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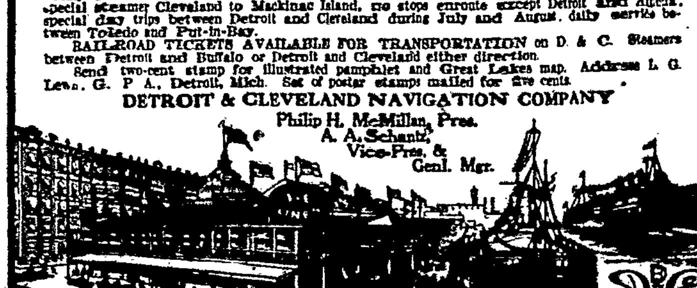

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Cookery Points

Eat Seasonable Foods.

No matter how carefully we may have lived throughout the winter, every one feels more or less the lassitude of the early spring days, and, although the inclination may be toward sulphur and molasses or some patent medicine, there is no doubt that the common sense thing to do is to change our customary food habits and introduce more seasonable foods.

Unfortunately in many sections there is a between times month, when the winter vegetables and fruits are jaded and the spring products are forced and consequently prohibitive in price. But grapefruit can be obtained almost anywhere at small cost, oranges are always inexpensive at this time, cranberries, with their wonderful acid, are still in season, and lemons, which are invaluable, can be used ad libitum. Apples, too, can be obtained, and fortunate the housewife who has been so provident as to buy her spring apples in the midwinter.

There is an old proverb which runs like this, "Eat onions in May, no doctor to pay." This applies not only to onions, but to lettuce, spinach and, in fact, all the green foods that begin to appear about March 1. If choice is to be made between a porterhouse steak for dinner and no green salad and beef stew with salad choose the latter every time. It will be argued that the nutriment is the same, and as far as the meat is concerned it is. But the porterhouse steak does not have the minerals that the salad contains, and after it is eaten the whole body will not feel as light, buoyant and as generally satisfied as when the salad accompanies the meat.

As to the salad dressing, let it be very simple, preferably of olive oil cut by lemon juice, or if olive oil is too expensive, with corn or peanut oil, which can be obtained at one-third the price. As to the desserts, it is very easy to use fruit foundation and so work in the necessary acids in a disguised manner, for the family will balk at medicinal foods if forced to eat them.

Some Odor Culprits.

Some kitchen odors are savory and appetizing. Others are not. The chief culprits are cabbages, onions, fish and "boiling over."

Cabbages will not smell if a crust of bread is laid on the top when they are boiling. Better still, for this improves the cabbages, is a piece of charcoal.

Onions, barred in so many homes on account of the odor—a great pity, for onions are blood purifiers, complexion beautifiers and disease preventers—must be met with a counter odor. Buy some powdered cedar wood and sprinkle a pinch on the range. That's all. And, by the way, if onions are peeled under water or held under a running tap they will not smell, nor will your eyes smart.

Fish are often blamed for the odor which really arises from the stale batter or bad butter. If those causes are absent, then sprinkle the top of the range within "spluttering" distance with a layer of salt. When frying is done, sweep the salt into the fire. The salt absorbs all "splutterings" of grease and there is no smell.

If you have had to clean fish, your hands naturally smell unpleasant. Rub them with a little dry mustard.

"Boiling over" might be stopped by not filling saucepans and dishes quite so full.

Dandelion Salad.

Fresh dandelion leaves make a delicious salad. Place the greens in a large pan of cold water as soon as they come from the market and wash them thoroughly. Then shake off all the moisture and set in a very cold place until ready to serve. To make the salad, place the leaves in a chilled salad bowl, cover with chopped hard boiled egg, a few shavings of young white onion and moisten with a good French dressing.

Watercress may be used as a salad and, unlike many other greens, it will serve as an attractive garnish for many dishes. It is delicious and appetizing for a sandwich filling in place of the usual lettuce leaves. To dress a watercress salad, mix together a teaspoonful of celery salt, a saltspoonful of white pepper, a pinch of cayenne, half a teaspoonful of salt and one tablespoonful of lime juice. Then stir in gradually three tablespoonfuls of olive oil and two more tablespoonfuls of lime juice. Blend thoroughly and season with a teaspoonful of chopped chives and an equal amount of fresh tarragon leaves.

Lettuce, Endive and Romaine.

Lettuce, endive and romaine are all good salad greens. The two latter may also be cooked in several attractive forms, and the lettuce may form the basis of a cream of lettuce soup or may be boiled and chopped like spinach and enriched with a highly seasoned sauce.

Every housekeeper should realize the tonic properties of these spring salads, and some variety of salad should appear at least once daily in every well planned menu in spring. This salad should be simple and composed mainly of the greens themselves, although a combination of two or three vegetables is permissible. Avoid all rich mayonnaise or boiled dressings and substitute a well made French dressing that is both refreshing and healthful.

