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Paul Kruger has refused to allow the American consul at Pretoria to take charge of British interests there during the war. He thinks Uncle Sam is a little too English, you know.

The probability is that Gen. Wood will be appointed civil governor of Cuba. No better selection for that position could be made. He was the first colonel of the celebrated Rough Rider regiment.

The Indianapolis News which has always been one of the best evening papers in the country has lately added some new and attractive features, notably the "Home Study Course" conducted by Dr. Andrews, superintendent of the Chicago public schools.

The Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Indiana adjourned yesterday after electing the following officers for the ensuing year:

Grand warden, George W. Bornwasser, New Albany; grand master, H. M. Chappell, Knightstown; deputy grand master, Thomas R. Jessup, Richmond; grand secretary, W. H. Leedy, Indianapolis; grand treasurer; James A. Wildman, Indianapolis, grand trustee, J. F. Wallick, Indianapolis. The grand warden made many appointments: Grand marshal, [illegible] W. Sowerwine, Wilkinson; [illegible] E. M. Jackson, Knightstown; grand conductor, S. C. Chase, [illegible] grand herald, P. A. Rowe, Dalton; grand chaplain, Rev. Samuel McNeal, Tiosa; grand instructor, J. E. Bodine, Indianapolis.

Cities that are ambitious to have a visit from Admiral Dewey understand that now is the time to press their claims. Wheeling, W. Va., has just received a promise from him to visit that town in February. To an Associate Press reporter in Washington yesterday the admiral said: "I received today the telegram from the mayor of Chicago supplementing the letter of the Dewey committee of that city inviting me to visit there on the first of May. You may say in your dispatches that all things being equal, barring any unlooked for circumstances, I shall accept the invitation to visit the city on the first of May. I have been thinking of some place to spend that day, the anniversary of the memorable day of two years before, and I don't know of any more agreeable city in which to spend it than Chicago."

Roberts claims that he cannot legally be deprived of his seat in congress because he married his three wives before the law was enacted prohibiting polygamy in Utah. But he ignores the fact that that law put a legal stop to polygamous relations. Eight years after the enactment of that law he was arrested for maintaining such relations and deprived of citizenship to regain which he took oath in 1895 to support the constitution and obey the laws, and especially to "obey the act of congress approved March 22, 1882, entitled 'An act to amend section 5352 of the revised statutes of the United States in reference to bigamy and other offenses.'" Two years after taking this oath the second Mrs. Roberts gave birth to a pair of twins of which Mr. Roberts did not deny the paternity. Hence a warrant has recently been issued in Utah for his arrest on the charge of continued practice of polygamy. Up to this time he has kept out of the state since the warrant was issued and thus escaped service of the same. But meanwhile he is occupying the position of a criminal evading justice.

RURAL ROUTES.

Report of Special Agent About Their Working in Indiana.

S. M. Dice, superintendent of the western division of the rural mail service, has received the annual report of P. S. Heath, first-assistant postmaster general, reviewing the work of the department. It contains a report of special agent E. H. Hathaway, who spent several months in Indiana, organizing routes in country districts. He says:

"One of the most important objections to doing away with fourth-class postoffices is the distances patrons have to go in order to register letters or packages. I have seen instances where, in place of a three-mile journey, which was formerly necessary, they had to go ten miles, after the rural delivery service had succeeded the fourth-class offices. If rural carriers could be authorized to do this registry business, it would be a great gain in favor of the free delivery.

"The salary paid rural mail carriers is not adequate compensation, when it is considered that they have to supply their own horses and vehicles. Sooner or later it will be found advisable to pay rural carriers enough salary so that they will be satisfied with little or nothing 'on the side' to help sustain themselves. As a rule, the carriers do not make $100 a year from all their outside commissions, and most of them would be glad to receive a salary of $500 a year and forego the right to do business for themselves while on duty.

"In Indiana the service has an advantage of an enthusiastic patronage, together with a country level in the main, traversed by excellent roads, thickly populated communities of intelligent and enterprising people, who show a willingness to do all that is required by the government in fitting up the routes with boxes. I inspected routes for nearly two months in Indiana and have found by careful observation more than 200 miles of road in the country have been graded and graveled by patrons of the rural mail routes in an endeavor to have them made a permanent thing."

THRASHER TRUST.

Prospects Said to Be No Brighter Than Ever Before.

