and now both own motor boats. Mr. Herbert Hartman had a sailing yacht and then later had a motor yacht.

A Chester River Yacht Club was formed and the dues were a dollar a year.

A banquet was held and the talk started about a club house. From this grew the present Chester River Yacht and Country Club. Probably the best boats the town has ever had are owned here now. Col. Ewing and Mr. Johnson have yachts at the Yacht Club.

Hints for the Household

To Remove Ice From Sidewalks

Winter is a slippery time and sometimes it is most difficult to remove ice from sidewalks and steps. Sprinkle steps or walks with salt. Then the ice will quickly melt and slush can be swept away. Sometimes it is best to wash steps with a solution of hot water and salt. It will not freeze if there is enough salt in the water.

How To Clean A Canton Crepe Dress

Sponge dress all over with warm water. When partly dry, press the dress on the wrong side. When finished the spots have generally disappeared.

COOKING HINTS

To Thicken Soup

Sprinkle a handful of oatmeal into kettle of soup while cooking. This will thicken soup and add another item of nourishment to it.

Rice Croquettes With Cheese Sauce

Rice.
Cold Water
1 cup milk
1 cup of water .....

Method: Cover 1-2 cup of rice with cold water. Bring to a boil. Boil 5 minutes. Drain and rinse in cold water. Then take 1 cup of milk and 1 cup of water, little salt and rice and cook until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed. Remove from fire, add 1 tablespoon melted butter and 1 egg, well beaten. Season ith swalt, pepper, onion juice and green pepper if you have it.

When cool, form into croquettes and roll in either bread or cracker crumbs. Fry these. When you serve, pour over cheese a sauce made as follows:

1 cup of thick cream sauce mixed with 4 tablespoons of grated American cheese.

Divinity Candy

2 cups of sugar
1-2 cup of corn syrup
3 cups of water.
3 egg whites.
1-2 or 1 cup of chopped nuts.

Method: Cook together sugar, syrup, and water until it forms a soft ball when dropped in cold water. Beat egg whites stiff. Pour the boiled mixture very slowly into the stiffly beaten egg whites. Beat until creamy and candy starts to stiffen. Just before it is finished, add chopped nuts. Pour onto greased platter. Cut when cool.

BAKING HINTS

Ice Cream Pie

We all have always loved a "Baked Alaska." But it has seemed quite an effort to make it at home. This ice cream pie is the same principal but being on a smaller scale it seems more simple.

Method: Bake your pie shell ahead of time. Have ice cream, any desired flavor in ice box. Have oven hot. Just before you are ready to serve, beat 3 egg whites stiff, add 3 tablespoons of powdered sugar. When nearly ready to serve, place a white paper on a board and the pie shell on the paper. Fill shell with ice cream. Cover with meringue. Be sure there is no gap between pie crust and meringue. Then place in oven to brown. Serve immediately.

The result will be charming as to all appearances the pie will appear as an ordinary pie and the ice cream filling will be both a surprise and delight.

Excellent Corn-Bread

2 eggs
1-2 cup of sugar.
1 cup of sour milk
1 large tablespoon of butter
Little salt.
1 cup of corn meal
1 cup of flour.
1 teaspoon of soda.

Method: Melt butter in pan while oven is heating. Beat eggs. Add sugar and salt. Then add flour and corn meal. Dissolve soda in sour milk. Mix well with dry ingredients. Add butter. Mix again and pour onto greased pan and baste. Delicious for breakfast, lunch or supper.

The Road To Better Health

BY DR. WILLIAM SCHOLES

When but little is known about a subject, that subject is a good one for speculation. Sleep is such a subject. Hence, it furnishes good material for the making of theories, both reasonable and wild.

An idea more or less frequently advanced nowadays is that we sleep too much. With the demands of modern life, especially in the more populous places, there is plenty of temptation to give this idea a practical application. By cutting down the amount of sleep more time can be found for the desired amount of social and other activity. The possibility that reduction of the number of hours of sleep may produce ill-effects on the health often seems to be overlooked.

In this connection, an article by Dr. William Browning, published last fall in the Journal of the American Medical Association, may be of interest. Dr. Browning made careful investigations of the factors other than infection which may have had a part in the production of a number of cases of epidemic encephalitis which he studied.

Due To Infection

Epidemic encephalitis is the disease commonly known as sleeping sickness. It is generally regarded as due to some infection. It is closely associated with certain of the infectious disease, especially inflenza.

Loss of sleep seems to be a constant factor working to lower the resistance and make infection possible. While the observations in this instance were made on cases of epidemic encephalitis, it is conceivable that loss of sleep may just as readily lower resistance to other infections. A possible ill-effect of insufficient rest has here been pointed out.

The generally accepted teaching of hygienists has been that adults require an average of at least eight hours of rest daily. There may be individuals who can retain their health indefinitely with less than this amount of rest. But until careful scientific investigations demonstrate that hygienic authorities are wrong in teaching that we need eight hours of sleep daily, it is wise to stick to the old rule.

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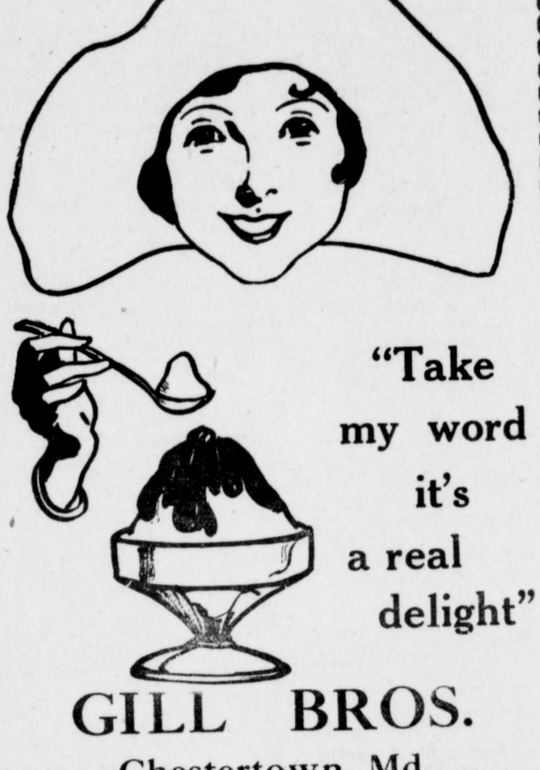
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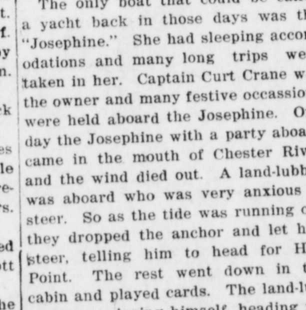
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