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Old prints in ebony hued frames make an attractive frieze above the row of fancy plates and bric-a-brac or row of steins that are to be found in most modern dining-rooms. If oriental ornaments decorate the shelf, Japanese water colors arranged against a back-ground of matting may be utilized as a frieze with artistic effect.

Mouse-Proof Pantries.

Two of my neighbors who are living in nice new houses have pantries which are rat and mouse proof. The pantries are lined throughout with sheet iron, which is then painted as ordinary walls would be. If you find a mouse hole in the corner of your pantry or closet, try stopping it up by packing it full of hard soap. I have never known mice to disturb it.—Good Housekeeping.

Summer Furniture.

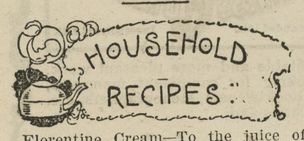
Though the new colored haircloths in broche effects are cool enough, the rattan chair is "the" summer chair. It is cool and durable, as suitable for house as for portch or lawn, and altogether inviting. The grandfather chair with tall side pieces and pockets is the first choice, but it has for company quaint tables, corner seats, sofas and a number of smaller pieces. Grass green and roof red are the colors oftenest seen in this furniture.

Hints About the Laundry.

The variety of laundry stoves is simply without number. One that is good and cheap can be easily fitted so as to supply hot water independent of the kitchen boiler. It has sloping spaces around the firepot for irons, and a specially fitted round table to hold the wash boiler. The water pipe is in some mysterious fashion coiled around inside, next the fire, then leads out either to tubs or a faucet. Then there is an oil-stove, which will keep three irons going and hissing hot at a cost of less than two cents an hour It is withal so handily portable one may iron in the airest room of the house with no danger of defacing it If gas is available it is barbarous to iron in a hot kitchen. One of the long stoves with the perforated burners, each of which heats an iron, can be set outside the door of a hall bedroom and prove a godsend to either mistress or maid.

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In the choice of furniture for the laundry, set-tubs come next to cedar ones with brass hoops. A nest of four fitting snugly, one within another will, with reasonable care, last ten years, besides being ever so much lighter and handier than tubs of pine or poplar. Keep the tubs together between wash days and pour a little clean water into the upper one. This will save all from shrinking, yet will breed no smell nor mold. In use, set them upon a long stout bench, so proportioned in height to the washerwoman there will be no need to stoop much over the work. If space is scant have the bench legs hinged on, so they may be folded, and the bench stand or lie flat when not required.—New York Sun.



Florentine Cream—To the juice of four lemons add one and a half cupfuls of sugar; soak half a box of gelatine in half a cup of cold water; stir over the fire until dissolved; when it is cold add it to three cupfuls of cream whipped, when well mixed pour into a mould; set on ice until ready to serve.

Mushroomed Veal Chops—Select five or six nice veal chops, dust with a teaspoonful of salt and one saltspoonful of pepper; dip first in beaten egg and then in finely chopped mushrooms, dip again in egg and then in finely powdered cracker crumbs. Fry in boiling fat until done. Garnish with sprigs of parsley.

Jersey Lilies—Cream half a cupful of butter, add very slowly one cup of sugar, half a cup of milk, two cups of pastry flour and teaspoon of vanilla. Spread thinly on the bottom of an inverted dripping pan, mark in squares and bake five minutes. Remove, roll while warm in cornucopia shape and just before serving fill the open space in each lily with whipped cream slightly sweetened and flavored.

Boiled Dressing—Mix one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoon of dry mustard, one tablespoonful of sugar, a dash or two of cayenne and a half a level tablespoonful of flour; then add the yolks of two eggs beaten a little, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter and three-fourths of a cup of milk; then add very slowly one-fourth of a cup of vinegar; and stir this over boiling water until mixture thickens; strain and keep in a cool place.

Rice Omelet—Use rice left from breakfast, about two tablespoonfuls, which cover with four tablespoonfuls of milk while the rice is warm, so each grain may be separate, as it should be while warm, if properly cooked. When ready to make the omelet for luncheon beat four eggs separately, pour the yolks into the rice and milk, add a saltspoonful of salt, and stir in lightly the beaten whites. When cooked fold and pour around it a tomato sauce.

