NOW AND THEN

FIRST FLURRY

Suddenly, suddenly now
The first quick flurry
Of snow comes through the street.
Hurry, hurry,

Far from the street, to the hill
And then walk down
While the white wind hums and move
Over the town,

Lingering, lingering still
As it hurries forth,
While the frosty breath of peace
Moves from the north.

Suddenly, suddenly now
The first quick flurry
Of snow comes through the street,
Hurry, hurry!
—Joseph Joel Keith.

A snowfall! not the first and not a very heavy one, but I never see a snowfall, that I do not feel like going to the book case and getting Whittier's matchless descrpition of an New England snow storm, or Lowell's lovely poem, "The snow began in the gloaming, And silently all the night," but instead I hurry through, leaving them both unread, until a more convenient time, which seldom comes in these busy days.

FATHER TIME

The old Romans used always to portray Father Time as an old man carrying a sickle on his shoulder for mowing all obstacles before him. He certainly does it now. "Tempus fugit" we all say as we hurry along doing the many things which after all counts very little instead of the things which are really worthwhile.

GREECE

Just because we have read so much of the bravery of the Greeks, in time past, we are watching with keen interest their struggle for liberty.

We remember Marathon and remember Byron's immortal verse; "The mountain look on Marathon, and Marathon looks on the sea."

STRECTHING A POINT

One day while Andrew Carnegie was showing a party through the plant, an inspector supervising the material for a Federal bridge came up to him.

"Mr. Carnegie," he said, "they tell me at the office they cannot guarantee more than 20,000 modulus of elasticity for the bridge. I must have at least 25,000."

"That sounds reasonable," said Carnegie, without blinking an eye. The inspector began to launch forth on the technical problem involved. Carnegie interrupted, "Yes, yes, I know all about that. I'll see that you get your full 25,000," and he walked quickly away. Out of earshot, he called a trusted employee over to him, "George," he said, "what on earth is a modulus of elasticity?"

A FINANCIER IN THE MAKING

William Rockefeller used to tell with delight a story illustrative of the financial genius of his famous brother John.

When John was a little fellow, a so-called Indian doctor visited the town. The doctor, in order to get trade started, took out a bright new silver dollar and said that he would auction it off.

"How much am I bid," he asked, "for this bright silver dollar?"

But the crowd was cautious, silent, suspicious. No bids were heard.

"How much am I bid?" shouted the Indian doctor again. "Come come, gents! A nickel, a dime?"

"I'll bid a nickel," piped John D. Rockefeller, at last.

"The dollar is yours, boy," said the doctor. "Hand up your nickel."

"Take it out of the dollar," piped little John D. "and give me ninety-five cents change."

In "The Roadmender" there is a story of an organ-grinder. Playing one day in a crowded slum street, he saw a little boy who was so moved by the music that he put up his face to be kissed. He pushed the little chap aside, and went on. Some days later, he was injured in an accident. As he lay in hospital, the memory of that upturned face haunted him. So when he at last resumed his round, he played in the same shabby streets, hoping to see the chlid again. But he never succeeded. So the chances of kindness may pass forever.

A ROMAN IDEAL

It is of the home that the Romans can claim to have been the creators. In earlier times and in other regions of the ancient world homes, as we understand them, were things unknown. What they felt about their homes we may gather from a speech by Cicero in 57 B. C.

After he had been forced into exile the year before, his political enemies had torn down his house and . . . had tried to prevent its ever being rebuilt. . . On his return Cicero pleaded for its restoration and on his side he had all the Roman prejudice against the destruction of a home.

"Is there anything," he asks, "more hallowed, is there anything more closely hedged about with every kind of sanctity than the home of each individual citizen?" . . . This home life was an invention of the Romans, and an invention which had vast results.

HOT OFF THE GRIDDLE

The proper care and use of drippings, as well as of the fat cut from the edges of steaks, should be known and practiced by all housekeepers. For frying purposes they are more wholesome than lard, many persons who are unable to partake of food fried in the latter find no trouble with the use of the former. For frying fish, potatoes, and such food as does not require butter, they will be found very satisfactory.

For those who still use vinegar cruets, here is one way to clean them —shake crushed egg shells and a little water vigorously in the cruet and it will remove that cloudy look which the bottle often has taken on.

Finger marks or grease on looking glasses, window panes, etc., can be removed if a little ammonia is added to clear water. Never use soap. A little alcohol and water rubbed on quickly and wiped dry will leave windo wpanes bright and shining.

An easy way to clean paint is to put one tablespoon of ammonia in a quart of hot water, dip a flannel cloth into this and wipe off the woodwork. If cleaned in this way, no scrubbing will be necessary.