The Job Uncle Ben Did

By SADIE OLCOTT

"Uncle," asked a little white child of a septuagenarian negro [illegible], "were you in the war between the states?"

"Yes, honey, I was in de wah. Long [illegible] I was dar."

"Did you kill anybody, uncle?"

"No, I didn't kill nobody, but I saved somebody's life."

"How was that? Tell me about it."

"Well, honey, when de wah broke out all de niggers on de ole plantation"—

"Why do you say 'the old plantation'?"

"Case de plantations now ain't what dey wah den. Now dey all cut up, some of 'em owned by de niggers. Den dey wah big and lots of niggers on 'em. As I wah a-sayin', honey, most all de niggers wo'kin' on de ole plantation dug out 'cept me. My marse, yo' great-grandpop, wah mighty kind to me, and I wasn't a field hand. I did jobs about de house. I wah a carpenter and could make anything dat wah needed on de premises.

"Yo' great-grandpop went off to de wah, and yo' grandpop went off to de wah. De Yankees cum down hyer and took possession. De ole plantation didn't look like it did no mo' after de Yanks cum. Dey used up de fences fo' firewood and run off all de stock.

"Yo' grandpop wah gwine to marry yo' grandma 'bout dat time. Yo' grandpop when he went to de wah lef' Missy Lucy whar he war gwine to marry with his mudder. One day when de Yanks war hyer yo' grandpop, Marse Edward, cum through de lines fo' to visit Missy Lucy. He wah dressed in common folks' clothes, case he had no business bein' an ossifer in de south'n army, to be in among de Yanks. While he wah visitin' his ma and his sweetheart one o' de ole plantation hands cum in and said dat somebody tole de Yanks dat he war dah. Dey wah comin' some time in de night to take him.

"Marse Edward wah cotched like a 'possum in de trap. He dassen't light out, fo' de Yanks had cum dat day and camped all about, and he dassen't stay where he wah. Yo' grandma sent fo' me and she says, says she:

"'Ben, Marse Edward come hyer to see me. Ef de Yanks cotch him hyer dey hang him fo' a spy. Can't yo' make somep'n what he kin hide in dat dey won't suspec'?'

"I scratched my head and done a lot o' thinkin'. Den I said, 'I don't know, missy, wot I kin do unless I make a double bottom to de wood box, wha he kin crawl in.'

"'De berry t'ing,' said missy, and I went to wo'k right off. De wood box wah in de kitchen and wah a great big un. I cut up some boa'ds and put in a bottom high 'nough fo' a man to lay down under, leabin' plenty o' cracks fo' breathin'. I hadn't mo'n got it done when Miss Lucy seen de Yanks surroundin' de house. Marse Edward got in under de wood, and dere wah a loud rap at de do'. Missy tol' me to go to de do', and I went.

"'Who dah?' I axed.

"'Open de do' right off,' said a man. I opened de do', and without askin' leave dey scattered all ober de house, lookin' fo' yo' grandpa, Marse Edward. Dey marched from de garret to de celler, lookin' into de closets and under de beds and in de cubberd in de dinin' room. When dey cum to de kitchen I wah dar, and I had de lef' hand corner ob my right eye lookin' right at 'em. De rest ob my eyes was on de wood box. Dinah wah cookin' de supper on de stove. Seein' an ossifer lookin' at de wood box, I went to de stove, pulled open de do' and says to Dinah:

"'Wha' fo' you let dis fire go out?' And I goes to de wood box and throws up de lid, and I tak' out an armful o' wood and puts it in de stove.

"Ef dat ossifer had any idea dat anybody war hidin' in dat wood box I put it out ob his head right off. De ossifer kep' right on a-huntin', gwine down celler. After huntin' all ober de house he comes up to me and he says:

"'Yo' niggers know yo' own folks, don't yo?'

"'Reckon,' I says, with a wink in de lef' hand corner ob my right eye.

"'Den tell me whar de spy is hidin'.'

"I put my mouf down close to he year, and I says sof'ly:

"'Look in de smokehouse.'

"With dat he drawed off he men from de house, and I reckon he went out to de smokehouse, fo' I didn't hear nothin' mo' from him.

"When de Yanks had gone away we uns had a con'sultation how Marse Edward gwine to git out o' de trap. De way he done it war to rub he face with soot, and Missy Lucy she kinked he hair with her curlin' tongs, and he put on darky clothes, and he jist walked through de Yankees as ef he war as much a Yankee as any ob 'em. Nex' day he rode into de Yankee lines under a white flag with some south'n prisoners.

"Who d'y' s'pose war de fust Yankee he met?"

"I don't know, uncle; tell me."

"De ossifer wot wah huntin' fo' him de day befo'. Marse Edward had saw him through a crack and knowed him right off. Marse Edward larfed and tole him 'bout it all, but said he wasn't a spy; he only cum to see his ma and Missy Lucy.