THE SAD AND SOLEMN.

Here we are, the sad and solemn,
Walking up and down the world;
Thin and ragged is our column,
Sombre is our flag unfurled.
By the wayside some are falling,
But we dare not stop or pause;
Solemn sadness is our calling,
Sadness solemn is our cause.

Why, oh why, should we be merry?
All the world is merry-mad,
We alone are sad—so very,
Very, very, very sad!
And it makes us feel so sorry
When we hear the big crowd laugh;
What does laughter know of worry
And its burden? Not the half.

Oh, we know there is a lighter
And a brighter way through life;
But because the way is brighter
It with pleasure, too, is rife;
And what do we want of pleasure
When there is so much of pain?
Is not pain the one true treasure
That our future bliss will gain.

Oh, we know our ranks are thinning,
And it makes us deeply sigh.
Yes, the living side seems winning;
We will win, sirs, when we die!
Ah, you laugh. But what is laughter
Scattering life's ills like chaff?
We, we think of the hereafter,
And are far too sad to laugh.
—J. P. Sjolander in Galveston News.



NOTHING can be more wonderful than the chain of circumstances which determine our future lives for good or ill. Nothing more curious and complex than the forging of that chain from impossible links to round out the circle of destiny in its final evolution. Let not the iconoclast shatter our belief in miracles. They are accomplished every day.

When Joseph Breen registered at the Great Northern and was given Room 607 for the night he expected to go to Dekalb, Ill., the following day. There was no earthly reason why he should change his mind and go to Detroit, Mich., instead, a town he had never visited and which was not included in his business route, while a number of his regular customers lived in Dekalb and were expecting to give him liberal orders for spring goods.

Joseph Breen was a practical, steady fellow, who had worked himself into a good position, and knew how to take care of himself. He was single because he had never yet met the one girl who was to charm him into marriage. He longed for a home of his own, but that first preliminary—a wife—was lacking. Given that, he would have all things else.

Quite accidentally—is there anything accidental in this strange life of ours?—he had stumbled on some volumes of transcendental philosophy, stories of hypnotism and suggestion, and had become much interested in those experimental sciences which are only a snare and delusion when applied without an understanding of the laws that govern them. Joseph Breen fell easily into the receptive state, where his will became plastic as wax and he a fit subject for any unprincipled hypnotist into whose power he might drift. At this juncture destiny took matters in her own hands, using as an instrument an obtuse hotel porter.

When Brown retired that night—after a liberal dose of his usual evening literature—he slept soundly and tranquilly, balancing on the edge of either world after the manner of dreamers, and with no nightmare of early rising or a call for a train in his mental consciousness.

But another traveler had registered, whose number was 706. He had asked particularly to be called at 5 a. m., as he was to take an early train. He emphasized his order for a call with the remark or command: "When you call me remind me that I must take the 5.45 train for Detroit, Mich.—that will fetch me."

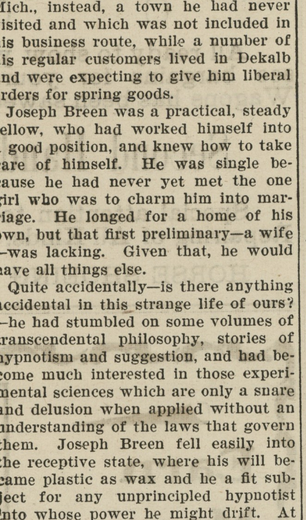
The clerk promised to attend to the matter, and before going off duty in the morning impressed the nature of the "call" on the mind of a sleepy porter, who at the hour specified rapped loudly at the door of 607.

"Get up!" he yelled, "you're booked for the Detroit mail and express train at 6.45."

Joseph Breen pulled open the door, "You've got the wrong number," he said quietly.

"You're 607, ain't you?"

"Yes."