Scald a few tomatoes at a time in boiling water, peel, slice, and set in the refrigerator until ready to use.

Slice a head of cabbage fine, put it in a pan with a little water, and scald well; sprinkle salt and pepper over it, then take two-thrdis teacup of vinegar, one-third teacup of water, one egg, one-half teaspoon flour, a piece of butter, and mix all together well. Pour over the cabbage, let it come to a boil and serve immediately — this is commonly known as hot slaw and is very popular in certain parts of the country.

There is probably no fruit that is so inviting and tempting to children and grown-ups alike as large clusters of grapes, arranged in a nice clear glass rish. They can b eeaten so easily and with so little mess.

Try trimming your dish towels with criss cross stripes of tape, or little touches of embroidery, or buy the colorful ones and just see how much color and gaiety they add to your kitchen. Or as some people do—just buy two or three real pretty ones for show—and don't use them for dishes.

If your stove does not have an oven heat control, you will find an oven thermometer which lets you know just how warm it is inside your stove the ideal thing to maintain the proper temperature needed for various cakes and meats.

One should never overlook the many uses for fruits in the main course of the dinner. There are just a few—cut oranges in halves take out part of the pulp, fill with sausages and bake;—Bake a thick slice of ham or chops until about half done, then cover with thin slices of apples and finish baking; — Use prunes, figs, dates, or raisins in a rice mold and decorate with candied orange or pineapple;—Turn a can of baked beans into a baking dish, cover with a layer of crushed pineapple and bake until thoroughly heated;—Bake a ham loaf until almost done, then cover with crosswise slices of orange and finish baking;—And here is an excellent one, combine baked sweet potatoes with apple sauce, beat until fluffy, return to potato shells, and brown.

When carving rib of beef, cut the slices thin, and from the side nearest to you. Never offer anyone the outside piece, unless they ask for it, but inquire how each guest prefers his —whether rare or well done.

In the process of cooking meat in water, stewing and braising, the temperature should be kept below the boiling point of water, or the meat will be rendered dry and fibrous. It is true that if a high temperature is maintained long enough the connective tissue will be changed to gelatin and partly dissolve and the meat will appear so tender that it falls apart. It will be discovered, however, that the fibers have really become toughened. The proteins have become thoroughly coagulated through prolonged boiling and the fibers are dry and tasteless.

When a butter cake is made in two layers, it is usually baked in a medium hot oven of 400 degrees. However when it is baked in loaf fashion it is baked at a lower temperature of about 350 degrees. When there is a thick loaf, naturally the heat must penetrate the batter slowly; otherwise the outside of the cake will become crusty before the center is baked through.

Put one cabbage through the meat grinder, coarsely. Place in a well buttered baking dish. Season with salt and pepper. Add 2 cups medium white sauce. Mix well. Cover with buttered bread crumbs. Bake until brown in a moderate oven 350 F. about 20 minutes. Serves six.

A grand sausage snack can be made as follows: Cut a frankfurter or weiner sausage crosswise into ¾-inch lengths. Cut each piece slightly apart lengthwise spreading opening with prepared mustard and place a thin slice of pickle between. Hold together with a toothpick and serve on a snack Porcupine.

KENNEDYVILLE

Mr. Walter Robinson of Newark, visited Mrs. James Lusby and family on Sunday.

Mr. Howell Crew returned home from the local hospital on Monday, where he was operated on for appendicitis.

Mrs. Walter Hurlock, Mrs. Myers and Margaret spent Sunday with relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Joseph Weer, of Washington, D. C. spent the week end at his home and attended the Army and Navy football game on Saturday in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boggs, of Wyoming, Del., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boggs.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anthony and Billy spent Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. John Hessneris doing very nicely in Dover hospital, where she was operated on last Friday.

Mrs. James Weer and family spent Sunday with her sisters in Washington, D. C., and found Mrs. Sue Johnston very much better.

Miss Ann Sutton is housed with tonselitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redmile entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lux Redmile at dinner on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anthony attended her sister's funeral in Philadelphia, last week.

Mrs. Mary Rementes and daughter returned from Philadelphia on Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Johnston, Mr. Earl Nickerson and Hazel Robinson spent the week end at their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. William Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Toulson spent Sunday with Mr. Frank Fogwell and family.

Miss Anna Cliff returned to Philadelphia on Sunday after spending the week end at her home.

Mrs. Ross Wiltbank and Mrs. Harry Hill spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Headache Cure

An apparently successful method of treating migraine, severe chronic headache, in men by injection of the female hormone has been reported by Dr. Charles W. Dunn, of Philadelphia. Dunn told the college of physicians that the treatment was not to be used except in cases where the patient had tried all other forms of therapy.

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