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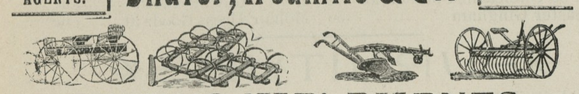

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THE HOTEL BREAKFAST.

How the American Meal Appears to an Englishman.

The American hotel breakfast is representative of the general delight in good living. The length of the menu and the variety of the dishes bespeak an appetite that in the early morning can relish a meal little less substantial than a dinner.

The hotel breakfast begins with fruit—grape fruit if it happens to be in season, the bitter sweetness of which seems designated by nature to awaken the appetite. And there is really a bewildering problem when next you are asked to choose among the cereals—from the old fashioned oatmeal to all kinds of predigested preparations. Cooked oysters in every style are offered on the menu, and even in the best restaurants a plate of oysters costs only a shilling. The choice of fish can be made from a long list—of kinds unknown in England, including weakfish, bluefish and shad, with its delicate roe. It must be out of compliment to English travelers that herring and haddock are imported. You see them very seldom on an American breakfast table.

When boiled eggs are eaten they are opened by the waiter into a glass, no small quantity of butter being added—salt butter, for "sweet" butter is seldom served. With chops or steak the American, who never eats cold meats at breakfast, usually orders potatoes, and the meal may be brought to a close with pancakes. These hot cakes, which are made of wheat, buckwheat, rice or cornmeal, are eaten smothered in maple sirup, a delicious treacle obtained from the sap of maple trees.

The American drinks coffee for breakfast—such a coffee as you may find in Paris, but not in London—and that he does not prefer tea would need no other explanation than the failure to understand the art of making it.—London Mail.

THE FIRST PIE PLATES.

They Were Made by the German Potters of Philadelphia.

The first pie plates were made early in the eighteenth century by the German potters who settled in Philadelphia.

After the clay was prepared it was cut into small pieces by means of a brass wire and taken to the workbench to be made into plates.

The clay was roughly beaten into a flattened form looking like a colossal buckwheat cake. This was rolled out into a thin sheet with a roller much like a rolling pin, and then a disk cutter was used to cut it into circular pieces of the required diameter. This bat, as it was called, was then laid on a board until partly dry and was then decorated.

The slip decoration was applied by means of a slip cup, an earthen vessel with goose quills inserted into the openings, through which the liquid slip was made to trickle over the ware in a variety of patterns, just as icing is applied to cake at the present time. The slip mixture was of a creamy color made of white clay and water.

Favorite motives for decorations were flowers, fruits and scenes, tulips being a special pet.

A Lutheran minister asked his potter to dine with him to discuss designs for a set of plates he wished to order. As the potter was accustomed to dine at 12, he was almost famished when the clergyman's 2 o'clock dinner was served. When the set of plates came home, each with a pious sentiment interwoven among the marginal decorations, the minister laughed to find an extra plate, bearing this inscription: "I have never been at a place where they dine so late." So much for Pennsylvania-German humor.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Rebellious Actor.

Frederick Lemaitre, the French actor, was playing Robert Macaire in a town of France where two soldiers of the garrison represented the policemen who had to arrest him. In the spirit of his part he gave one of them a vigorous kick. "Ha, we must see to this!" cried the infuriated soldier and promptly knocked Lemaitre into the orchestra. At this there was a terrific din, and the soldier began to see that the vindication of his uniform was not popular. But Lemaitre, when he regained the stage, took the gendarme by the hand and said: "Excellently well done, my friend. The uniform must be respected even in the theater. Come to lunch with me tomorrow and bring your comrade."

Hats, Boots and Hearts.

Mrs. Nolan had made some disparaging remarks about the costume of her husband's bosom friend, Mr. Herlihy, and they were promptly resented.

"'His hat is turning green wid age,' is it?" said Mr. Nolan, with fine scorn, "and 'his boots is rusty and cracked lookin',' did I hear ye say? Listen now to me, Mary Nolan. If ivery man's hat an' boots covered as warrm a hearrt as Phelim Herlihy's there'd be more proud wimmin in the worrld!"

Good Training.

Miss Sightseer (in Egypt)—Mr. Newrich, you scale up these rocks as if you'd been climbing pyramids all your life! Were you bred in the mountains? Mr. Newrich—Oh, no; but I carried a hod up a two story ladder for a good many years before I struck oil.—Detroit Free Press.

The Retort Caustic.

Mr. Sapleigh—I spent last evening in the company of the one I love best in all the world. Miss Pert—Indeed! And weren't you tired of being alone?—Illustrated Bits.

In the reign of George III. hats were taxed. The least tax was threepence. Those above 12 shillings in value paid a tax of 2 shillings.

NATIONAL ELECTION DAY.

Why It's the Tuesday After the First Monday In November.

Why should the law prescribe "the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November" instead of saying "the first Tuesday?" Like many other small things this provision introduces an interesting picture of the past.

Although the constitution requires the electors in all the states to meet and choose a president on the same day, it was not until 1845 that a law was passed by congress providing that the electors should be chosen on the same day throughout the United States. When William Henry Harrison was the Whig candidate, in 1840, New York began to vote on the first Monday in November, and the polls were kept open until Wednesday night. Election day in Massachusetts was the second Monday, but before that day, in this instance, enough states had voted to decide the contest. The National Intelligencer of that year records that several thousand aged and infirm Whigs in Massachusetts did not bother to go to the polls.

Delaware voted a day later than Massachusetts. Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania were among the early voting states. Alabama was one of the last. This diversity, combined with slow methods of transmitting news, left the election results in doubt for many days.

