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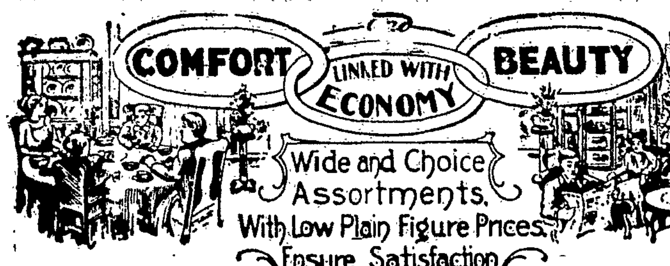


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## OLD KASSAN VILLAGE.

**Curious Alaskan Landmark In the Tongass National Forest.**

No other locality is quite like "Old Kassan National Monument," a unique tract of land held by the United States government. It consists of thirty-eight acres within the Tongass national forest, Alaska, and the tract embraces the well known abandoned Haida Indian village of Old Kassan, situated on Prince of Wales island, in southeastern Alaska, about thirty miles west of the city of Ketchikan.

The village was abandoned by the Indians about ten years ago. Among the relics which remain there are about fifty Indian totem poles, five or six of which are classed as exceedingly good specimens. In the deserted village there are also eight large square buildings which were originally constructed according to the peculiar plan of the Haida Indians and which, it is stated by those best qualified to know, represent the best specimens of Haida architecture that now exist. The largest of these buildings is approximately 40 by 60 feet in size and is made entirely of round and carved timbers.

There also remain a number of Indian graves, with the typical small grave houses erected by the Alaskan Indians. "Kassan" is said to be the Indian word which means "a pretty town," and all reports agree that the village was well named. The fact that the village was occupied by the Indians for many years explains the local name, "Old" Kassan, by which it is widely known. Since the village was abandoned by the Indians the buildings have been rapidly falling into a state of dilapidation and decay. —Exchange.

## AMERICA VESPUCCI.

**She Asked Congress For Citizenship and "a Corner of Land."**

A decided sensation was created at Washington during the Van Buren administration by the appearance there of a handsome and well dressed Italian woman who called herself America Vespucci and claimed descent from the navigator who gave his name to the continent. Ex-President Adams and Daniel Webster became her especial friends, and she soon was a welcome guest in the best society. In a few weeks after her arrival she presented a petition to congress asking, first, to be admitted to the rights of citizenship and, secondly, to be given "a corner of land" out of the public domain of the country which bore the name of her ancestor. An adverse report, which soon was made, is one of the curiosities of congressional literature. It eulogized the petitioner as "a young, dignified and graceful lady, with a mind of the highest intellectual culture and a heart beating with all our own enthusiasm in the cause of American and human liberty." The reasons why the prayer of the petitioner could not be granted were given, but she was commended to the generosity of the American people.

"The name of America, our country's name, should be honored, respected and cherished in the interesting exile from whose ancestor we derive the great and glorious title."

Later it was discovered that the woman was an impostor.—"Perley's Reminiscences."

**Genius and Hair.**

Charles Kassal has carefully reviewed the biographies of most of the eminent men of the world and has tabulated the results of his work, so far as the color of the hair is concerned. Dark brown to black is the prevailing hue on the heads of great men. A list of fifty names has been compiled in which the color of the hair is given by biographers, and 90 per cent are dark brown or black. The structure of the hair—whether straight or curly—is given on twenty-six of Mr. Kassel's list of geniuses, and of these all but four possessed curly or wavy hair. It is extremely notable that, of the remaining four, Napoleon and President Jackson were the two remarkable for "wiry hair," and that James Russell Lowell and Grieg were those having lank, straight hair.

**Why He Got "Licked."**

"I understand you were punished in school yesterday, Thomas," said Mr. Bacon to his twelve-year-old boy.

"Yes, sir," promptly replied the truthful Thomas. "It was for telling the truth, sir."

"Your teacher said it was for some reflection on her age."

"That's the way she took it, father. You see, she drew a picture of a basket of eggs on the blackboard, and while she was out of the room I just wrote under them, 'The hen that made these eggs isn't any chicken.'"—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

**Only Way to Know Dogs.**

The only true and thorough straight way to know the dog is to own one. A common residence under the same rooftree, be it animals or humans, is the sure test of personality. To own the dog is to comprehend him in his faults and virtues, to protect his weaknesses, be anxious at his vagrancies, to catch the contagion of his love and to agonize if it so be that he die.—Our Dumb Animals.