REGISTERED AT THE GREAT NORTHERN

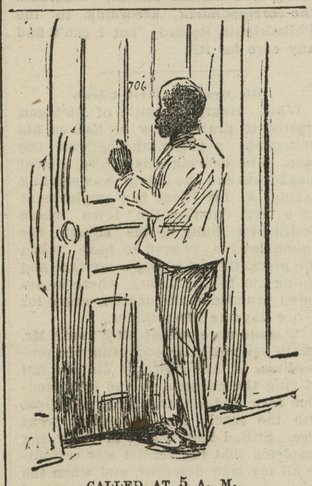
"And you left a call for the Detroit mail and express? If you don't hustle you'll be left. You're going to Detroit, Mich. It's down with the call.'

"All right."

Breen closed his door and hurried into his clothes. He went down to the office, paid his bill and left without waiting for his breakfast, deciding that he would get his coffee at the depot if he had time. He was controlled by the suggestion that he was going to Detroit, and neither resisted nor wondered. He was a subject of unconscious hypnotism.

At the depot an obscure remembrance came to him that some remote relatives lived in Detroit, and he sent a wire to an uncle in St. Paul asking that their address be forwarded to him at that point. And on the way he wondered vaguely what sort of people they were, and if he should care to know them, and decided that he would investigate before making himself known. And all the time another link was forging in his strange chain of circumstance.

It was an ideal railroad trip, that day's stolen ride—food to tempt an epicure, flowers to gladden the eye, and an atmosphere of repose that lulled still deeper the vague influence that had diverted Joseph Breen from his projected journey elsewhere and his business interests. Dominated by this new power he found ecstacy instead of impatience in waiting, and so gave himself up completely to an indefinite feeling of being guided through safe and pleasant paths to some fortunate end. And, feeling elated at the prospect, he passed with the crowd through the long, well-lighted station to the entrance gate which opened into the depot. There friends were awaiting some of the passengers. As Breen passed through, a tall, handsome young woman, fashionably garbed, laid a detaining hand on his arm.



CALLED AT 5 A. M.

"Is this Cousin Joe?" she asked pleasantly.

"Pardon me!" said the young man, lifting his hat, "I am afraid you are mistaken. My name is Breen."

"Why, of course — Cousin Joseph Breen—you have the family features. Besides Uncle Joe telegraphed us you were coming. Mother is waiting in the carriage—she will be glad to see you."

"And you," he was looking into the sparkling face, beaming welcome, with a new sensation of interest and admiration.

"Cousin Edna Breen. Step right into the carriage. Mother, here is our new relation—Cousin Joe."

In a few moments the young man was whirling through the smooth avenues of the beautiful town, accepting as a matter of course the honors that had been thrust upon him and wondering to himself at times did he wake or was he dreaming. At all events, he was glad to be there under such favorable circumstances, over which he had no control.

But what of the other traveler who was not called, who missed his train and his appointment through the porter's reversal of a number? Did he go to Dekalb instead of Joseph Breen? Not likely, for those strange incidents never work to a sane conclusion through any law of compensation. The other man in the problem remains an unknown quantity. — Mrs. M. L. Rayne, in the Chicago Record-Herald.

Vanity Helps the Physician.

"One of the great aids to my practice," said a physician who makes a specialty of throat and lung troubles, "is the current fashion for fancy waistcoats. No, I don't mean that there is anything in the color that strikes in. Simply that one man out of three who puts on a new brilliantly colored waistcoat is so proud of it and so afraid that it will not be noticed that he goes about in this raw weather with his coat and overcoat unbuttoned and thrown open just to display it. That's a fact. I have had several cases of pneumonia because of it, and from the number of young men who act as if their chief object in life were to display their waistcoats one may see on the street, other doctors fare as well."—New York Sun.

Omaha Municipal Matrimonial Bureau.

Mayor Moores, of Omaha, Neb., is to establish an official matrimonial bureau. Several days ago he received a letter from a bureau of statistics at Cleveland, calling his attention to the deficiency of women in Nebraska, as compared to the male population, and a surplus of young unmarried women in the East. The letter suggested the plan of book albums, containing photographs of young men throughout the State who are matrimonially inclined, together with descriptions of their prospects. These are to be circulated through the manufacturing establishments of the Eastern cities where women are employed. The Mayor is much pleased with the idea.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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