

In the Arena of Sports

"Kitty" Bransfield, Umpire

When William E. ("Kitty") Bransfield makes his debut in the National League as an umpire he will find few in the game who knew him as a player. "Kitty" was for years first baseman of



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WILLIAM E. BRANSFIELD.

the Pittsburgh Pirates and since he was traded in 1904 to the Philadelphia Nationals Pittsburgh has failed to secure a first baseman who could acceptably fill his place. In the twelve seasons that have elapsed since Bransfield departed Pittsburgh has tried out no less than nineteen men at the first corner. After leaving the Pirates "Kitty" played the ball for Philadelphia, but eventually retired. It remains to be seen whether "Kitty" can handle the indicator as well as he could cover first base.

Golf Course For Ball Players.

An eighteen hole golf course will be added to the attractions at the Dover Hall club near Brunswick, Ga. This is the organization that baseball men are interested in, and it is understood that Ben Johns, n. Captain Huston and Colonel Ruppert have each contributed liberally toward getting the golf started. Donald Rose will lay out the course.

American Association Umpires.

Thomas H. Kelly, president of the American Association, announced the names of his umpires for the coming season. The list includes Bill Brennan, George Johnson, James Murray, Gerald Hayes, W. J. Catney, W. Field and L. P. Kemp.

Red Sox to Play Columbus.

An exhibition game between the world champion Boston Red Sox and the Columbus team of the American Association will be played at Columbus, O., on April 6.

What an Oklahoma Boy Did With an Acre of Land

The production of 100 bushels of corn on an acre of land is by no means common in any state, and especially in Oklahoma, where climatic conditions are none too reliable, writes a correspondent of the Country Gentleman. This feat was accomplished during the past year, however, by Earl Ross, a farmer boy of Oklahoma county, Okla. Earl's father, a renter, gave him an acre of land on what little creek bottom there was on the farm, and the boy went to work. The land had been in potatoes the year before and weeds had overgrown it to some extent.

In the early spring the land was plowed about eight inches deep, and then the disk harrow and the smoothing harrow were run over the plot three times before the crop was planted. The stand was pretty good and cultivation began immediately, even before the corn came up. In addition to being narrowed twice, the corn was cultivated five times. In fact, the county agent said Earl almost lived in that corn patch up to the time the crop was laid by.

But the work paid, for the yield was slightly more than 100 bushels of the acre. Along with that 100 bushel corn yield came other benefits. There is a father who sees more value in what he used to term "loose farming," and there is a wide awake boy who sees more in the future of farming than he was ever able to see before.

WEALTH.

Wealth is a weak anchor, and glory cannot support a man. This is the law of God—that virtue only is firm and cannot be shaken by a tempest.—Pythagoras. Lack of desire is the greatest riches.—Seneca. Oh, what a world of vile, ill favored faults Looks handsome in three hundred pounds a year! —Shakespeare.

Around the House

If plants freeze immerse them in cold water and keep them in a perfectly dark place until thoroughly thawed out, says the Farm Journal.

A funnel makes a handy egg separator. Break the egg into it, and the white will slip through, leaving the yolk unbroken.

If new tinware is rubbed over with fresh lard, then thoroughly heated in the oven before it is used, it will be less liable to rust.

Add a few drops of water to the gasoline used in cleaning clothing, and you will have no "ring" about the spot you have cleaned.

Put scraps of cold meat through the food chopper and stir these in cornmeal mush when making it to fry. This makes an appetizing dish for breakfast.

Tart apples are good baked with honey. Pare and core and place them in a baking dish with a lump of butter in each, pour over some honey and bake until soft.

Give the egg beater a drop of oil occasionally on its pivot and eggs, but wipe off all surplus oil before using, or it will splatter into what you are beating.

Keep the bottle of spirits of turpentine handy to the washroom. A few drops in wash water help to take the dirt out and give clothes a nice clean smell.

If you have some vegetables that seem to be getting a bit stale clip off the lower end and let them stand in fresh water for a few hours. Makes them fine.

Proper Care of Eggs Intended For Incubation

Poor hatches cannot always be charged to the hen or the incubator. Of great importance in securing a good hatch is the care of the eggs before they are placed in the incubator.

While it is not known definitely at what temperature eggs chill, it is safe to keep them in a temperature of 55 degrees to 65 degrees F. Eggs start to incubate at 68 degrees to 70 degrees F. and develop slowly, but they will not hatch successfully at that temperature. Many eggs are chilled through not being gathered often enough.

Incubator eggs can be kept in a simple tray by laying them on their sides. It is a good practice to turn them daily to prevent the yolk from adhering to the upper part of the shell. Washing hatching eggs removes the bloom and permits of too rapid evaporation.

To prevent diseases which might be caused from insanitary eggs the Pennsylvania State college school of agriculture and experiment station recommends dipping them in a disinfectant like alcohol or a 2 to 3 per cent solution. In any case the egg should not be rubbed.

