Women's Page

'Are people as superstitious as they used to be? was asked the other day, by some one as he began to open his umbrella in the house and then quickly put it down. The answer was, 'I do not know.'

We constantly see people rapping on wood, or dreading to sit down with thirteen at the table. Now adays the children do not have the old colored nurses that the children used to have who would fill their minds with all kind of fears.

There was a little girl who was told by one of these old nurses of a lady in a stiff cambric dress who was often seen in her home, and the fear of seeing her filled her childish mind with terror; made her afraid to go to bed alone at night and only after a long time when she told her mother about it, and was assured that there were no such things as ghosts was she willing to go any where alone.

Old Bath Church in North Carolina is one of the oldest in this country, a very quaint old building it is, with brick walls unplastered on the inside and brick floors, a church much visited by tourists.

There was a grave in the church yard around, where tradition said a man had been buried as if he were standing and many people told of seeing him walking around the old church yard. So of course people would go by with bated breath. As one young man was passing there one night he saw something white moving up and down. Whipping his horse up he went by just as rapidly as did Ichabod Crane when pursued by the headless horseman. Then he began to feel ashamed of his fright and he turned his horse around and went back. Although his hair was standing on his head, he went in the grave yard, and there found a poor sheep which had fallen into a hole and was making vain effort to get out. He released the sheep and went home thankful that he had conquered his fear.

A woman is convinced that New Yorkers are superstitious, even though they may deny it, after having witnessed what followed when a young lady dropped her vanity case on the stone pavement of a downtown subway station.

In view of the fact that no trains were approaching the station things were comparatively quiet when the case fell. When it hit the pavement the crash startled all those in the immediate vicinity and all heads turned in the direction of the noise.

There it lay, with the contents scattered in all directions, and worst of all, the tiny mirror smashed into many pieces. All that remained was fit simply for the rubbish can and into this the young woman threw the fragments.

Everybody seemed to feel sorry for her, but from more than one mouth were heard the words: 'That's too bad, it means seven years of bad luck for her. Glad it wasn't my mirror.'

We often see the 'praying mantis' as we call hun with his front feet folded as though in prayer. Something like a pharisee he seems as we know he is watching for unwary insects to devour them. Now we read

Botanical Garden Asks Mercy For Praying Mantis

The New York Botanical Garden has issued an appeal to the residents of the metropolitan area not to kill or hold in captivity the large green or brownish insects, which have been found throughout the whole city lately. The insects, known as praying mantis, are a great benfeit in gardens, the Garden announced.

The brown aphids that infest chrysanthemums, golden glow, and other full blooming perennials will be completely destroyed by a few mantis, and many other garden pests form a large part of their diet. It was with this in mind that the Garden imported a large number of the insect's egg masses from Washington two years ago, it was said.

YOUNG JANE MADE HIM TALK AND THEN LAUGH

It had been an exciting month for young Jane. Her sister and her brother in law took her in to the bus terminal and started her home to her mother.

'Perhaps I shouldn't have taken her to see. 'It Happened One Night' sister fussed to her husband as Jane looked over her fellow passengers hopefully.

'Oh, she'll be O. K.,' he consoled her. 'That fellow next to her is no Clark Gable, and besides he must be twenty-nine years old at least. Jane will think he has one foot in the grave.'

They waved good-by to Jane and worry, and waited for a letter from home. Jane arrived safely, her mother reported, and quoted her youngest child on the ride from New York.

'I didn't think you'd mind my talking to him, mother.' Jane had said. He was quite old, but he was a college man. And I led him on, really. I asked him to open the window. We talked all the way home. Oh, about school, and things, He said I'd have a lot better time my last year in high school than I've had before. And you know,H every once in a while he'd laugh so hard, when I hadn't said a thing that was funny.'

TWO STRANGE MEETINGS WITH THE FRISKY TOAD

'I never had such a surprise in my life,' remarked a Westchester commuter, ' as when I recently tried to remove what I thought to be a lump of mud from the floor of my house. No sooner had I stooped over to scoop up the mud than the lump became startlingly active and hopped about five feet before landing. It was a toad, of course, which, with a covering of dust, resembled nothing in world so much as a chunk of earth or mud.

'And this experience reminds me,' went on the Westchester zoologist,: 'of another experience I once had with a toad. It was also a startling experience, perhaps more so than the recent one. I was walking through the woods when to my utter amazement there was a pronounced scrambling by some sort of creature inside of my shirt. I hastily unbuttoned the shirt and out popped a toad, quite as startled as I, no doubt. He had happed up my trouser leg, squirmed past my belt and thence into my bossom. I suppose he was frightened when I stepped close to him and he hopped away vertically instead of horizontally, as would have been the normal procedure.'

'Oh, yes,' shot the speaker over his shoulder as he dashed for his train, 'if you want to know anything about the capriciousness of toads come to me.'

ALFONSO SEES KAISER

Ex-King of Spain Makes Call on Wilhelm at Doorn.

DOORN, Holland, Sept. 5 (U. P.).—Two former monarchs who have lost their thrones exchanged confidences here today when former King Alfonso XIII, the only man in Europe who was born a king (his father having died before his birth) called on the one-time German Kaiser.

The last of the Bourbons and the exiled head of the house of Hohen zollern are remotely related to each other. The former Spanish monarch is spending several days in Holland incognito.

No communique relating what the former Kaiser and the former King of Spain had to say to each other was issued from the Dutch retreat where Wilhelm is spending his declining years.

RECIPES

Old-Fashioned Rice Pudding

4 cups milk.
1-4 cup rice.
1-2 teaspoon salt
1-4 cup sugar. Nutmeg.

Wash the rice, mix it with the other ingredients in a buttered pudding dish. Bake it for two hours in a very slow oven, stirring it three times during the first hour of baking and once or twice during the second hour.

