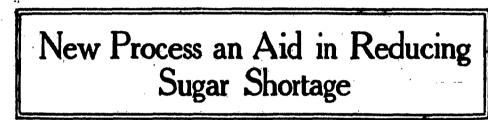


An interesting picture from Switzerland, the land of perpetual snow, where the dearly loved sports of coasting, skiing and skating are winter delights each remained immovable in his lage sunward is from the same source; unexcelled. This photo was taken at Murren. It shows two merry par- anddle. ticipants in the sport, ready for a "go" on their contrivances, ridden somewhat like a bicycle, except for the runners, which take the place of wheels.



The housewife may be experiencing continued difficulty in securing sugar, but this commodity might have been more scarce and the price much higher had not ice-cream manufacturers adopted.a new process suggested | case, by the agricultural experiment station of the University of Illinois.

CHE CATROLIO JOOBKAL

FOUGHT ON LONDON BRIDGE RESUME BURNING OF CLAVIE Long Ago English and Scotch Knights Curious Old Gustom in the Britlen Battled for Supremacy on His-Isles Stopped by the War, Has storic Structure; Been Revived.

Probably few of the millions who When the war flung the world into pass over London bridge know much confusion It laid its staying hand on of the romantic story of its predeces the oldest custom in the British isles, sor, which spanned the Thames for a most curious practice that has come ix centuries and a half with its long from the far off time of the druids and reet of houses and shops. had flourished from then without a This was the bridge that was a break until the year 1915. In Burgfamiliar spectacle to every Londoner head, a little fishing village on the and to every "country cousin" from Moray firth, this custom has been the days of Henry II, before Magna practiced from the very dawn of hu Charta was yet thought of, to the days of people still living. Three times the of the burning of the clavie, man society. It is the strange ritual

bridge was in danger of being de-The clavie is made of a half barrel stroyed by fire-once in its infancy in 1212, again when the great fire laid a long pole by which it is carried. A London low, and lastly, 17 years later, stone is used to hammer in the wood-In 1683 en pegs that serve for nails, for it is

This old bridge had witnessed many considered as unlawful to allow iron strange happenings, but one of the to touch the wood. Old tales tell how tic of them all, was when it served as a wicker basket with a fish inside used tilfing ground for two doughty druid lighted the first clavie, the sacriknights of the fourteenth century, John de Wells, a vallant English fice was something greater than a knight, who was their ambassador in fish. Within more recent times neither Scotland, had boasted that there was basket nor fish appears, but the clavie no such cavaller north of the Typed is filled with chips of wood and shavas the south could produce, and David ings plentifully sprinkled with tar. Eindsay, carl of Crawford, had picked The whole mass is set on fire by means

up the gauntlet the Englishman had of burning peat. With an oilskin coat over his shoulthrown down. The duel was arranged for St. George's day, 1390, and the ders, the clavie hearer lifts his burnscene of it was to be, of all places ing burden on his back and sets off in the world, London bridge. to the site of a Roman camp, a rocky promontory that thrusts itself out into On the day appointed the two gallant champions, John de Wells and the sea. Here a stone pedustal has been erected to hold the fire, David Lindsay, each clad in mail, took In this strange ritual druidical and up his position.

At the first onslaught the knights Christian customs are strangely intermet in the center of the bridge with woven. The lighting with peat Is paa terrific crash, but though their gan and harks back to the sacrificial

lances were splintered like matchwood fires of Baal. The circling of the vilto the druids, the sun was an imme-

A second course had a like result, diate object of worship. The use of no sturdy and so equally matched wooden pegs rather than of iron nalls were the antagonists; but in the third and the use of a stone instead of a course the assault of the Scottish hammer are Christian, for the early knight was so irresistible that De Christian would not use the lron with Wells was flung senseless to the which our Lord was nailed to the ground

Such was one out of hundreds of Why the custom lingered in quaint the strange sights old London bridge little Burghead we cannot tell. In had looked on before, in 1832, it van- 1915 the admiralty forbade the showshed altogether from a city in which ing of all lights seaward, and the It was evident it had "lagged super-clavie was left unkindled. This year, however, this sole British survival of fluous."