It is impossible to tell whether an egg is fertile or infertile except by incubation. A common superstition is that long eggs produce cockerels and short eggs pullets. It is impossible, however, to tell sex by the shape of an egg. It is best to wait four to seven days after mating for hatching eggs. From that time fertility will last two or three weeks.

Light as Chaff

The Smart Porter.

"Here, you!" cried the fur coated gentleman to the porter on the suburban station. "Don't you think that truck is rather dangerous in that position?"

"What?" said the newly promoted colored porter. "Think it's pretty dangerous, does yer? Ain't dat nice yer to notice it? I s'pose yer gwine tell me where to put it? An' how 'bout de ticket office? Mebbe yer tink dat would look better out on de track. An' de switch tower? S'posin' we put her right over dere on Main street? P'raps you don't like where de station master's house am. Let's move her on to de up platform. Any more suggestions yer got ter make?"

The fur coated gentleman turned away and left the station. "Say," said the porter to the ticket taker, "did yer hear how I turned down dat old guy? Pretty good, don't yer think?"

"Well, I dunno about that," said the ticket taker. "He happens to be our traffic superintendent."

No Free Tobacco. Jock met his neighbor Sandy, who was smoking some exceptionally fine and fragrant tobacco sent by his son in America. Jock drew his own pipe from an inner pocket.

"Ha!" he said, "I'll be a match, Sandy?" he questioned.

The match was proffered, but nothing more.

"I do believe," said Jock, "I ha' 'ft me tobacco to home."

"Then," replied Sandy after a brief silence, "ye might as well give me back me match."—Country Gentleman.

New Head of Federal Trade Commission

William J. Harris of Georgia, the new chairman of the federal trade commission, succeeds Edward N. Hurley, resigned. He became a member of the commission about two years ago and has been vice chairman for the past year.

In April, 1913, Mr. Harris was appointed director of the census by President Taft.



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WILLIAM J. HARRIS.

ident Wilson and served in that bureau until he became a member of the trade commission. For many years he was prominent in the political life of Georgia and in 1914 was seriously considered as a candidate for governor. He is a son-in-law of the late General Joe Wheeler and is in the life insurance business.

Smartly Said

If at first you don't succeed try some other way.

Neither borrow nor lend without good security.

Be firm with your enemies and fairly so with your friends.

Admit your errors at least to yourself.

Conceal your troubles and tell your joys.

Don't do favors and take them out in advertising.

Fight off self pity as you would an enemy.

Analyze mistakes to solve future problems.

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Inspiration Miscellany

Cheerful Women

A cheerful woman is like a ray of sunshine wherever she goes. She not only does good to others by example, but she helps discontented and gloomy people to throw off some of their native melancholy and to emulate a little of her own cheerfulness.

The cheerfulness that persists in seeing the bright side of everything and discovers "the silver lining" where others perceive no break in the gray cloud must not be confounded with selfishness and carelessness. They are totally different attributes, quite antagonistic to one another.

A purely selfish and careless woman would be thinking so continually about herself that she would have no reserve force left in which to practice the hundred and one little thoughtful actions which come within the ken of the woman who has "cheerfulness" as her watchword and who endeavors to make her sisters more happy by imparting some of it to them.

Women who seem the embodiment of happiness are frequently misjudged. Superficial observers give them little credit for any depth of feeling, and imagine that they take the responsibilities and cares of life far too lightly when they do not go about with a gloomy countenance. It is only those who have been confined to a sickroom who know what a priceless treasure is that buoyancy of spirit and what hidden depths of feeling may be beneath the outwardly bright exterior.—Exchange.

A Father's Last Question. A New York business man suddenly said to his daughter, "Eileen, have I been a good father to you?" "Certainly you have. Why do you ask such a question?" she answered. There was no reply, and the girl, turning, saw that her father's head had fallen forward on his breast. She went to him and found that he was dead. It was only a case of heart failure, with nothing supernatural about it. Yet sometimes it seems as if Death sent a secret messenger ahead to warn the spirit of its coming, and the soul thus warned rises and awaits the Presence standing. No one could ask to die with a kinder thought in mind than that which this man had, nor can every daughter cherish so sweet a memory.—Youth's Companion.

Soft Molasses Cookies. Work three-fourths cupful of lard and three-fourths cupful of brown sugar together until creamy, using a wooden cake spoon; then add three-fourths cupful of molasses, two eggs well beaten, three-fourths cupful of spur cream mixed with one tablespoonful of soda, one tablespoonful of salt, one-half tablespoonful of ginger and flour to make a soft dough. Put in ice-box or cold place to chill. Toss on a slightly floured board and pat and roll to one-half inch in thickness, using half of the mixture at a time. Shape with a round cutter dipped in flour; put on a buttered sheet one-half inch apart and bake in a moderate oven.

Graham Crackers. Mix a quart each of graham and white flour with one cupful of sugar, four heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder, two teaspoonfuls of salt. Add sweetened sour cream or sweet-cream, omitting the soda—for a very stiff dough. Knead thoroughly, roll thin, cut in squares and bake slowly until crisp and light brown.