Arthur A. McKain of this city, says the Indianapolis News, and other promoters of the proposed combine of thrashing machines, are in New York city trying to perfect the organization, which has been hanging fire for six months. Those on the inside say that the combine is no nearer completion now than it was several weeks ago. There are fourteen representatives of thrasher makers in Indianapolis. Indiana has at least three of the leading concerns out of the thirty-four figured on by the combine promoters. Rumley & Co. of Laporte, the Robinson company and the Gaar, Scott & Co. concern of Richmond are the biggest, while a smaller concern is located at Mt. Vernon.

AMUSEMENTS.

McIntyre & Heath's comedians who come to the Phillips next month early, consists of the following popular artists: Derenda and Breen, pedestal club jugglers; the three Nevaros; European acrobats; young America quintette, from Koster & Bial's; Bicknelle, dough moulder, from Folies Bergeres, Paris; Coulter and Starr, buck dancers and comedians in black; McWatters and Tyson; Miss Maud McIntyre, who sings coon songs; McIntyre & Heath [illegible] a new act. The show closes with [illegible] farce entitled "Georgia [illegible]" in which the entire com[illegible].

[illegible]TANT DIFFERENCE.

To [illegible] apparent to thousands, who th[illegible] themselves ill, that they are not afflicted with any disease, but that the system simply needs cleaning, is to bring comfort home to their hearts, as a costive condition is easily cured by using Syrup of Figs. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., only, and sold by all druggists.

HIGHER WAGES

Wanted by the Panhandle Firemen—Other Employes Also Want a Raise.

Information comes from Pittsburg that the meeting of the protective board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, held at the St. Charles hotel there during ths past two days, has developed into a demand for higher wages. A committee from the board called on General Manager L. F. Loree of the Pennsylvania lines west and proposed a higher rate of wages for the firemen. The demand was taken into consideration, but no answer was given, and until the railroad officials are heard from the men will not say what they may do.

The conductors, brakemen, switchmen and baggagemen in the Brotherhood of railway trainmen are considering the propriety of making a united demand for an increase in wages. Vice-Grand master J. J. Hanehan of the Brotherhood of locomotive firemen states that even if the demand is made and refused nothing like a tie-up could occur without the sanction of the federated board of the railway men's organizations.

Tourist Tickets to Florida and Winter Resorts in the South.

Ticket agents of the Pennsylvania Lines will answer inquiries about low fares to Florida and winter resorts in the south. Full information concerning tourist tickets, time tables, etc., will be furnished free. Persons contemplating a southern trip may secure valuable information on the subject by merely inquiring of the nearest representative of the Pennsylvania Lines, or by addressing W. W. Richardson, District Passenger Agent, Indianapolis. Say where and when you wish to go, how many will be in the party, starting point, etc., and you will be promptly posted. The inquiry will not cost much effort—it will save considerable bother in arranging details, as they will be looked after gratis.

Otis Stanley was fined $13.90 this morning and given a five days' sentence for drunkenness. He stated that that was a bad go, as he had intended getting married next week.

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LUCAS COUNTY.

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Celery King cures Constipation, Nervous Stomach, Liver and Kidney diseases. 7

MEN OF MARK.

General Fitz-Hugh Lee, when asked about Cuba, from which he has just returned, replied, "Cuba is a smile of the sea."

The Russian embassador, Count Cassini, likes nothing better than dinner parties and entertains in this manner usually every week.

Some of the intimate friends of President Kruger who have had the pleasure of dining with him say that he closes his dinner with a big cup of black coffee, hot enough to scald hair off a dog.

The Duke of Devonshire possesses a book for which his father refused an offer of $100,000. It is Claude Lorrain's "Book of Truth," the rarest book in Europe and an heirloom in the family.

Captain William Edwards of the Princeton varsity football eleven is one of the biggest and strongest men who ever played in the college team. He is a man of heroic stature, standing 6 feet 2 in his stocking feet and weighing 240 pounds.

Colonel Baden-Powell, the veteran South African warrior, is an excellent officer, a good sportsman, an inimitable entertainer and a bit of a literary swell to boot. He went through the two Matabele wars and gained experience, honor and no wounds.

Ex-Senator Henry P. Dawes of Massachusetts celebrated his eighty-third birthday recently by entertaining the Monday Evening club, a literary society, at his home in Pittsfield. Mr. Dawes read a paper on "The Duties and Functions of the United States Senate."

