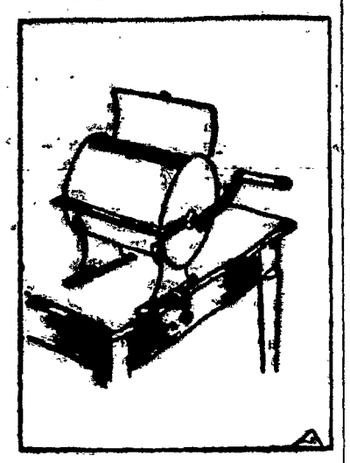
HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Bread Mixer That Kneads Dough by Compression.



A breadmaking machine which will quickly knead enough dough to make one to six loaves of bread has been invented by a New Jersey man. The machine is in the form of a cylinder which can be clamped fast to the kitchen table and which has a lid hinged to the top. Inside the cylinder is a spiral blade which is operated by a handle at one end. The dough is poured inside, and as the handle turns it mixes and kneads by compression against the ends of the cylinder. The consistency of the dough can be judged by the difficulty with which the handle works without the trouble of lifting the lid. This method of kneading is not only much easier and quicker than doing the work by hand, but is more sanitary. If the machine is kept clean it is likely to be much cleaner than the cook's hands, no matter how often she washes them.

Brine For Pickling Salt Pork.

Pickle recipe for beef or pork for each 100 pounds of beef or pork: Twelve pounds salt, two quarts molasses, six gallons water, one-quarter pound saltpeter, put on to heat on the stove to dissolve it. Cover pork or beef with this pickle and weigh down with stone. Ready to use in three weeks.

To salt pork, put in bottom of pork tub one or two inches of salt, then a layer of pork placed on its edge. Pack very close together. Put on another layer of salt, and so on until all pork is used up. Have top layer of salt covered completely with water and weigh down with stones. Will be ready in two or three weeks.

Household Notes.

One ounce of butter equals two level tablespoonfuls.

Allow four eggs to each quart of milk in making cup custards.

Milk is better than eggs for molasses fish before rolling in crumbs.

Flannel and linen for blouses should be shrunk before the material is cut.

Mattresses should be thoroughly brushed off with a whisk once a week.

A level teaspoonful of salt will give flavor to a quart of soup, sauce or vegetables.

Rice will absorb three times its measure of water and a larger quantity of milk or stock.

Salt Codfish, Spanish Style.

Cut into small pieces enough salt codfish to make a heaping cupful. Remove the skin and bones, put the fish in an earthern dish, cover with boiling water, keep hot for two hours, then drain, cool and shred fine. In one tablespoonful of butter fry one chopped onion. When delicately browned add the prepared fish, sufficient water to cover, one cup of stewed and strained tomatoes and one tablespoonful of chopped green pepper and let simmer one hour. Season with salt and serve on squares of toasted bread.

Renovating White Fur Cloth.

To clean white fur cloth, first brush the garment to get all the dust out, then dip a perfectly clean sponge in alcohol and wash the nap thoroughly. While it is still wet sift into it all the powdered starch it will hold. Mix fine borax with the starch in the proportion of one part borax to three of starch. Put the garment away in a box, free from dust, and leave three days, then take it out and beat and brush out all the starch.

Cleaning a Veil.

To clean a veil, take one pint of wood alcohol and put into glass jar. Drop veil into jar, cover and shake thoroughly for several minutes. Remove veil, squeezing gently and allowing the dripping to drop back into vessel. Shake in the open air and draw into shape on a round, perfectly clean stick.

Cement For Tinware.

An excellent cement for mending tinware is made by mixing litharge and glycerin to the consistency of thick cream or putty. The mended article must not be used until the cement has had time to dry, which may be a week or more. The litharge can be secured at drug stores.

To Iron Embroidery.

To iron embroidery the iron should be applied to the wrong side and a thick ironing blanket should be used. In this way the embroidery will stand out well instead of being flattened and looks its very best.

CURIOUS PERUVIAN TREE.

It Possesses a Copious and Continuous Supply of Rain.

The rain tree of Peru grows very large, is rich in leaves and is called by the Brazilians tamaicapil. It has the power of collecting the dampness of the atmosphere and condensing it into a continuous and copious supply of rain.

In the dry season, when the rivers are low and the heat great, the tree's power of condensing seems at the highest, and water falls in abundance from the leaves and oozes from the trunk. The water spreads around in veritable rivers, part of which filters into the soil and fertilizes it. These rivers are canalized so as to regulate the course of the water.

