

ROUND THE WORLD

Dyes are extracted from sawdust in France.

Some of the large Atlantic steamers have 150 firemen each.

Most of the type used by Chinese printers is made in Japan.

In nearly all parts of Switzerland women have their hair cut by women.

Greater New York yearly pays \$20,077,007 to public schoolteachers in salaries.

La Gazzetta, founded in 1600 by the poet Gozzi, is still being published at Venice.

New York's population is 12 per cent Italian, 10 per cent Hebrew and 2 per cent Polish.

Of the women of twenty-one years of age and over in this country only 19.5 per cent are single.

Investigations have shown that there are 17,000 left handed children in the Berlin municipal schools.

For caviare, which costs in this country \$10 a pound, the Russian fishermen get \$1.20 per pound.

It is predicted that from 1919 there will be a heavy and increasing shortage in the supply of rubber.

Two women are serving on the advisory council for medical research appointed by the English government.

With one end so constructed that it must be broken to get at the contents, a non-refillable cigar box has been patented.

Glass cooking utensils are being made in an experimental way by a New York glass manufacturer with much success.

One of the unique facts relative to immigration is that more than 50,000 Africans—blacks—have come into this country since 1904.

Australia avoids orphan asylums by sending parentless children to private families, which are paid for their care until they are fourteen years old.

Perania contemplates improving its roads under the direction of Belgian engineers, and the ancient empire should soon offer a market for automobiles.

In Australia there are cows enough for each man, woman and child to have three each, while in Argentina there are as many as five to each inhabitant.

It is suggested that if the consumption of quinine expands to any greater extent in India, which already takes one-sixth of the world's supply, the price will steadily rise.

In the Russian cavalry aluminum shoes for horses have been tested. Each test was made with one aluminum shoe and three of iron. In every test the former outlasted the latter.

The supreme court of Panama has sustained a recent law whereby the government reserves ownership in metal mines and deposits of coal and oil.

One of New York's leading banks has declared that every man in its employ must take a vacation, for which the bank will provide the money.

Placing a board with two sharp steel edges across his store window at night, a Chicago merchant effectively prevented attacks by window smashing burglars.

An English inventor has brought out a kind of steel which resists the corrosion of smokeless gunpowder, the chief objection to the use of that form of powder in firearms.

For its wharves, army posts and lighthouses the United States government every year buys enough coal to make a pile a mile square and ten feet high.

In ten years kindergartens in the United States have grown from 3,244 with 20,000 children, to 12,577, enrolling 364,180 children, according to a bulletin issued by the United States bureau of education.

The Chinese national conservation bureau is considering reforestation at the headwaters of the Yellow river. The government report shows that this will ameliorate the torrents and cause a more regular flow from the now desuded uplands.

An Australian league is being formed with \$100,000 capital, to buy land and convert it into ready made farms for British immigrants. It plans to erect residences and barns and clear and fence the land ready for the immigrant to commence farming.

In a fertile section of Palestine a tract of land has been purchased for the purpose of forming a Jewish colony, which will cultivate the land along general lines and serve to demonstrate what can be done if the country eventually returns to the Jewish people.

Europe is the principal customer for all exported fruits from this country, except oranges, lemons and raisins. Germany takes about one-half of the dried apples and the United Kingdom a like proportion of the green apples exported. Nearly one-half of the apples went last year to France, Germany and the Netherlands, while the United Kingdom alone took one-third of the total.

There are 100,000 students enrolled in professional schools in the United States this year, according to figures compiled by the United States bureau of education. Of these 85,102 are in endowed institutions, the remainder in institutions supported from public funds. The various professions are represented as follows: Theology, 10,000; law, 20,878; medicine, 17,238; dentistry, 8,015; pharmacy, 6,168; veterinary science, 2,234; nurse training, 8,417.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Frank Chance Doing Wonders With Yankees.



Photo by American Press Association.

Frank Chance, alias the Peerless Leader and now manager of the Yankees, has sprung one of the greatest surprises in baseball history by making a real team out of a bunch of misfits in one season.