James S. Galloway of Hillsdale, Mich., has just purchased the whole of Morgan county, Ont., 39¼ square miles, for the white pine timber upon it. He could cut nearly if not quite 100,000,000 feet, but intends to hold most of it, awaiting developments. He paid $300,000.

Lieutenant Commander T. B. M. Mason of the navy, who died a few days ago, was baptized as Theodorus Bailey Myers, but he took the name of his mother's family, Mason, to heir the fortune left by the family, the income of which was between $40,000 and $50,000 a year.

Alfred J. Newton, the new lord mayor of London, is one of the largest manufacturers of yeast in the world. He is also a heavy owner of steamships and interested in many other mercantile enterprises that go to make London famous. He is only 50 years old and was born at Hull.

Sir Guy de Lusignan is a direct descendant of his namesake, the king of Jerusalem, founder of the Knights Hospitallers, who after his defeat by the Turks in 1060 A. D. founded the order of St. Catherine and ruled Cyprus, afterward taking up the cause of the Armenians. Sir Guy is well to do and lives at Neuilly, near Paris.

The only son of a prizefighter who ever amounted to anything, it is said, is the Right Hon. William Court Gully, speaker of the British house of commons. His father, John Gully, a butcher and afterward a prizefighter, grew rich and was a member of parliament for Pontefract in 1835. Speaker Gully incidentally receives a salary of $25,000 a year.

SOME LITTLE KNOWN FACTS.

There are scores of places in this country where only one mail comes every 14 days.

Not 6 per cent of all the women in America spend as much money as $50 per year on their clothes.

Only 18 per cent of all the families in America employ domestic help, leaving 82 per cent without even one servant.

Out of 12,000,000 American families the income of 4,000,000 of these families is less than $400 each per year, and the incomes of nearly 80 per cent of the entire number are less than $1,000 each per year.

If all the dressmakers known to exist in America worked 24 hours of each day for a whole year without stopping for sleep or meals, they would still be able to make only one dress apiece for less than seven-eighths of the women of America.

Ask the average person where the central point of area is in the United States, and he will fix it somewhere in Illinois. Tell him it is nearer San Francisco, and he will be incredulous until he remembers that Alaska is within the boundaries of Uncle Sam.—Edward Bok in Ladies' Home Journal.

MULE TRACKS.

It is quite certain that the American army mule is not a party to the alleged Anglo-Saxon alliance.—Washington Post.

Those army mules in South Africa seem determined to turn the sanguinary struggle into a tremendous boom for the automobile battery.—Detroit Free Press.

We are confident those Missouri mules would not have permitted themselves to be stampeded if they had been fighting for their own country.—Kansas City Journal.

With thousands of Missouri mules enlisted both on the side of the Boers and the British, the contest in South Africa cannot help being stubborn.—St. Louis Republic.

The mule, whether in peace or war, is a subject which should be approached with a feeling of profound respect. From every point of view the subject is one to promote gravity.—Atlanta Journal.

MINCE MEAT.

How to Prepare This Popular and Delectable Compound.

Ten pounds of top of round steak, three pounds of suet, one quart of Porto Rico molasses, three pounds of brown sugar, two heaping teaspoons of ginger, two heaping teaspoons of mustard, one heaping teaspoon of black pepper, one tablespoon of cloves, one tablespoon of ground nutmeg or grate six large nutmegs. Never use allspice or mace or essence of any kind. One-half pound stick cinnamon put with one pint of vinegar and one cup of water, boil 15 minutes steady and strain; three lemons (large ones), the outside peeled very thin so as not to get any of the white. Chop fine with one-half candied lemon or orange and piece of citron just as large. It makes a small cupful. Two pounds of raw salt pork, chopped fine, after taking off the rind, three pounds of whole table raisins. Boil the meat until tender, pick to pieces when cool and pick out all gristle. Chop fine, pick the suet to pieces, taking out all skin and fiber. Chop fine, mix with meat and salt to taste.