Veal Loaf. Three pounds of veal, one-half pound of pork chopped fine (or put through meat chopper), ten crackers rolled fine, four eggs well beaten, six teaspoonfuls melted butter, one tablespoonful salt, one teaspoonful pepper, one-half cupful sweet milk. Make into loaf and bake three hours, basting occasionally.

Savory Fried Apples. Fry a sliced onion until tender in bacon drippings. Add quartered and cored apples—pared or not, as you prefer. Fry until tender, then add sugar to taste and watch carefully to see that the apples brown without burning. This combination is as delicious as it is unusual.

Raising Turkeys. A turkey when hatched should be left in the nest until strong enough to stand alone. It does not require any feeding during the first thirty-six hours of its life. The hen and poult should be placed in a roomy coop on the grass, preferably short.

Ground bone or sand and plenty of clean, fresh-drinking water should be before them at all times. For the first feed use eggs boiled hard, chopped fine, with crushed shell also. Add a generous pinch of pepper, also a bit of finely chopped onion tops or alfalfa leaves, which are excellent.

Also feed milk curd pressed dry and sprinkled with pepper. In addition to this, feed prepared chick feed, which makes a fine balanced ration. If any signs of diarrhea appear, give cold tea and rice water to drink instead of water. Watch closely for lice, which are usually found on the head, under the wings and around the vent. Remember that lice are sure death to young turkeys.

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Grate a fresh horseradish root very fine. Cover it with fresh buttermilk. Let stand overnight. Strain through cheesecloth. Wash the face night and morning with this liquid.

Squeeze the juice of a lemon into a glass. With a small brush touch the freckle with the lemon juice several times daily.

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The oil furthermore wears out as the result of heat, friction and chemical disintegration. Although the instructions which come with a car advise the owner to drain off the old oil every 1,000 miles and replace with fresh oil, these instructions are not always heeded, under the false conclusion that as long as there is oil in the crank case there must be lubrication; hence burnt out bearings, fouled spark plugs, worn cylinders and carbonized motors are the result.

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Home Cookery

Vegetable Soup.

Take a shank of beef of about four pounds and crack it lengthwise once or twice. Put it on the fire with six quarts of cold water and let it come to a boil, skimming the grease as it rises to the top. When it is well skimmed add one quart of tomatoes, a few turnips, carrots, parsnips cut into small pieces, two onions cut in pieces and a little chopped parsley. Put the kettle containing the soup and vegetables on the back of the stove, where it should simmer and not boil. Let it cook slowly for four or five hours. If necessary, add boiling water from time to time so that you will have about the four quarts of soup when it is done.

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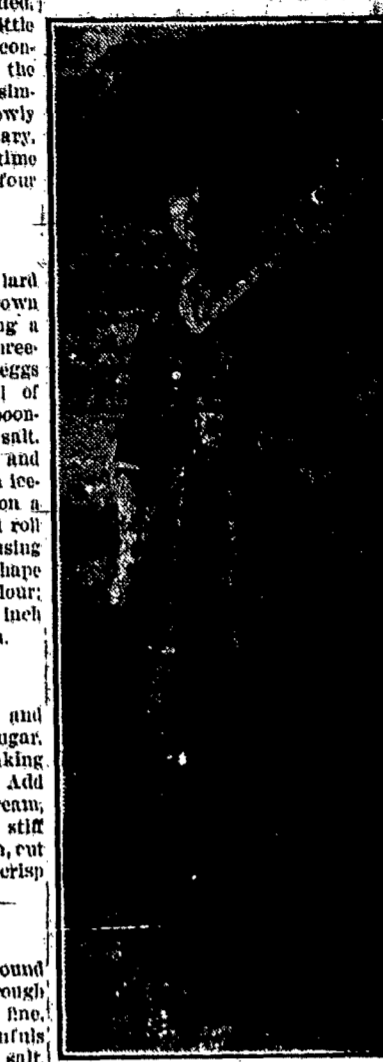
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What Women Like to Know

For Spring Wear

The Paquin gown here pictured is of beige taffeta, cut with puffed skirt and shirred pockets, which are lined with



PAQUIN GOWN.

white georgette crepe to match the nutlike bluish of the neck and sleeves. A flower cluster finishes the V neck.

Remedies For Colds

Wash a lemon, leave it whole, with the peel on, and bake like an apple until the pulp is thoroughly cooked; then cut through and scrape out the pulp and juice, rejecting skin and seeds. Sweeten with sugar, or preferably honey, and take when necessary to soothe the irritated membrane. This is an old fashioned cough mixture, but is still useful, and it may often be taken by persons whose ailments are upset by other cough remedies. Another of the old time cough remedies is faxseed tea, sweetened and flavored with lemon and licorice. Enough faxseed is boiled in water to make the mixture mucilaginous. It is then strained and flavored with both sugar and licorice. If stick licorice was used it was boiled with the faxseed.

Freckle Removers

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