Rickey on Baseball. Branch Rickey, manager of the Browns, has this to say of his system of conducting his team:

"I have no hard and fast set of rules for my players," said Rickey when asked how he governs his men. "I don't specify the hour at which they must be cuddled up in their beds; I depend upon each man to take care of himself. But I do demand that every player gets up at 7-35, that each gets eight hours of sleep and that he be wide awake when he takes his seat at the breakfast table. I can tell in the morning whether a player has violated baseball's unwritten law against dozing."

"I discourage drinking and cigarette smoking. There isn't a drinker on the club. All the boys are temperate. I have only one cigarette smoker, and he thinks I am ignorant of the fact. "If a man would rather drink beer and whisky than be a ball player he doesn't belong to a ball club."

"There are almost a dozen players on my team who don't touch a drop of any kind of liquor, and I am going to try to keep them from taking the first drink."

"Drink and baseball don't mix. Cigarettes do a man about as much harm as liquor."

Constructing Pennant Winners. It has been said that the task of reconstructing a ball club takes five or six years. Mack required just five to get a pennant winner after his 1905 team "blew." McGraw got his championship team together in 1911, just six years after his other victory. Clarke of Pittsburgh spent six years between 1903 and 1909 getting another pennant. It is five years since the Pittsburgh leader had his last championship team. The only survivors among the regulars of the 1909 champions are Hans Wagner and George Glison. Wilson, Leach, Byrne, Abstein and Miller are gone. Clarke himself was a regular in those days, but he has since retired. Hyatt was pinch hitting, as he is now, but doing very little regular duty. Of the pitchers, the only survivor is Adama, who was an unknown until that year, coming to the front with a bound during the world's series. So Clarke has practically a new team.

Live Ball a Failure. Federal league promoters, who adopted a ball just about twice as lively as the one used in the major leagues in the hope that the public would be pleased with the increased batting that this sphere produces, seem to have been in error. The lively ball has been dropped by the new league and one which is much like that used in organized ball adopted.

Many of the playing fields of the Federal league are small, and the lively ball made home run hits so numerous that they are no longer considered a feature. Incidentally the games produced big scores, and the public was rapidly gaining the impression that the Federal league was not producing an article of real major league ball; hence the change of balls.

McCoy Lauds French Fighters. That the average French fighter is better than the average fighter is the opinion of Kid McCoy, the famous middleweight, who has just arrived from Europe. He declares that Frenchmen are making wonderful strides in the pugilistic line and that it won't be long before they are holding their own in advance of the world's best pugilists. "The French lads are making rapid progress in fisticuffs because they are learning the game from the bottom up. In any gymnasium or roadhouse you'll see them all practicing with both hands. Most of our boxers can only hit with one hand."

FOR THE CHILDREN

Did You Ever See a Mouse?

This game can be played in a clear, open space with a dozen or more—the more the merrier. It has a leader and an "end man." A good strapping boy is preferred as "end man." The leader could be any size; it doesn't matter. The game is played standing as close together as sardines in a box. The leader turns to her or his neighbor on the right.

Leader (first time)—Did you ever see a mouse?

Right Hand Neighbor—No. What does it look like?

Leader—It looks like this (stretches out left arm and points with forefinger, keeping that position).

Right hand neighbor then turns to his or her right hand neighbor, and the same form is gone through all down the line, so when it is the leader's turn again all the left arms are stretched out and all the left forefingers pointed.

Leader (second time)—Did you ever see a mouse?

Right Hand Neighbor No. What does it look like?

Leader. It looks like this (stretches out right arm and points with forefinger, keeping that position).

These questions go in the same manner down the line, all taking the same position.

Leader (third time)—Did you ever see a mouse?

Right Hand Neighbor—No. What does it look like?

Leader—It looks like this (kneels on left knee with both arms stretched straight out, both forefingers pointed).

All down the line in turn take the same position.

Leader (fourth time)—Did you ever see a mouse?

Right Hand Neighbor—No. What does it look like?

Leader—It looks like this (gives a gentle push with the right shoulder).

This is all the game, as you will plainly see, and if you do not laugh till natured you will be.

Brazil's Rat Catchers. In certain parts of Brazil, where the climate is intensely hot and the house cat cannot live, a domestic rat catcher is employed whose presence at first brings a start of horror to northern visitors.

These substitutes for reliable old tannery are perfectly harmless snakes and are employed all over Brazil as the next best thing to our honored four footed friend.