Use a three gallon jar to mix in, add molasses, sugar and spices, cinnamon, vinegar, citron, lemons, the inside pulp of the three. The salt pork should be chopped fine. Turn a cup of boiling water over the pork to separate it. The adding of this pork gives a fine flavor. Add raisins and if you like two pounds of currants. After all is mixed add twice as much apple as you have mixture, chopping fine, with peel on, taking out the cores. Save your pot of liquor from the meat and moisten the mince meat with it, mixing all together with the hand, as that does it more thoroughly. Sweeten to taste, and if any more spice is needed add to it, but do not let one particular spice predominate. Never cook mince meat. It keeps perfectly in a cold place. Cooking kills the high flavor and gives a flat taste. This recipe will make enough for a small family for the winter. With other kinds of pies it grows very rich.—Boston Globe.

How to Care For Cut Glass.

Cut glass ware is both valuable and beautiful and should be carefully treated when cleaned. It should, in the first place, be washed in warm water to which have been added a few drops of that invaluable cleansing agent, ammonia. Having thoroughly rinsed them, brush each piece separately with a soft brush dipped in whiting, and then, when the white powder is washed off, polish the glasses, which should drain for a minute or two, with tissue paper, which puts on a splendid gloss.

How to Make Salt Cod Chowder.

Fry out the fat from one-fourth pound of bacon or salt pork cut into bits and into it saute two onions cut in rings until they are golden brown in color. Pick a pound of salt codfish into small pieces, rinse in cold water, drain, cover with cold water and set on the back of the range to heat, but not to boil. In about two hours add a scant quart of potatoes, pared and sliced, and a dash of pepper. To the onions and pork in the frying pan add a cup of boiling water, strain the contents over the potatoes and cook until they are tender. Then add one cup each of scalded cream and milk and salt and pepper to taste. Put six or eight crackers, broken in halves, in a serving dish, pour in the chowder and serve.

How to Cook Frogs' Legs.

To cook frogs' legs, young and of medium size, clean them, wipe dry, dip in well seasoned beaten egg, roll in fine dry crumbs and fry in deep fat to a rich brown. Arrange them on a hot platter and garnish with parsley. Large legs may be treated exactly as young chickens—broiled, fried or stewed—each manner giving a delicious result. Of course frogs' legs should be fresh to be good.

How to Clean Tapestry.

Tapestry and cretonne may be cleaned and revived by this process: Cut up some soap into shreds, allowing four ounces of soap to each quart of water, and boil to a jelly. Have ready two tubs of pretty hot water. Add to this enough boiled soap to make a good lather. Add two handfuls of bran to prevent the colors running. Wash quickly with little rubbing, first in one and then in the other tub, and then rinse out in either salt and water or vinegar and water. Shake well to get rid of the bran and dry at once. Starch in a thin boiled starch, roll tightly in a clean cloth, mangle and iron with a moderately hot iron.

How to Prepare Rennet.

To prepare rennet take out the stomach of a calf just killed and scour it with salt and water both inside and out. Let it drain and then sew up with two large handfuls of salt in it and keep it in the wet salt. As it is required soak a bit in fresh water.

How to Make Oyster Pie.

Prepare the crust and line the pie dish. Put a layer of oysters in the bottom of the dish, season with spiced pepper and a little salt and continue in this manner until the dish is filled. To about one pint of jellied chicken stock add the liquor from the oysters, a blade of mace and a cupful of mushrooms peeled and broken into pieces and sauted in two tablespoonfuls of butter. Heat to the boiling point, skim and strain and season with salt and pepper. Then pour into the pie, cover with the crust and bake about half an hour. Before serving add a cup of stock or more to the pie.

How to Make Bean Boulettes.

Press two cupfuls of baked beans through a colander. Add one tablespoonful each of molasses and vinegar and a saltspoonful of cayenne. Beat well together, form into small balls, egg and bread crumb them and fry in deep, smoking hot fat.

A Tall Ship.

One of the handsomest sailing ships on the seas, the new steel four master Edward Sewall, arrived at Baltimore from Bath the other night to load her maiden cargo of 5,000 tons of coal for San Francisco, says the Baltimore American. She is 351 feet over all. Her lower and top masts measure 137 feet and topgallant masts 75 feet, making her masts 212 feet high. She was constructed in 108 working days and cost $160,000.

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THE PAGE'S DIFFICULTY.

He Told His Troubles Right Out at the Wedding.

A good story comes from Atlanta, but the incident happened several seasons ago. The occasion was a swell church wedding. The edifice had been gloriously decorated. The bride, surrounded by a company of pages, flower girls and maids of honor, was slowly passing down the aisle, while the prospective bridegroom and his best man and the officiating clergyman were taking their places. The church organ was pealing forth the sounds as of joyous wedding bells. Fashionable people dressed for the occasion occupied the seats of the handsome church.