It is estimated that one of the Peruvian rain trees will on the average yield nine gallons of water per diem. In a field of an area of one kilometer square—that is, 3,250 feet each way—can be grown 10,000 trees separated from each other by twenty-five meters. This plantation produces daily 385,000 liters of water. If we allow for evaporation and infiltration we have 135,000 liters or 29,631 gallons of rain for distribution daily. The rain tree can be cultivated with very little trouble, for it seems indifferent as to the soil in which it grows. The tree increases rapidly and resists both extremes of climate.—Espana Moderna.

A BRAVE TOREADOR.

One of the Most Thrilling Incidents of the Bull Ring.

The famous Spanish toreador Reverte figured in one of the most thrilling incidents ever witnessed in the arena. It was at Bayonne. After disposing of two bulls Reverte had twice plunged his sword into a third of great strength and ferocity, and as the beast continued careering wildly the spectators began to hiss Reverte for bungling. Wounded to the very quick of his pride, the Spaniard shouted, "The bull is slain!" and, throwing aside his sword, sank on one knee with folded arms in the middle of the ring. He was right, but he had not allowed for the margin of accident. The wounded beast charged full upon him, but the matador, splendid to the last, knelt motionless as a statue, while the spectators held their breath in horrified suspense. Reaching his victim, the bull literally bounded at him, and as he sprang he sank in death, with his last effort giving one fearful lunge of the head that drove a horn into the thigh of the kneeling man and laid bare the bone from the knee to the joint. Still Reverte never flinched, but remained kneeling, exultant in victory, but calmly contemptuous of applause, till he was carried away to heal him of his grievous wound.

Killing the Bad Taste.

"Maybe I won't have to take medicine again, and even if I do have to take it maybe the doctor will prescribe an ambrosial mixture, but if I should be condemned for my sins to swallow vile doses I know how I'll take them," a city salesman volunteered. "A man who was doctoring himself in the drug store showed me the way.

"The druggist had mixed a particularly obnoxious dose. The man before taking it asked for cracked ice. The errand boy brought it, several spoonfuls nearly pulverized. The sick man held that in his mouth until it melted, after which the medicine seemed as mild as tea.

"'I always prepare my mouth that way for a disagreeable medicine,' the man said. 'The ice numbs the nerves, and the medicine slips down without leaving any taste, good or bad.'"—Exchange.

Origin of a Song.

The grumbling of a negro groom led to the composition of the immortal "Old Folks at Home." While waiting for a change of horses at a Kentucky hostelry the composer, Stephen Foster, author of so many beloved darky melodies, heard a melancholy negro murmur as he threw a set of harness to the ground: "I'se sick an' tired o' dis life. I wisht I was back wif de ole folks at home."

"Where may that be, Sam?" asked Foster.

"Oh," answered the darky, "way down on de Suwannee river."

The result was the song as we have it today.

Counter Diplomacy.

"I think you will like this goods, madam," urged a salesman in a Euclid avenue shop. "It is just the thing for a stout, middle aged lady."

"Sir!" squeaked the customer in a rage. The clerk saw his faux pas and recovered himself quickly.

"Pardon me," he smiled, "I mistook you for the young lady who was in here yesterday looking for something for her grandmother. Now that I look at you again, I see that this was an older person. Now, if you are buying for yourself, we have something over here that"—

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Literary Note.

The teacher had been talking to her pupils on Ouida's story, "The Dog of Flanders," and she followed her talk by an oral test.

"Now, what is the name of the author?" she queried.

Small and Shaggy Boy—Oh, You Idn—Boston Record.

The Joke on Her.

"I suppose being the wife of a humorist is a continuous joke," said her former schoolmate.

"Yes," she sadly sighed, looking at her faded and old fashioned gown, "and it's on me."—Exchange.

THE FLY ON THE PANE.

It Will Crawl to the Top, but Will Fly Back to the Bottom.

A fly on a window pane will crawl to the top, fly back to the bottom and crawl up again. This order is seldom reversed—why no one knows. It is on record that a fly crawled up a window pane thirty-two times, returning each time a-wing.

Hens scratch for food with the sun behind them, the reason being that the rays reflect on the minute particles. A blind hen will pick grain and not miss a kernel.

Cats seldom lie with their feet to the fire. Usually they lie on the left side. Dogs lie with their fore paws to the fire.

A mouse will ignore a food supply sufficient for a meal and run great risks to nibble at a wholesale supply. It will hide at the source of food supply and not depart therefrom until actually disturbed. It isn't true that a mouse runs to its hole at the first alarm.

Find a harmless little snake, the length of a lead pencil and provide a box for it in the house, visit it daily and at the end of three months it will crawl to you for food.

Goldfish usually swim around a globe to the right. They can be taught to take a fly out of the hand in six weeks time. The presence of other fish in the globe is generally ignored by gold fish. Drop a piece of chip on the surface of the water and it will frighten a fish.