The reptiles are small but constrictors and sleep in the house, generally at the foot of the stairs. When night comes on they wake from sleep and silently and swiftly begin their work of gliding about the house and seeking rats.

These snakes are offered for sale in all the markets of Bahia and bring from \$1 to \$5, according to their size. It is said that they are so easily tamed that if removed from one house to another they will return almost as invariably as a domesticated cat.

Conundrums. Which is the smallest bridge in the world? The bridge of the nose.

Why does the east wind never travel straight? Because it blows so bleak (oblique).

Why is a bad shot like an amusing fellow? Because he's the boy to keep the game alive.

Three feet I have, but ne'er attempt to go, and many nails thereon, but not one toe. A yard measure.

Why should we avoid mingling with the multitude? Because if you are hemmed in by a crowd you are likely to get a stitch in your side.

Why is a dog biting his own tail like a good manager? Because he makes both ends meet.

Crossing the Rubicon. Have you ever heard it said of a man, "He has crossed the Rubicon, and there is no turning back?"

The origin of the expression lies in the fact that the first step in the civil war between Julius Caesar and Pompey was commenced by the former crossing the river Rubicon, which separated Gaul, where Caesar was commander, from Italy.

"Crossing the Rubicon" signifies the beginning of a perilous undertaking from which there can be no turning back.

MacFarlane's Lantern. MacFarlane's lantern is an old Scotch name for the moon. In the days when the Scottish clans were a law unto themselves it was said that the MacFarlanes attacked their enemies and carried out their raiding expeditions in the night-time by the light of the moon, hence the appellation.

Booby Trap. The term booby trap is applied to a rather stupid form of practical joking. The word booby is the name of a bird of the gannet tribe, remarkable for its stupidity; hence a booby trap is one that with a certain amount of thought, might have been avoided.

Sweet Rain. They say it's raining cats and dogs. Though why I cannot say, I wish it would rain something good. I'd let it storm all day.

Oh, for the sound of lemon drops Or nice spun sugar hail, A soda shower to last an hour Or a storm of ginger ale! I'd hold my big umbrella out, But upside down for use, And set out cans and tubs and pans To catch the welcome juice! —Youth's Companion.

SNAPSHOTS AT CELEBRITIES

F. W. Lehmann, American Peace Delegate.



Photo by American Press Association.

When the A. B. C. mediators and the delegates from the United States and Mexico assembled in conference at Niagara Falls, Canada, it was significant that several diplomats from various South and Central American republics were present. They were sent by their governments to keep in touch with the proceedings and to report promptly all important developments. This is taken, as an indication that the negotiations mean much more than the mere settlement of the dispute between the United States and Mexico. It was pointed out in circles close to the negotiators that their success could have no other effect than to strengthen the ties between the United States and Latin American nations.

The American delegates—Associate Justice Joseph R. Lamar of the United States supreme court and Frederick W. Lehmann of St. Louis—have an able assistant in H. Percival Dodge, delegation secretary, who has won a reputation as a diplomat in Latin American countries.

Mr. Lehmann was formerly solicitor general of the United States under President Taft. He was born in Germany sixty-one years ago and came to this country as a boy, settling in Iowa. He was educated at Tabor college, Iowa, studied law and practiced for a time in Nebraska, later settling in Des Moines, Ia. In 1890 he removed to St. Louis and at once took front rank in the bar of that city. He has been president of the American Bar association and had a nation wide reputation as a student of law and a profound thinker. Mr. Lehmann is a Democrat.

General Huerta's Envoy. It was regarded as significant by diplomats that Senor Domitilo da Gama, Brazilian ambassador, in his address of welcome to the delegates from Mexico and the United States, styled the Huerta envoys "delegates of the United States of Mexico." The expression seemed to imply that the mediators from Argentina, Brazil and Chile recognized Huerta's delegates as representing all of Mexico.

Senor Augustin Rodriguez, speaking for himself and the other Huerta envoys, Senors Emilio Rabasa and Luis Elguero, said Huerta had selected them to represent him because they had not been connected with politics and added "We have full power to act and shall decide according to our consciences always bearing in mind the national honor. All of us possess a Latin soul and a Mexican heart."