It so happened that one of the pages had in the rush of business preparatory to dressing for the occasion been turned over to the care of a nurse. As he proceeded down the main aisle of the church in company with the other youngsters, who in white satin suits were doing the honors of each respective household, he suddenly espied his mother seated in one of the pews.

At this point the organist began playing softly as the wedding party passed to the altar. Then, above the gentle strains of music clear as a bird could be heard the voice of the aforesaid small boy.

"Mamma," he shrilly cried, "nurse put on my panties wrong side before, and I can't hardly walk!"

Of course the horrified mamma could do nothing but blush scarlet, but lifted a prayer that the young scion would keep still from that time on. And he did and received a hearty kiss from the bride at the close of the ceremony. This is a true story and can be vouched for by those who attended the wedding.—Galesburg (Ga.) Mail.

ANCIENT ARITHMETIC.

Examples That Were Used In Egypt 3,600 Years Ago.

Probably the oldest copy book for home lessons in arithmetic was recently unearthed in Egypt. The papyrus, which was found in excellent condition, dates from the period about 1700 B. C.—that is, about 100 years before the time of Moses, or almost 3,600 years ago. It proves that the Egyptians had a thorough knowledge of elementary mathematics almost to the extent of our own. The papyrus has a long heading, "Direction how to attain the knowledge of all dark things," etc. Numerous examples show that their principal operations with entire units and fractions were made by means of addition and multiplication. Subtractions and divisions were not known in their present form, but correct results were obtained nevertheless.

Equations are also found in the papyrus. Among the examples given is this one: Ten measures of barley are to be divided among ten persons in such a manner that each subsequent person receives one-eighth of a measure less than the one before him. Another example given is: There are seven men, each one has seven cats, each cat has eaten seven mice, each mouse has eaten seven grains of barley, each grain of barley would, if cultivated, have yielded seven measures of barley. How much barley has been lost in that way?

The papyrus also contains calculations of area, the calculation of the area of a circle and its transformation into a square, and finally calculations of the cubic measurements of pyramids.—Philadelphia Record.

The Fate of Admiral Byng.

Admiral John Byng was the fourth son of the Earl of Torrington and served in the British navy, rising to be admiral of the red in 1748, when he was 44 years old. In 1756 he was sent with a badly equipped fleet to relieve Minorca, threatened by the French. He reached Minorca after the French had got there. His second in command, Rear Admiral West, drove them back, while Byng kept his ships out of action. In a day or two he sailed to Gibraltar, leaving Minorca to its fate. He was tried for treachery and cowardice, but acquitted. The court martial convicted him of not having done his best to relieve the island, and under the application of article 12 of the British naval code of those days he was condemned to be shot. The ministers took him as a scapegoat, and he was shot on the quarter deck of his own flagship, the Monarque, in Portsmouth harbor on March 14, 1757.

A Text That Caught.

The following extraordinary coincidence occurred at Tinwald recently: A young preacher, who has lately married, was planned to take the morning service, but, by a misreading of the plan, he mistook his appointment for an evening one. Consequently the congregation gathered on the Sunday morning waited in vain for his appearance. Thereupon one of the office bearers of the church present undertook the service. Totally unaware that the absent preacher had recently married, he electrified and amused his audience by announcing as his text, "He has married a wife, and therefore he cannot come."—New Zealand Herald.

The Business For Him.

Little Charles—Sister told mamma yesterday you was born to be a politician.

Mr. Skimpley—A politician? I wonder why she thinks so.

Little Charles—She says you can do so much talkin without committin yourself.—Chicago Times-Herald.

FACTS IN A FEW LINES.

Eggs without shells are shipped from Russia to England.

Hundreds of Americans are at work in Russian factories.

Bees raised in Texas are shipped to all parts of the world.

Electricity is suggested as a substitute for the guillotine in France.

Prices in fashionable London restaurants are increasing gradually.

The average wages of a domestic servant in London is $1.88 per week.

Australia is to have a naval reserve modeled on that of the United States.

Last year the income tax yielded Great Britain a revenue of $22,500,000.

Meal made of corncobs, ground, is used to adulterate many food products.