**Not Becoming.**

"You used to say that girl was an angel."

"Yes. And I'm sorry I said it. She got interested in flying, and, after seeing her in her aviation costume, I must say she doesn't look the part."—Washington Star.

Show me a man without a spot, and I'll show you a maid without a fault.—Proverb.

# In the Arena of Sports

## New Wrestling Marvel

John Olin, the big Finn, who recently defeated Joe Stecher, holder of the heavyweight wrestling title, in Springfield, Mass., is hot after all the big grapplers in America. Olin is now traveling around the country, meeting all comers and throwing them in jig time too.

According to Hjalmer Lundin, the Swedish champion, who is training the Finn, Olin is the greatest mat artist in the world today, bar none. In

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JOHN L. OLIN

talking about the Finn recently Lundin said:

"Olin has been in the country about four years and has done but little wrestling, due to the fact that the others were afraid of him. He came to this country with a great record, having defeated every grappler of note abroad. Stecher was treated to a big surprise when he tackled Olin. The champion believed the Finn would prove to be an easy mark, but after wrestling two hours and a half Stecher quit."

A little over a year ago Olin tackled Aberg, the champion Greco-Roman artist. After wrestling two hours and a half the referee called it a draw. In 1912 Olin finished second in the Olympic wrestling contests at Stockholm. Olin is five feet eleven and tips the beam around 205 pounds when in tiptop condition.

**Ganzel to Manage Kansas City.**

John Ganzel, widely known as a baseball manager, will manage the Kansas City team in the American association next season. Ganzel was idle last year, but in 1915 he managed the Brooklyn team in the Federal league. His home is in Rochester, N. Y., where he managed a team in the International league for many seasons.

**Rush to Coach Princeton.**

John Harlan (Speedy) Rush has been reappointed head coach of Princeton football for the coming year. The announcement was generally expected despite the fact that the season had a rather disastrous ending last fall. There was very little criticism directed against Rush.

# How to Do Things

To shrink yarn wrap it in white cloth and lay it in a steamer over boiling water for an hour. When dry it may be used without fear of shrinking.

To remove automobile grease or any dark, heavy grease from washable goods apply a small piece of butter and rub it in well, then wash with soap and rinse.

If the hands are covered well with soap and it is allowed to dry before polishing the stove the polish will not adhere to the hands and will wash off without any trouble.

Some folks really clutter up their rooms with furniture. That may be a wasteful thing to do. Just enough for use—no more—is the best rule. Then keep what you have in good condition.

When darning run the thread around the hole first, drawing up the edges until they lie flat on the darner. The hole will be much smaller, and the darning can be done more satisfactorily.

The difference between a stylish, good looking suit and a shabby one is largely a matter of pressing. Keep the creases and wrinkles ironed out and the seams flat and people may think you have a new suit.

To do away with the smell of fresh paint put a pail of water into which an onion has been cut up in the newly painted room overnight. If windows and doors are closed the odor will be absorbed by morning.

**NEW YEAR'S ARRIVAL.**

Just at the turn of midnight
When the children are fast asleep,
The tired Old Year slips out by himself,
Glad of a chance to be laid on the shelf,
And the New Year takes a peep

## WONDER ISLAND OF HISTORY.

**The Story of Sicily Is a Compendium of Medieval Romance.**

Sicily's history is as vivid and picturesque, as ferocious and creative and destructive, as mythical and intensely practical as the stories of all the rest of the world put together. And in beauty of nature, of climate, of man and of beast, the island is a paradise today, whether or not it was ever the workless, painless, passionless elysium where our first ancestors enjoyed all the good things of life without having to toil.

Nature itself, now in the guise of the misunderstood gods of old, now in convulsions or in quiet fertility that science has made plain to us, weaves its mysterious shuttle through and through the highly colored fabric.