Senor Luis Elguero is probably the most distinguished of the trio in business and politics. He is a capitalist, politician and a lawyer of note. He holds by appointment of the Mexican government the post of intervener for national and central banks of Mexico and is also president of the National railways of Mexico, although that position has no political significance.

Rafael Elguero, his son, is secretary of the delegation. Senor Rabasa is the author of the best Mexican work on international law and was Huerta's choice for ambassador to Washington had he been recognized. Senor Rodriguez is director of the school of law in the City of Mexico.

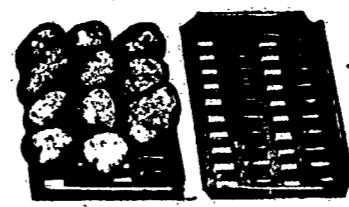


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HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

Potato Baker That Allows Free Air Circulation.



A potato baker recently placed on the market consists of a bottomless pan having a grate-like top on which the potatoes are laid. At the edges of the openings are upright metal strips which serve to hold the potatoes in place and prevent them from rolling together, while the openings permit a free circulation of hot air for baking. This device is designed to be used in an oven.

Stuffed Potatoes.

Scrub with the vegetable brush and cut off any specks from the skin a dozen medium sized potatoes rather round in shape. Wipe dry and grease with beef or pork fat or butter and bake in a rather quick oven. Heat a frying pan and fry until crisp six thin slices of larding pork or of rather fat bacon. Take out on a warm dry plate, draining each slice free from all fat. Remove the rind and cut the slices into tiny bits. Mix into a cupful of bread-crumbs or boiled rice with two hard boiled eggs cut into bits, moistening with half a cupful of milk, and add two tablespoonfuls of flour and half a teaspoonful of salt. As soon as the potatoes are done remove from the oven and, handling with a clean napkin or towel, cut each potato in half crosswise and dig out the inside, leaving the shells on a long shallow baking tin ready for the filling. Mash the hot potato with a fork, being sure that no lumps are left. Add the above mixture, stirring all thoroughly, and if each shell, rounding it up high and making it smooth. Set in a moderately hot oven to brown lightly.

Lima Bean Purée.

Old beans which are not quite tender should be used for soup. Boil about three quarts in a good quantity of water with a pound and a half of lean lamb or veal. When the beans can be easily mashed with a fork press them through a coarse sieve. Take out the meat, chop it fine and return it and the mashed beans to a pot. If liked a tiny bit of garlic may be added. Drop in some chopped parsley and seasoning and serve with cubes of toasted bread.

Blueberry Muffins.

Into one quart of flour sift one teaspoonful of salt and four level teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one-half cupful of sugar. Rub into these dry ingredients one-third cupful of butter, then use enough sweet milk to make a stiff spoon batter. Stir in carefully a quart of blueberries that have been picked over carefully and washed. Drop by spoonfuls into muffin tins or, if you do not have these, on well greased pans.

Baked Ham.

For baked ham take a slice of ham about two inches thick and lay it in the bottom of a baking pan, covering it with sweet milk. It should be baked in a slow oven about two hours, or until the milk has soaked into the ham and the latter is slightly browned on top. When done place it on a platter and make a creamy gravy with a little flour mixed in milk and poured into the fat left in the pan. Cook until thick.

Carrots and Lamb Hearts.

For this dish only the very young roots should be used. Cut six lamb hearts into little cubes and drop them into a pan with a tablespoonful of olive oil and a large piece of butter. When the meat is slightly seared add a dozen carrots. Put a tight cover on the pot and let it simmer on the back of the stove until thoroughly done. Sprinkle lightly with cayenne pepper, salt and chopped thyme and serve on toast.

Gooseberry Batter Pudding.

Use one cupful of good sour cream, add to this one-half cupful of sugar, one well beaten egg, one teaspoonful salt and one-half teaspoonful of soda. Beat up until well mixed, then add two cupfuls of flour or enough to make a rather thin batter, and add one cupful of ripe gooseberries. Pour into laking dish and bake for about a half hour or until nicely done.

Emergency Ointment Box.

An emergency box for summer outings should contain carbolic acid, alcohol, ammonia, brandy, aromatic extract of cascaia sagrada, a roll of adhesive cotton, a roll of antiseptic gauze, a very sharp knife, adhesive plaster for fastening bandages, carboroll for sunburn, baking soda and safety pins.