Women employed on Japanese tea farms work 12 hours and are paid 15 cents a day.

The cable rates between South Africa and England are to be reduced to 4 shillings a word.

Sebastian, a big black cat owned by a Cumberland (Md.) woman, wears a diamond earring in each ear.

A Brooklyn man says every woman says "It seems to me" at least six times when she makes a speech.

Japan will not restore captured ships to China, but will sell her new ally 240,000 Mauser rifles and 24,000,000 rounds of ammunition at a low rate.

There are no textile mills of any importance in the Transvaal, and as a consequence large quantities of cottons and woolens have to be imported.

So many Chinese officials are resigning that the empress dowager has ordered the punishment of those who apply for leave without pressing necessity.

The cheapest postal service in the world is that of Japan, where for two sen—about seven-tenths of a penny—letters are conveyed all over the empire.

The government of India is disposed to employ electricity as its motive power in the great central factories, which it intends to set up in Jubbulpore.

All street railway companies operating in the city of New York are required by law to run at least one closed car in every four at all seasons of the year.

In Germany, during the year ending July, 1898, out of 387,991 persons looking for employment, 222,595 found occupation by means of free employment agencies.

The Japanese, prompted by naval exigencies, are about to cut a sea to sea canal, so that their smaller vessels can pass quickly from the Pacific to the sea of Japan, and vice versa.

The output of sardines on the Maine coast is likely to be increased from 900,000 cans in 1898 to 2,000,000 cans this year, in consequence of the introduction of a new canning machine.

The Siamese are much impressed with the powers of the sewing machine, and to meet their demand for these helps to busy women some American firms lately sent a shipment to Bangkok valued at $103,750.

The results of a series of experiments made by German dairy experts show that milk that has been heated for 15 minutes at 75 degrees C. scarcely loses any of its capacity of being converted into cheese.

The new street cleaner is a combination of the ordinary cleaner with a revolving brush and the water cart. When the vehicle is set in motion, the water sprinkles the ground and then the brush sweeps aside the moistened dust and rubbish.

The only place where "black diamonds" are found is in the Brazilian province of Bahia. They are usually found in river beds and brought up by divers. Others are obtained by tunneling mountains. The largest specimen ever found was worth $20,000.

The beer which is consumed throughout the world in a single year would make a lake 6 feet deep, 3¾ miles long, a mile wide, or 2,319 acres in area. In this vast lake of beer we could easily drown all the English speaking people, to the number of 120,000,000, throughout the entire world.

The notion that skyscrapers are of modern American origin is controverted by Professor Lanciani, who notes that in ancient Rome, in the time of Augustus, laws were passed, on the ground of danger from fires, against the high buildings, some of which reached an altitude of 10 to 12 stories.

Canals, and particularly ship canals, are costly undertakings. The Suez canal cost $100,000,000, the Manchester ship canal $90,000,000, the North sea canal $37,500,000, the north Holland and the Corinth canals $15,000,000 each, while the partly completed Panama canal has swallowed up over $250,000,000.

India has immense coal deposits, from which the output in 1896 was 3,537,820 tons. In the Bengal district alone the Raniguru and Baraker collieries are estimated to contain 14,000,000 tons; the Karampara collieries, 8,800,000,000 tons; the Bokara collieries, 1,500,000,000 tons, and the Djherria collieries, 465,000 tons.

Interest in the medical mission in foreign lands is constantly increasing. Natives in the north of Africa come long distances for treatment, and wild Bedouin characters, encouraged by the sultan and living in lawless independence, who treat their own women as cattle, are singularly amenable to the women missionaries.

The cost of operating the great steamship Oceanic is between $40,000 and $50,000 per month. The extreme earning capacity of the Oceanic is about $90,000 per month. When the cost of repairs, insurance and the deterioration in the value of the ship itself are taken into account, the profit remaining represents only a fair return on the investment of $4,000,000.

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THE MOHAVE INDIANS

THEY ARE THE MOST SUPERSTITIOUS OF ALL OUR RED MEN.

After Death Their Spirits, They Say, Are Carried to Heaven In the Smoke From Their Burning Bodies—Those Not Burned Turn to Owls.

J. K. Meekinson, formerly a government special agent, says that the Mohaves are the most superstitious tribe of North American Indians.