"No, honey, I didn't kill nobody durin' de wah, but I did a mighty good job sabin' yo' grandpop's life. Ef I didn't do dat yo' wouldn't been hyer nohow."

YOUNG FOLKS' CORNER

Cross Questions

[illegible]

So that the second player has a question and an answer belonging to him, which is [illegible].

The game goes on until every one has been asked a question and given an answer, and each player must be sure and bear in mind that it is the question he is asked and the answer his neighbor gives which belong to him.

At the end of the game each gives his question and answer aloud in the following manner:

"I was asked, 'Do you like roses?' and the answer was, 'Yes, when they are fried.'"

The next player says:

"I was asked, 'Are you fond of [illegible]?' and the answer was, 'Yes, they are very pretty, but they don't wash well.'"

The Wasps' Lesson.

An English gentleman lately [illegible] small wasps' nest about the size of an apple, and, after stupefying its inmates, placed it in a large [illegible] of his house, leaving an opening for egress through the wall. Here the nest was enlarged to a foot in diameter, holding thousands of wasps. He was able now to watch their movements, and he noted one new feature, namely, their systematic attention to ventilation. In hot weather from four to six wasps were continually stationed at the hole of egress, and, while leaving space for entrance or exit, they created a steady current of fresh air by the exceedingly rapid motion of their wings. After a long course of this vigorous exercise the ventilators were relieved by other wasps. During cool weather only two wasps at a time were usually thus engaged.

When Spiders Molt.

When a spider is preparing to molt it stops eating for several days and fastens itself by a short [illegible] to one of the main lines of its web, which holds it firmly while it proceeds to undress. The skin cracks all around the thorax and [illegible] the front edge. Next the abdomen is uncovered. Now comes the struggle to free the legs. It wriggles and [illegible] and seems to have [illegible] work. But continued perseverance [illegible] about fifteen minutes brings it out of the old dress. It seems almost lifeless and is limp and helpless for several minutes, but gradually it comes back to life and looks brighter and prettier than before. To young people this is an operation of absorbing interest.

Game of Neighbors.

Arrange the chairs in a circle or in one or more rows, then blindfold one-half of the company (players will either volunteer or draw lots for the bandage) and conduct them to seats, leaving a vacant chair on the left of each. In perfect silence the nonblindfolded now take their seats in the empty chairs. The aim of the blindfolded is to find out who his or her neighbor is. To enable this to be done a chorus is started by the nonblindfolded only, who may, if they choose, disguise their voices. Some of the blindfolded are sure to identify their neighbors, and those who succeed in doing so are entitled to recover their sight and to bandage the eyes of their neighbors, who must take their places.

Hidden Planets.

Find the name of a planet in each of the following sentences. The letters that spell it are consecutive:

1. How can you mar so beautiful a picture?
2. Uncle [illegible] his horse daily.
3. Thereat, turn my music for me, please.
4. You ran us down like everything.

Answers.—1, Mars. 2, Venus. 3, Saturn. 4, Uranus.

Mounted Newsboys.

In Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay, many of the newsboys who deliver the afternoon papers are mounted on horseback. This city has a population of 300,000 and has extensive suburbs. It is through these suburbs that the newsboys ride. We doubt that they arrive much more rapidly than does the American boy with his bicycle.—American Boy.

My Roller Skates.

My roller skates are good as wings
To carry me about,
For kids they are the finest things
That ever were brought out.

Along the street, around the square,
On flying feet I go;
I use my good skates everywhere,
For walking is too slow.

If mamma sends me to the store
I take my skates along
And quickly reach the grocer's door
With my swift strokes and strong.

Then back again without delay
I speed o'er stones and brick.
That often I hear mamma say,
"How could you go so quick?"
—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

For the Children

[illegible]

A Mystery [illegible]

[illegible]

The Seven Wonders

The seven wonders [illegible]
1. Egyptian pyramids. 2. Mausoleum of Artemisia. 3. Temple of Diana at Ephesus. 4. Hanging gardens of Babylon. 5. Colossus of Rhodes. 6. Statue of Jupiter Olympus. 7. Pharos, or watchtower of Alexandria.

The seven American wonders [illegible] been decreed to be as follows:
1. Niagara falls. 2. Yellowstone [illegible] 3. Mammoth cave. 4. Canyon [illegible] Garden of the Gods. 5. The [illegible] trees of California. 6. [illegible] bridge. 7. The Yosemite valley.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Boys.

We all love manly fellows,
Boys that are brave and [illegible]
Boys that are helpful and [illegible]
And know just what is [illegible]

The boy who can help [illegible]
With her weary [illegible]
The boy who [illegible]
And never is [illegible]

The boy with a heart [illegible]
As a girl's, when [illegible]
And the boy who is always [illegible]
To do that which [illegible]

Such boys may [illegible]
[illegible]