Somewhat Sarcastic. Senator James A. Watson of In- Youth's Companion, diana has a story about his first law

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essential food have saved approximately 30 per cent of the amount of sugar legging charge. It was a clear case ing the quality of the product. Of course, there is no way telling just how was the maximum sentence of \$500 great a saving this particular work of the university has meant to the state and nation, but it has certainly been large, because it has enabled ice-cream client at the county jall. manufacturers who used the suggestion to maintain output from the time the government cut their sugar rations to eighty per cent of the pre-war amounts to the present time.

Here is the suggestion that was sent out by the university: It was found that cane or beet sugar could be inverted by the simple process of heating in the presence of acid, the chemical reaction taking place result- for nothing," he was told. ing in the same products being formed as are formed when sugar is taken into the human body. And so 100 pounds of sugar, 44 pounds of water the convicted client. "I would have preciate music written for one hand." and 50 grams of powdered tartaric acid, mixed together and boiled from pulled a life sentence."-Washington

thirty or thirty-five minutes in a steam pressure kettle or open candy kettle, produced 140 pounds of syrup. The resultant inverted sugar syrup was not unlike strained honey in appearance and taste. It contained 71.4 per cent sugar, tasted considerably sweeter than sugar, did not crystallize, and mixed readily with the ingredients of ice-cream. It could be used in the same proportions as sugar-the amount necessary for ten gallons of icecream being six and one-half to seven pounds.

So successful did the tests prove that manufacturers immediately boy, Billy, 'ave six loaves and a pund adopted it and are continuing to use it today. It was readily seen that by out of work, and will yer rap the bed" for 15 or 25 cents. using the method the sugar supply could literally be stretched, for with cheaze in a bit of the situations vaonly 71.4 per cent as much sugar used as formerly, the same degree of cant advertisements of a newspaper, sweetness was obtained. There was thus a saving of approximately 300,000 | buter muslin, cos if the werst comes pounds out of every million pounds formerly used.

Out of a fund of \$30,000,000 available for its work this year, the against my entertaining any of my know." American Red Cross has set aside \$15,000,000 for European relief, \$13,- own friends or relatives, but we all 750,000 for use at home and \$1,250,000 for completing its program in have our little failings, and, taking it Siberia.

RED CROSS LAYS PLANS

FOR 1920

Substantial Sum Is to be Kept in Reserve in Case of

Sudden Disaster

In making public plans for carrying forward peace time activities, ; Dr. Farrand, head of the organization, declared that a considerable reserve must be held for emergency calls "incident to such possible events as the opening of Russia to intercourse with the United States." This determination, Dr. Farrand said, was reached after long and full consideration with government representatives in this country and Europe

With appeals infinitely beyond its resources, and unable to count on additions to its total fund during the year, the executive committee, Dr. Farrand said, found it "both wise and necessary to consider the application of its funds so that the soundest possible sense of proportion might prevail."

All obligations to soldiers, sailors and their families must be provided for, Dr. Farrand reported, while the Red Cross must be ready at the same time to meet relief demands due to disasters.

"We are pledged," he added, "to the establishment of a peace-time program in America for which \$13,750,000 will be made available. In considering this item it must be kept clearly in mind that while expenditures in this country arising directly out of the war remain high they should trapidly diminish, and while our work for establishment of peace-time undertakings will increase in some measure, this increase will be inconaiderable as compared with the reduction of war items."

In the last year and a half a vast majority of the makers of this semi- the youthful attorney was called to clined one-armed vet to the Red Cross, defend a fellow-citizen against a boot- says Stars and Stripes:

"Now, although I can practically formerly used and effected this saving without decreasing output or lower- against Watson's client. The outcome make my left arm.do the work of two. the old plano still has to be beaten. It and a year in prison. is still possible to play parts of melo-Next day Watson called upon his dies and even get in a bit of bass with a little cuteness, but there is always "I suppose you did all you could something missing.

for me," glumly admitted the convict-"Personally, I am not clever enough ed man. "What is your charge?" to provide that 'something." Others "A hundred dollars," stated Wasson, might. The left and right hands are "That's a lot of money, ain't it?" wanted for the correct interpretation rowled the client of a piece, but surely some enterpris-"Well, you can't get an able lawyer ing music writer could provide all the melody and harmony required for the "I suppose if I had hired a halfone-handed planist? There are thoudozen able lawyers like you," retorted sands of wounded men who would ap-