The system was not satisfactory. The states that voted early had an undue influence on the result. Especially was this true as communication became more rapid, and by 1840 an enthusiastic editor told how the news from Pittsburg had been brought to New York in thirty-five hours. "This," he added significantly, "is a sign of the times."

Congress accordingly decided to establish a uniform day. The original bill named the first Tuesday in November, but it was found necessary to harmonize this with the requirement that not more than thirty days should elapse before the meeting of the electoral colleges in the different states, which had been set for the first Wednesday in December. When Tuesday is the first day of November, December will have no Wednesday till the seventh. The interval is thirty-seven days. Under the law as it was passed in 1845 not more than twenty-nine days can elapse between election day and the first Wednesday in December. Under the law of 1887 the electors do not meet to give their votes until the second Monday in January.—Youth's Companion.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

If you don't want to jeopardize friendship don't lend money to friends.

When we hear of a person who refused to submit to an operation and got well we feel like cheering.

The youngest girl in a family is liable to put on princess airs long after her sixteen-year-old complexion fades.

Elderly men should not judge young men by themselves. Young men and elderly men are entirely different propositions.

The colors in a tree don't appeal to a man so much as the lumber in it, and all the poetry in the world will not change him.

Families should be good and large, so that every member will hear the real truth about himself from at least a half dozen persons.

Old fashioned hospitality is dying out. Perhaps you are to blame for killing off some of it. Did you ever visit often and too long?—Atchison Globe.

Japanese Courage.

The little men of Japan can give the world many thrilling stories of courage and many of clever stratagem as well.

One of the powerful nobles of the olden time was forced to flee from his enemy in haste. He hid in a barrel and was borne away by servants, who, meeting the enemy, declared that the barrel contained food.

"If there is anything living in it there will be blood on my sword," said the nobleman's enemy and thrust his weapon into the barrel. It went through the hidden man's legs and made a terrible wound. But he, with quick thought, wiped the blade on the hem of his garment as it was drawn out, so that it went out clean, and he was not discovered.

A Vast Fortune Is Not Riches.

To be engulfed in one's occupation, swallowed up in a complicated life, harassed by the striving and straining, the worry and anxiety which accompany a vast fortune, is not to be rich. Time and opportunity and inclination to help others are the most valuable things in the world, and if you cannot seize these, if you cannot utilize them to your own enlargement, your own betterment, you are poor indeed although you have millions in the bank.—Success.

Sympathetic.

"You look awfully tired, young man," said the benevolent looking woman to the young man with the books under his arm.

"Yes, ma'am," replied the student. "I'm studying for a doctor."

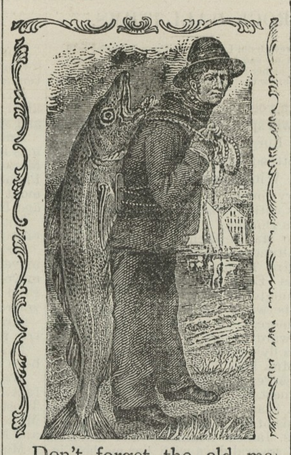
"It's a shame! Why don't you let the doctor study for himself?"—Yonkers Statesman.

His Lawyer's Bill.

Client—This bill of yours is exorbitant. There are several items in it that I don't understand at all. Lawyer—I am perfectly willing to explain it. The explanation will cost you $10.—New Yorker.

Knew What Was Coming.

Pat—Well, here's where ye live, Mike. What shall I do now? Mike—Plaze—hic—ring the doorbell first and thin—hic—ring fer th' embulance.—Puck.



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The Way Lafcadio Hearn Pushed Himself Into a Situation.

Lafcadio Hearn at one time in his career was employed on a daily paper in Cincinnati.

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"We don't need anybody at present," said the editor.

Hearn sat down on a chair, pulled a book out of his pocket, wiped his glasses and smiled.

"I said we don't need anybody," repeated the editor loudly.

"I heard you," replied Hearn affably. "I will just sit here until you happen to need somebody."

That editor was not long in "needing" Hearn.

For lack of anything better the new man was sent out for a descriptive story to be written in the steeple of the Catholic cathedral. When the story was handed in it proved to be a composition rivaling the word painting feats of a Ruskin or a Gautier.

He pictured the city as it looked from the steeple and imparted to his description something besides beauty. There was reality in it. Persons who had viewed the city from the steeple averred that the story was marvelous for photographic accuracy.

Now, Hearn was so nearsighted that ten feet from his nose all objects were misty and indistinct, and it is doubtful if he could distinguish the nearest house from the point to which he had climbed.—News Letter.

THE COMPASS.

The Belief Was Once Held That It Disclosed Men's Thoughts.

A belief that the mariner's compass disclosed men's thoughts was entertained by a number of ancient Mexican companions and allies of Hernando Cortes. His habit of consulting his compass and chart in his advance through the country and the ease and assurance with which he reached whatever town or village he determined to make for tended to confirm this idea.

In the estimation of the Mexicans the compass was a universal oracle. Accordingly in one of the conspiracies which were set on foot against Cortes by the Aztecs a number of the natives, most likely innocent of what was in contemplation, were earnest in entreating Cortes to have recourse to his infallible guide, the compass, that he might ascertain for their mutual satisfaction that they at least were faithful. Cortes himself records the singular idea held of the powers of the magnetic needle by his Aztec associates and their request in a letter addressed to the Emperor Charles V. Their belief, he adds, was one in which he took care to confirm them.

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