"The Mohaves," said he, "believe in a god Mat-o-we-lia. He is the maker of all things. He has a son, whom they call Mas-zam-ho, who is king of the departed spirits. Mat-o-we-lia, they say, conducts the movements of the sun, moon and stars. He sends the rain and the sunshine and decides whether the season shall bring feast or famine. He guards the hunting ground. Mas-zam-ho has full charge of affairs in heaven, or White Mountain, as they call it.

"They believe that the spirit dead go up to White Mountain in smoke and that all the personal property destroyed in the flames with the deceased will go with him. There pots are constantly boiling, filled with the choicest things to eat. They invariably cremate their dead that Mas-zam-ho may be appeased, and the funeral pyre is made ready for the corpse as soon as life is extinct, in order that the spirit journey to White Mountain may be accelerated.

"I witnessed about 12 months ago the cremation of an influential subchief, whose death was deeply mourned. The funeral pyre was made near the temporary village, just off the reservation at Fort Mohave. Shortly after nightfall all the inhabitants of the village gathered about the pyre. The body, wrapped in a gorgeous Mohave blanket, with the fringes artistically worked in beads, was carried on the shoulders of four braves from the lodge to the platform of inflammable firewood.

"Following the pallbearers came the women and children and near relatives. The family group crouched near the pyre. The chief of the medicine men offered first words of praise and thanks to Mat-o-we-lia for making the elements favorable to an easy passage and then a supplication to Mas-zam-ho to receive the spirit of the departed chieftain with due honors at White Mountain.

"Then the dead body was placed on the pyre, the fire was lighted, the crackling flames swept fiercely up about the corpse, and the spirit was on its way to its eternal home on White Mountain. Friends and relatives chanted songs of lamentation and moaned piteously while the flames devoured the body. At short intervals the four pallbearers cast upon the flames personal property of the deceased in the expectation of its going up in smoke with him to White Mountain, thereby adding to his comfort.

"The mourners also contributed some of their choicest personal belongings, so that in his new and eternal home the absent one might have about him remembrances of their affection. To the women of the immediate family was granted the privilege of contributing portions of their hair to the flames. After the incineration was complete Mohave etiquette forbade the friends and relatives to eat salt or wash themselves for four days.

"It is a belief firmly fixed in the Mohave mind that all Mohaves who die and are not cremated turn into owls. When an owl is heard hooting at night near their village, they think it is the spirit of some dead Mohave returned. If by chance an owl falls into their hands, the bird is properly cremated, in the belief that the wandering spirit of its Mohave occupant will thereby be quieted and thus enabled to approach Mas-zam-ho, confident that its petition to be allowed to enter the promised land and thereafter rest in peace among the other good Indians of White Mountain cannot be refused.

"Until very recently the Mohaves held yearly a mourning festival. It was the annual burning of personal property in honor of the departed members of the tribe. At the hour deemed most propitious by the medicine men to both Mat-o-we-lia and to Mas-zam-ho the Mohaves assembled in an open spot near their village, a high knoll usually being selected. The pyre had been prepared as though for the cremation of the dead. When the fire was hottest, each member of the tribe contributed to the flames some bit of personal property held in choice esteem.

"As the thick smoke floated skyward the mourning Indians were consoled for the loss of objects of personal adornment, apparel or of hunting implements by their firm belief that the curling smoke rings were wafted straight to Mas-zam-ho, king of the departed spirits, and that their loved ones on White Mountain were soon in possession of these proofs of their lasting love and remembrance.

"Under the influence of their agents the Mohaves have abandoned the annual sacrifice to the dead, and, except at Needles, off the reservation, it is not now observed."—Washington Letter in New York Sun.

Dancing.

In the earlier ages dancing was advocated as a cure for sickness. Lycurgus brought back from India and Egypt to Lacedaemonia notions of medico-religious dances and enacted that the Spartan youth should be brought up gracefully and symmetrically. In Greece Socrates commended dancing with a view to educating the mind and body, for he looked on it as a health giving device.

Somebody remarks that they who sneer at golf know nothing about it. But it may also be said that many who know nothing about the game are most enthusiastic in its praise.—Boston Transcript.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

How to Practice Economy In Time, Money and Labor.

Among the small crosses that many housewives have to annoy them is a bathtub of uninviting appearance in a room that is spotlessly clean and neat otherwise. A little work and a small outlay of money will enable one to change its appearance wonderfully. Wash the tub inside and outside, then apply two coats of common paint of the color desired, allowing each coat plenty of time to dry, and follow this with two coats of enamel paint of the same color. You will have a tub that looks well and is easily kept clean.