French Fried Potatoes

Wash and pare as many potatoes as desired. Cut in narrow, lengthwise pieces about one-fourth inch wide and soak in cold water an hour. Dry with a towel, fry in installments in very hot deep fat (395 degrees Fahrenheit), drain on paper and season with salt and pepper. Let the fat heat between each frying, as crispness depends upon very hot fat. A wire frying basket is a convenience, or a wire egg-whisk may be used to place and remove the potatoes.

French Fried Onions

1 cup flour
1-2 teaspoon salt
2-3 cup water
2 tablespoons melted butter.
1 egg white
10-12 large onions.
Milk.

Milk and sift dry ingredients. Add water and beat until smooth. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Slice the onions one-eighth inch thick. Separate into rings. Reserve small rings for other use. Soak in milk one hour. Drain and dry. Dip in batter and fry in deep hot fat about two minutes. Drain on soft paper.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS



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BROWN BETTY CAKE

1-2 cup butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
Pinch Salt
2 cups flour
2 teaspoon baking powder
1-2 cup milk
1 teaspoon Vanilla.

Cream the Butter and Sugar to the consistency of whipped cream. Add the eggs that have been beaten creamy. Sift the flour, baking powder, and salt together and combine with the first mixture. Add the milk and vanilla. Beat vigorously. Pour the mixture into a greased cake tin. Cover with a light coat of brown sugar. Place sliced apples on top and cover with brown sugar, powdered sugar, and cinnamon. For flavor, a few drops of lemon juice may be added. Bake at 375 for 25 to 30 minutes.

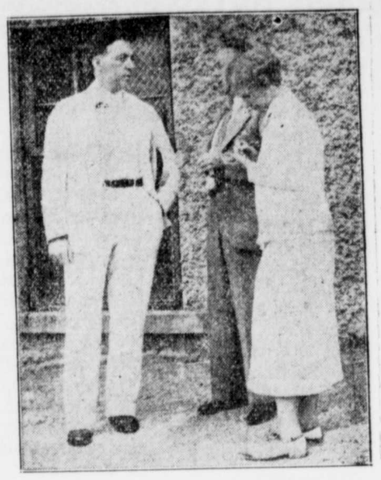
FOODS RUSHED TO HOMELESS IN DELMARVA FLOOD AREA



Left — Loading one of the huge PHILLIPS DELICIOUS Transport Trucks with Soups, Vegetables and Meat Products at the Cambridge plants of the Phillips Packing Company, to be rushed to the flood zone for the relief of hungry and temporarily homeless neighbors at Federalsburg.

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Right — Vice-President Theodore Phillips confers with Mrs. Margaret Lewis, of the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Robert Weygand, of the Dorchester Red Cross, about future needs of the flood-stricken citizenry.



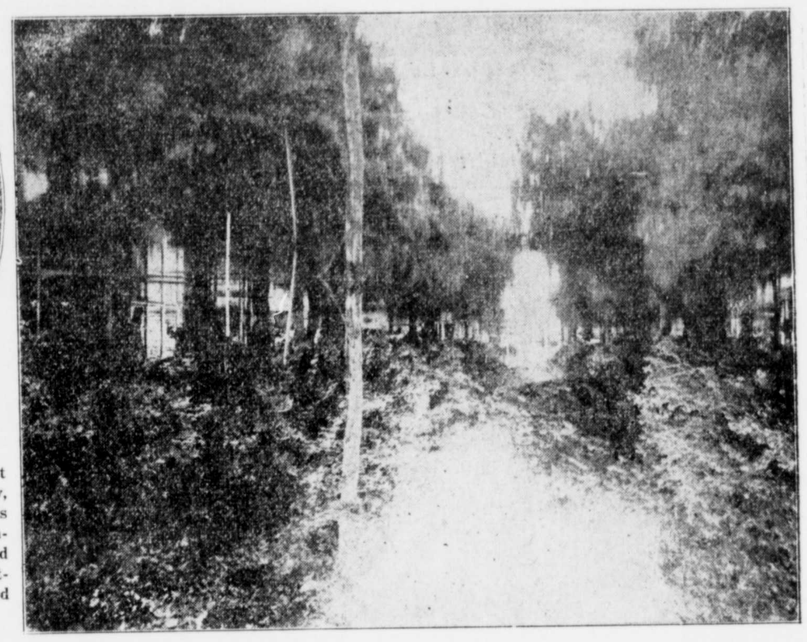
Below—Rev. Irving Carpenter, pastor of Union Methodist Episcopal Church, who worked unceasingly for 48 hours ministering to the needs of his flock and all other unfortunate victims of the disaster, making a report of the needs of homeless to Vice-President Theodore Phillips.

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Colonel Albanus Phillips, President of the Phillips Packing Company, who immediately contacted officials of the storm-swept area and volunteered to send any necessary food supplies to relieve the acute shortage caused by the rising flood waters.



The beautiful and peaceful village of Federalsburg, within a few short hours, was transformed into scenes of swirling flood waters, with scores of scenes like that above, when pretty homes and business houses were precipitated into the midst of surging tides.

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Below—Forsaking their own homes and firesides, these noble women of the community flocked to the Federalsburg High School, where relief headquarters were opened for those whose homes were rendered uninhabitable by the flood. They prepared foods and fed the scores of unfortunate men, women and children.

Right — Newspaper reporters and news cameramen, always in the thickest of any catastrophe, ride through the flood-swept streets, "covering the story" for this and thousands of other papers throughout the country.





Into the hastily-set-up, but attractively-arranged, cafeteria in the basement of the Federalsburg High School, goes the first consignment of emergency foods—products bearing the PHILLIPS DELICIOUS label from the Phillips Packing Company plants in Cambridge.

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