Asparagus Soup.

Simmer a large quantity of the stalks of asparagus with two leeks and a bunch of celery and parsley until very tender; then press through a coarse sieve and return the residue to the pot. Thicken very slightly with flour and milk and serve with small squares of fried bread.

CASE OF DOUBLE PERSONALITY

Girl's Strange Affliction and Its Happy Cure.

No one, excepting the sick restored to health, has reason to feel more thankful for that wonderful advance science has made within the last ten or twenty years than I. But right here in the beginning I must break away from my subject to tell a story.

Margaret May charmed me by what I consider the higher traits. She was a sober girl of an intellectual type, with excellent principles and elevated ideals. I am not a man to be pleased with a gay, frolicsome girl, however kind hearted, however winning. It was, therefore, natural that I should yield to the characteristics of Margaret. We became engaged, and everything looked well for our future happiness when my fiancée began to show a succession of singular changes. One evening when I went to see her she bounded into the room like a hoiden, threw her arms about my neck, kissed me several times in "rapid succession" and, beginning with "You bad boy," upbraided me for not having come earlier. When I asked her for what she had wished me she said that a circus had come to town, and she was "dying" to attend that evening's performance. Astonished, I asked her if the next night would not do as well. She said it would not, and when I pressed her for a reason the only one she would give was that she couldn't wait.

It was altogether too late to go to the circus that evening, so I spent the rest of it with her in the cozy library where we had passed so many happy hours, often taking book after book from the shelves, rambling in them together and calling each other's attention to favorite passages. But, alas, there was no such enjoyment for us tonight. Margaret spoke of the books as "musty, dusty things," in which she had no interest, and insisted in talking only upon the most frivolous topics.

It is needless to say that I was not only disappointed, but shocked. Could this be my steady, well-balanced, intellectual Margaret? I was inclined to doubt it.

"And you will take me to the circus tomorrow night?" she asked, with a pout, as I rose to go.

"Certainly if you wish it," I replied, and when I could escape from an exuberance of carresses, left her.

That night and the next day my brain was in a turmoil. I was like a man who had lost his love. I brooded instead of working until after office hours and in the evening called to take Margaret to the circus. The maid who received me at the door went upstairs to announce me and, returning, told me that Margaret was not feeling well and had gone to bed. There was no message of disappointment at missing the performance nor at not seeing me. Indeed, the maid told me that she thought her mistress had not expected me that evening. This would have been natural had it not been for the engagement, since it was an evening I seldom called.

The next of my usual weekly visits was Sunday, and I called, dreading to again find the hoiden. I was agreeably disappointed. Margaret was her usual self except that she showed signs of overstrained nerves. Something told me to refrain from mentioning her singular personality when I had last seen her—to wait and observe. During the visit and the next two visits she was her own sweet self, barring her altered health. Finally I referred to her desire to visit the circus. She seemed surprised, mystified, and, when I told her the whole story, said with a nervous tremor, "Oh, she'll ruin me!"

"Was some one else than you with me that evening?" I asked.

"Yes—no. I was with you, but she dominated me." And she hurried out of the room.

I was not admitted to see Margaret indeed, I did not care to see her; I was dissatisfied for a month. Then I called on her. What was my surprise to find her a different person from either of the two I had known. From the moment we met she talked of women's rights, women's voting, women's superiority in men and finally told me that if I interfered with her in any of these objects to which she proposed to devote her life we must proceed by separate paths.

I left her maddened. Had I not been puzzled as well I would have broken my engagement then and there, but curiosity prevented. Several months passed in which I continued to visit her, hoping that she would settle down into her old personality resolutely.

When she was another I would turn away from her, when she was my own Margaret I loved her still the same.

As the hoiden I found it possible to be amused with her; as the "strong minded" woman I could not endure her. I was not able to get the real Margaret to talk of the other two, but from hints she dropped I inferred that she knew of their existence, and she hated them.

One day I received a call from a psychiatric specialist. He informed me that Margaret was under his care; that two other personalities besides her own appeared to inhabit her body and at times dominated her. By psychic methods of his own invention he was trying to enable her to dominate them and thus return to a normal condition.

He succeeded, the intruders were driven out, and Margaret is my wife.