A few sticks of solder that may be purchased at any drug store will often be found very convenient about the house. If the teapot, washbasin or dishpan begins to leak, it is a very easy matter to mend it at home, instead of hiring some one to do it, and many a dime may be saved thereby.

Do not put feather beds and pillows in the sunshine to air, as the heat draws the oil out of the feathers and gives them a rancid smell. Choose a cool, shady place and a windy day to air pillows.

A liberal use of borax in cleaning the kitchen sink and drain pipes is recommended by the best physicians, for it effectually cleanses and purifies them.

A corner closet is a very convenient arrangement in the kitchen, does not take up much room and is not expensive. The shelves may be used for dishcloths, cloths for cleaning lamps, stove and shoe blacking and brushes, nails, hammer, coal oil can, lantern and other articles that are very necessary, but unsightly.

A useful piece of furniture is made of a soap or cracker box, with the lid fastened on with hinges. This serves two purposes, for it is an ottoman and a receptacle for slippers and shoes. Fasten casters under the corners so it can be moved easily, pad the top with several thicknesses of old comfort or quilt and cover the top and sides with cretonne, denim or other suitable materials fastened in place with brass headed tacks. Line the box with cambric.—Christian Work.

How to Make Bread Raspings.

Put aside all the odd pieces of bread crust for a week. Then place in a tin in the oven overnight, leaving the door slightly open. In the morning they will be quite crisp and hard. Crush on a board with a rolling pin till very fine and preserve in a tin for use. These raspings will be found much better than fresh bread crumbs for frying.

How to Cream Beans.

Creamed beans are delicious. Soak one pint of beans overnight. The next morning boil until perfectly soft. Put through a sieve and add one teaspoonful of salt and a saltspoonful of pepper. Make a smooth cream sauce by putting a tablespoonful of butter in a saucepan and stirring in a tablespoonful of flour. Add slowly a cupful of milk, and when sauce is thick stir into the beans and beat well. Pour into a baking dish, cover the top with fine bread crumbs and bake brown.

How to Bake Cabbage.

More often than not cabbage is ruined by being cooked too much. Take a head of cabbage and cut as fine as though it were to be used for cold slaw. Put it into a pan and then fill the pan about two-thirds full of sweet milk. Season well with pepper, salt and a little butter. Put this into a second dish partly filled with water and bake until tender.

How to Fry Brussels Sprouts.

Wash the sprouts well and remove every leaf that has turned yellow or faded. Put them on the fire in a saucepan with plenty of hot, salted water, and cook rapidly. Strain and cool. Put in a stewpan two tablespoonfuls of butter, heat it and add the sprouts with a seasoning of salt, pepper and grated nutmeg, and fry them lightly, being careful to keep them whole, and powder them with chopped parsley. Serve in a hot dish.

How to Make Clam Chowder.

Twenty-five clams, one-half pound salt pork chopped fine, six potatoes sliced thin and four onions sliced thin. Put pork in kettle after cooking a short time and add potatoes, onions and juice of clams. Cook 2½ hours and then add clams. Fifteen minutes before serving add two quarts of milk.

How to Make Liver Paste.

Take half a pound of liver, two ounces of ham, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley, pounded mace, pepper, salt, essence of anchovy and an ounce of butter. Cook the liver and chop it finely; also the ham. Then pound together in a mortar, add the pepper, salt, parsley (finely chopped), pounded mace, a little butter, and, lastly, the essence of anchovy. Mix and pound together thoroughly, press the mixture into a glass dish and cover with clarified butter.

How to Wash Colored Silk.

Dipping any colored silk in strong salt and water before it is washed will preserve its color and brightness and prevent the colors running.

How to Make Baked Stew.

Chop finely one onion, some sour mixed pickles and a tablespoonful of parsley. Measure these, add the same quantity of bread crumbs and sprinkle the savory mixture on the bottom of a buttered pie dish. On this place thin slices of cold meat and layers of mixture until the dish is full and the ingredients used up. Pour in a teacupful of stock, cover the dish with a short crust and bake until thoroughly cooked.

How to Save Earthenware.

If new earthenware be soaked for 24 hours in cold water before using, it will be less liable to crack.