Sheep spend more time grazing than do cattle and horses. Sheep will eat for twelve hours out of twenty-four.—New York World.

FIGHTING NATURE.

What One Man's Patient Effort Wrung From a Desert in France.

In the southwest of France, between the rivers Adour and Garonne, are long stretches of pine woods, green and cool.

Where these pines now stand was a barren waste in the middle of the last century. Sun and wind vied with each other in making the land drier and dustier. Over the stormy bay of Biscay came winds that set up great sandstorms and sometimes buried whole villages. The whole region was one of hopelessness and despair. Fate was against it.

But finally there came a man who acknowledged fate only as something to be overcome. This man, one Bremontier, was an inspector of roads. He began fencing in the desert. He built a fence and behind it planted broom seeds. Behind the broom seeds he put seeds of the pine. The fence protected the broom seeds, and the broom grew. Then the broom in its turn afforded shelter to the delicate pine shoots.

Soon the pines spread, and their tough roots bound the sandy soil together. The first step was accomplished. Then canals were made to drain the wet parts and carry water to the dry.

Thus did one man by patient effort turn a dreary desert into a home for an industrious and healthy population. It was an instance of triumph over fate.—New York Tribune.

The Business of Life.

Life is a business we are all apt to mismanage, either living recklessly from day to day or suffering ourselves to be gulled out of our moments by the inanities of custom. We should despise a man who gave as little activity and forethought to the conduct of any other business. But in this, which is the one thing of all others, since it contains them all, we cannot see the forest for the trees. One brief impression obliterates another. There is something stupefying in the recurrence of unimportant things, and it is only on rare provocations that we can rise to take an outlook beyond daily concerns and comprehend the narrow limits and great possibilities of our existence.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Those Newspaper Yarns.

A worthy old dame of New England once invited her husband's attention to what seemed to her a curious item in the journal she was looking at. "Listen to this," said she, reading.

"The Mary H. Barker of Gloucester reports that she saw two whales, a cow and a calf, spouting off Cape Cod the day before yesterday."

"Well, what about it?" asked the husband.

"Only this," replied his spouse, "I can understand about the two whales, but what beats me is how the cow and the calf got way out there."—Lippincott's.

A Useful Remedy.

Little four-year-old Billy was visiting his neighbor, Jerry. Billy showed every evidence of a bad cold. Jerry's mother asked with grave solicitude, "Doesn't your mother give you anything for your cold, Billy?" whereupon Billy answered, feeling in all his pockets at once, "Yes, ma'am; she gives me a clean handkerchief."—Lippincott's.

Quite Pretty.

"I am not ashamed of my latest book," said the author.

"Of course not," said the local critic. "I noticed its gilt edges and the beautifully colored frontispiece."—Atlanta Constitution.

He Got Her.

"Do you prefer beauty or brains?"

"Does not the fact that I have proposed to you repeatedly prove that I prefer both?"—Houston Post.

Fly the pleasure that bites tomorrow.—George Herbert.

HUMOROUS QUIPS

In the Land of Pyramids.

In
The country
Of one Madam Sphinx,
There exist strange things
Than one thinks. Next the mean
Of that land, lies camel, dry as sand,
And he has such manner who drinks.

That
Land is the
Heaven of the camp
And many kinds
Voices and bells. Much chief
Of the fakes can tell by the tones
The time of each battle and combat.

And,
Speaking of
Palms, you must know
There are more than one
Species that grow. Of a man
Of that land, quite a model for her
Hand. So in palmistry these are not slow.

But
Mighty an ode
Crocodile has roamed
He is sure found with a smile,
For the young desert girls
Sometimes get their dessert in the
Land of the sphinx and the Nile.

—Smart Set.

Free For the Names.

They tell in Nebraska of a cheery man who in the pulpit was a fearless expounder of rights and wrongs, but who in the domestic circle maintained for prudential reasons considerable reserve of speech and action.

On one occasion when the devil visited a neighboring town the editor of the only paper published therein which never failed to notice the presence of a stranger in town, offered the following, as worded as to prove unwittingly keen:

"Dr. Carroll is once more among us for a brief stay. He says and does exactly as he thinks right without regard to the opinions or beliefs of others.

"His wife is not with him."—Lippincott's.

The Critic's View.

"Excuse me, Watkins," said Pemley, "but would you mind giving me your opinion of a little bit of verse I have written?"

"Certainly not," said Watkins. "Fire ahead."

"Thanks, old man," said Pemley. "Here is the opening stanza:

"I am the wind that blows away;
I am the rain that rifts the sea;
I am the zephyrs soft that play
In and about the woodland tree."