And men—such men!—tower above their fellows in the story like Titans—Pindar, Aeschylus, Theocritus, Thucydides, Archimedes, the two great Hierons, Cicero, Verres, Diodorus, Hamilcar and Hannibal, Roger the Count and Roger the King, Belisarius, the great crusaders Richard of the Lion Heart and Louis the Saint of France, Charles of Anjou, Frederick II., the "wonder of the world," and Garibaldi. Even this partial list reads like a compendium of ancient and medieval romance and chivalry.—National Geographic Magazine.

## CURIOUS FRENCH DUEL.

**When Man and Wife Tried to Settle a Dispute With Swords.**

Charles Coypeau, Sieur d'Assouci, a French poet and musician of the seventeenth century, relates in one of his "Adventures" that his father and mother were one day engaged in a discussion upon questions of law when a dispute arose between them with regard to the precise signification and bearing of a provision in Justinian's code with respect to the rights of brothers.

Ultimately the quarrel waxed so furious that the disputants lost all control of themselves, defied each other to single combat and proceeded to settle their difference and determine the mind of the ancient legislator by a fight with swords.

This singular duel took place in their son's presence. Coypeau pere was an advocate by profession and a member of one of the French parliaments. Madame was exceedingly diminutive and had to wear exceptionally high pattens to approach the ordinary stature of women, but she was fierce and domineering in temper. The combat appears to have been a drawn battle, and the sense of Justinian remained as obscure and debatable as ever.

**As Blind as Love.**

As the German army approached Brussels in August, 1914, it was reported that the invaders might shell the city. In a high state of alarm the Chinese minister went to see our minister, Brand Whitlock, to see what Whitlock meant to do in the event of bombardment.

"I do not believe there will be any assault," said Whitlock. "My information is that the authorities will surrender Brussels to avoid any possibility of damage. But if there should be an engagement, and the Germans should use their heavy guns, I shall hoist the flag of my country over this building, and I shall call upon my fellow countrymen to come here for safety and protection. I advise you to do the same thing with regard to your people."

"But, Mr. Whitlock," murmured the Chinaman in his polite but labored English, "the cannon—he has no eyes!" —Saturday Evening Post.

**Castle Garden.**

Castle Garden was built by the United States in 1807 from the plans of Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Williams, C. E., and was called Fort Clinton. In 1822 it was ceded to New York city. In 1824 it became a place of amusement and about 1826 got its present name; in 1845 there were Ethiopian minstrels there; in 1847-9 theatrical companies played there; in 1850 Jenny Lind sang there; in 1855 it was closed as a place of amusement, and the commissioner of emigration took it as an emigrant depot; in 1870 it suffered from fire, and on July 9, 1876, it was burned to the ground. It was rebuilt at once. In 1892 the depot was moved to Ellis island, and Castle Garden reverted to the city, which in 1896 opened an aquarium there.

**Our First Battleship.**

The first American battleship was the old Texas of Spanish-American war fame. She was authorized by congress in 1886 and was completed six years later. The original battleship was little over 300 feet long and had a displacement of 6,315 tons. The present day Texas is 554 feet long and has a tonnage of 27,000 tons. The old Texas ended her days as a target for navy practice.—Exchange.

**Late Repentance.**

"You should never take anything that doesn't agree with you," admonished the physician.

The patient glanced around ruefully at his wife.

"If I had always followed that rule, Lizzie, where would you be?"—Chicago Herald.

**Plenty of Practice.**

"Have you any special qualification for this job you are asking for in our establishment as floorwalker?"

"Oh, yes, sir! My twins have just been teething."—Baltimore American.

Panama is rising three feet in each century.

# Home Cookery

**Roast Chicken With Turnips.**

Prepare the stuffing for the chicken as follows: Cut the heart, liver and gizzard into small pieces and boil until tender. In a hot skillet place a tablespoon of butter, then add dry bread cut into small cubes, a handful of raisins, one onion cut fine, a teaspoonful of sage and the boiled liver, heart and gizzard. Season with salt, pepper and a touch of nutmeg. Break over all one beaten egg and fry until nicely browned. Stuff the chicken until it regains its original shape and then sew up. Grease the skin with drippings, dredge with salt, pepper and flour, add one quart of water and put in hot oven. After fifteen minutes reduce the heat and roast until tender and nicely browned, basting often with the liquid in the pan. Place the turnips into salted boiling water after paring them and boil until nearly tender; then remove and place in the pan around the chicken, roasting all until done and basting frequently.