Star. In a cheap lodging house in William While the Sun Shines. streat. New York, an aged man died, One morning Mr. Jenkins, the proleaving a will showing that he was prietor of the village provision stores, wealthy enough to live in a brownreceived a letter which caused him to stone mansion in Fifth avenue. He indulge in a few imprecations at its was Edward Campion, aged sixty-five, cool effrontery. It ran as follows: Why he chose the habitat of the "Dear Sir: Will you let my little "down-and-outer" may remain a mys-

tery. The house is one of those where of cheaze on trust, as my 'usband is the unfortunate can get "bath and

In his will, Campion disposes of several valuable parcels of Manhattan and tie the bread in a lump of your property, as well as real estate in other sections. in addition to considerable to the werst and the old man don't cash, to two daughters and three sons,

find a job 'e'll have to borrer your pair of steps and a pail and go out winder cleaning."-Tit-Bits. cousin from the city were going round

Wonderful Husband.

the farm together, and the farmer was "Yes," said Mrs. Meek at the Womrapidly falling beneath the spell of the an's club, "John makes a model hustown maiden's eyes. You see, she band. If I never cook anything but knew the way to do it.

what he likes, if I never want him to "Now, that's a pretty scene," he go anywhere he doesn't want to, and said, pausing beside the fence of a never ask him for money, why, he is paddock in which a cow and a calf the easiest man to get along with that were rubbing noses together in bovine ever saw. Of course, he is a little love. "The sight of it makes me want fussy about his mending, and I often to do the same."

have to do his silk shirts over a few "Well, go on," said the sweet young times, and he has a wee prejudice thing placidly; "it's your cow, you

all in all-and you can say what you please—I call my John an ideal husband."-Life.

Sounded Bad.

was awfully proud of her hubby. One

day when the Smith-Joneses came

She was a professor's wife and she

Breaking a Record. We had bought a new phonograph, A number of friends called one evening and I was proudly pointing out the good qualities and fine workmanship.

Possibly Not What He Meant.

The farmer and his fair young

Ficking up a disk, I said, "This record is unbreakable. You can let the children play with it or drop it on the floor

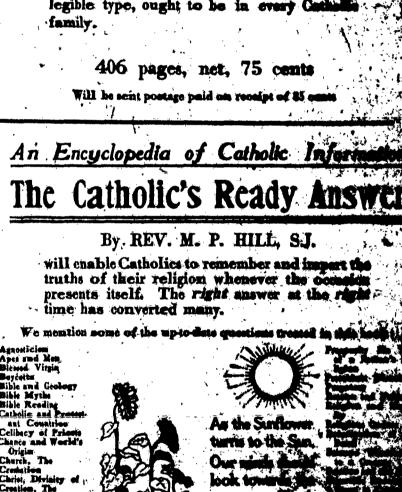
Pernambuco's Steady Growth.

along to tea, she told them all about and it will in no way injure it." I proceeded to demonstrate by dropping the record on the floor, when to my amaze-"He's a wonder, is my husband," ment and the extreme delight of my she said. "Just at this minute he is in audience it-broke in a thousand bits, the laboratory conducting some experiand I could only stammer, "It-it must ment. The professor expects to go have been de-defective."--Exchange, down to posterity-

B-r-r-1 Crash1 Rattle! Another B-r-r from the direction of the laboratory

Pernambuco is now the third largest city in Brazil and the largest com-"I hope he hasn't gone," said one of mercial center in the country. The active construction of buildings and

Edible Prune Pit. thoroughfares started a few years ago The stoneless prune; a Burbank has continued, notwithstanding the production, promises to become a pop- difficulties, encountered during the ular fruit. The fruit is practically the war. Pernambuco's growth and pressame as the ordinary breakfast prune, ent prosperity are due to its cotton with the exception that the stone in and sugar production, which, has the center is replaced by a soft kernel placed a great deal of wealth in the or seed that can be cooked/with the hands of the plantation owners, cot-



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