"Wyh," said Watkins, lighting his pipe as he meditated, "I should say that that was a very breezy poem."—Harper's Weekly.

Naturally Acquired.

"I suppose you consider my handwriting a mere affectation," began Miss Fairvane.

"Not at all," Miss Bright hastened to say. "Your scornful expression is quite natural."

"Ah!"

"Yes, I suppose you lived for a great many years in the neighborhood of your father's glass factory."—Catholic Standard and Times.

The Supreme Test.

"Do that couple near you really love each other?"

"Do they? I have absolute proof of it."

"What is it?"

"He smokes the cigars she buys him."

"Well?"

"And she wears the hats he selects."—Baltimore American.

As Advertised.

Customer—I see you advertise a fire sale. What have you that is marked down?

The Public Benefactor—Well, we had some smoking jackets and meerschaum pipes slightly damaged by smoke and some raincoats and umbrellas slightly damaged by water.—Puck.

Minority Rule.

"The idea of letting a minority rule," said the statesman, "is impractical."

"I guess," replied the plain citizen thoughtfully, "that you never lived in a household where all the grownups were constantly occupied in trying to keep one baby pleased."—Washington Star.

A Nail Shortage.

"How much is this manicure, miss?"

"Three dollars."

"Well, I think you ought to give me a discount on it. It's to be a present for a man who has but two fingers on his left hand."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

His Salad Days.

Nebuchadnezzar was eating grass.

"Anyway, I can eat friends to dinner unexpectedly without being afraid the grub won't go around," he boasted.

Thus we see every cloud, etc.—New York Sun.

Not Much to Him.

"What kind of a fellow is he anyhow?"

"One of these people who can go out of a room without leaving a vacancy of any kind."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Whole or None.

"Sir," said the young man, "I come to ask you for your daughter's hand."

"Young man," replied the father, "I am not disposing of her in sections."—Philadelphia Press.

That's All.

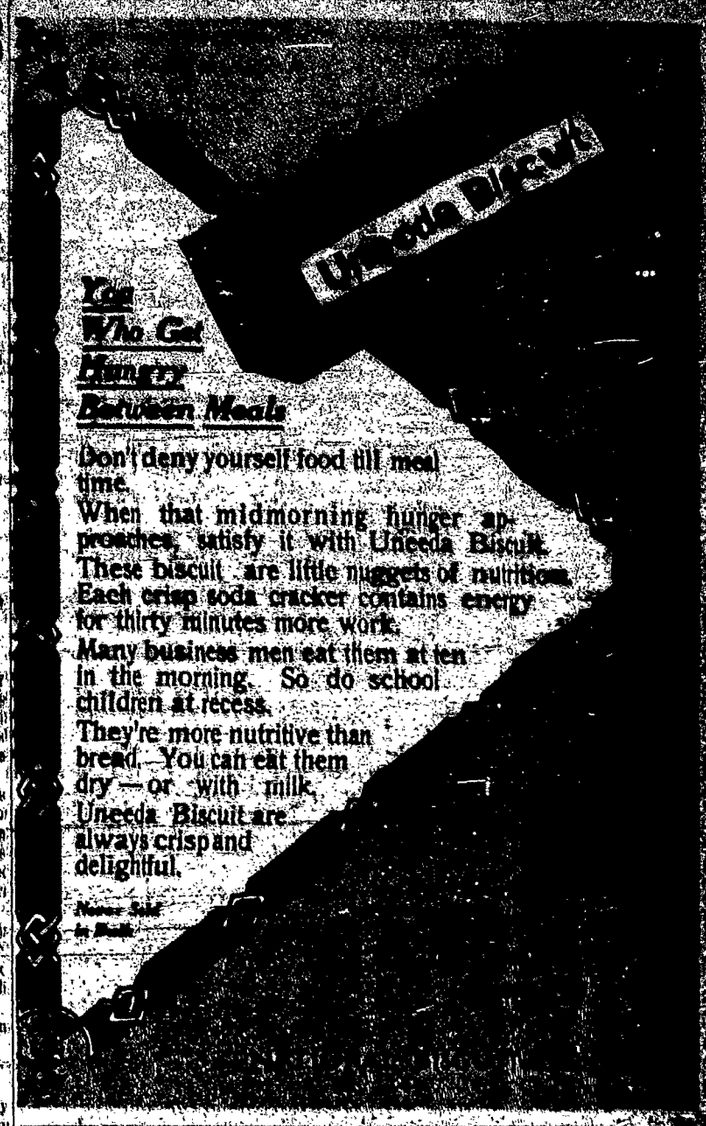
"I suppose our son will soon be old enough to go to work."

"Yes—old enough."—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

Doubted.

"The world is my oyster."

"Stop your fish stories."—New York Press.



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