**Fried Apple Pies.**

Prepare a spicy apple sauce and drain thoroughly. For the crust take one cupful of milk, half a cupful of sugar, one egg, a pinch of salt, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder and enough sifted flour to make a dough that can be handled. Roll out on the pastry board into a thin sheet, cut out with a saucer, put a spoonful of the prepared apple in the middle, turn over, wet the edges and press firmly together. Fry in deep hot fat to a golden brown, drain for a moment or two on brown paper, dust thickly with powdered sugar and a little ground cinnamon and serve hot.

**Corn Chowder.**

Two cupfuls of sweet corn, four cupfuls of milk, four cupfuls diced potatoes, two tablespoonfuls of butter, one onion, eight crackers, salt and pepper and two cupfuls of boiling water. Put one-half of the butter in the pan, add the sliced onion and cook slowly for five minutes. Then add potatoes and corn with the boiling water. Cook twenty minutes and add salt and pepper. Break crackers into the dish and pour the chowder over them.

**Plum Pudding.**

One cup of chopped suet, one cup of molasses, one cup of milk, three cups of flour, one teaspoon of soda, one and a half teaspoons of salt, little ginger, clove, nutmeg and cinnamon, one-half pound of best seeded raisins, one-half pound best currants, one small bit thinly sliced citron. Mix and sift dry ingredients, add molasses and milk to suet, combine mixture, butter the pudding dish and steam three hours.

**Corned Beef and Onions on Toast.**

Slice eight or nine onions and fry in butter until a delicate brown. Season with salt and pepper lightly. Grind sufficient cold corned beef to make two cups and place over the onions. Let simmer on the back of the stove for a few minutes before serving. Then mix all together and place on well buttered toast.

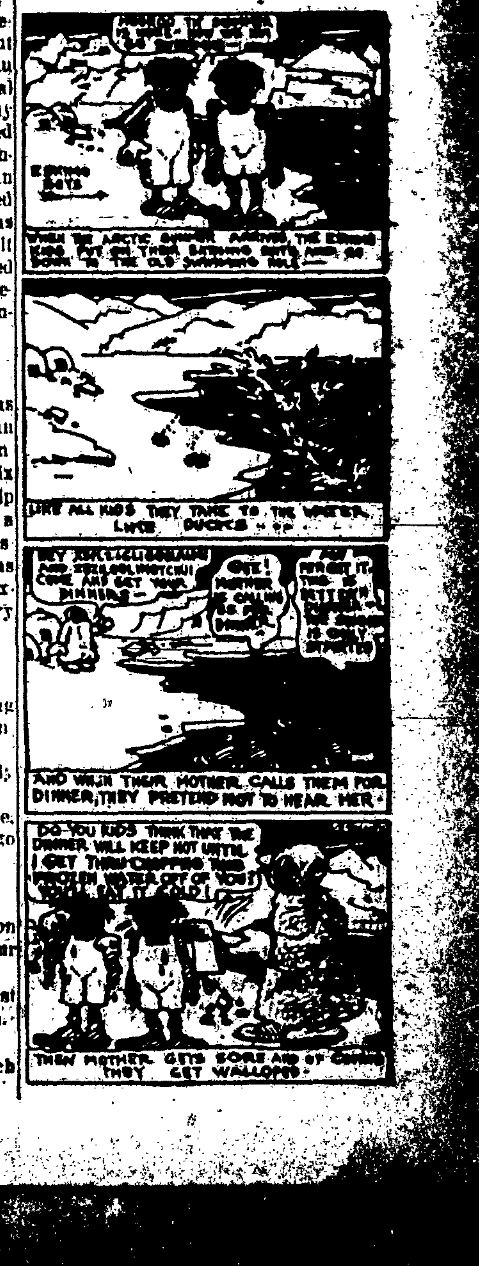
# Smartly Said

As a rule, the bank defaulter spends the money before he repents.

When one girl likes another girl there is seldom a man in the case.

The decent boy of the family usually gets married first.

There is a lot of science in pitching on a load of hay, but you can never interest a golf player in it.

When a sucker opens his mouth to say that he cannot be fooled you may know that he is easy.

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