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GHOST WRITERS

The employment of "ghost writers" by statesmen and others to write speeches for them is a very ancient custom, according to Senator Ashurst of Arizona, who himself is one of the greatest of contemporary orators.

He said, it seemed well established that Nero, the Roman emperor, delivered speeches written by his prime minister, Seneca, and that Julius Caesar had a ghost writer named Hirtius. Ashurst quoted Senator Vandenburg as authority for the statement that Alexander Hamilton wrote all but four lines of George Washington's famous Farewell Address.

The ghost writers have often caused their clients much embarrassment by cribbing from the writings of others. The most tragic instance of the sort is told by Speaker John White of the Twenty-Fifth Congress, who employed a writer to prepare his farewell speech to the House.

It seems, Ashurst said, that the writer copied extensively from the farewell address of Vice-President Aaron Burr, delivered before the Senate in 1805. When the source of the language used was discovered, White was "so overcome with mortification and disgust that he committed suicide.

Which is a warning that if a statesman must have a ghost writer, he should be careful to select one that won't let him down.

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Recent barter negotiations for the exchange of American cotton for British rubber emphasizes the indispensability of both commodities in the modern world. But while cotton has been used for 3,000 years or more, the rubber industry is of comparatively recent development.

Early explorers found natives of Central and South America using the substance now called rubber in various crude ways, but little attention was paid to it and it was not until about 1770 that scientists began trying to make practical use of the peculiar material.

In 1839, Charles Goodyear, an American inventor, discovered a method of vulcanizing rubber which he later improved and patented, and thus a new industry was born. By 1875 the world was using about 9,000 tons of crude rubber annually.

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TIP YOUR HAT TO TIP-TOP TOPPERS FOR ICE CREAM AND FROZEN DESSERT

Ice cream is a fine deserving summer dessert—and so are its cousins and its uncles and its aunts (courtesy Gilbert and Sullivan) named mousse and ice and mixtures; honey-base "goop" and butter-scotchy "goo"; fruits fresh, sherbet! But ice cream with "a hat on" is a party, a feast, a picnic!

Sauces hot or cold of a chocolate nature, crunchy nuts and nut and fruits preserved or jammed or jellied; marshmallow cream and good things in syrup they are all toppers you'll like and like a lot.

Buy some jars and sauces and good things suitable for toppers to keep in your pantry, (strawberry jam, mint cherries, date spread, for instance). Make up some sauces yourself and store them in glass containers in your refrigerator (thrifty gals save the sanitary glass jars so many good things come packed in). Snatch from your fruit bowl and nut supply.

Buy your ice cream, crank it, or turn it out of refrigerator trays. Get set with toppings. Assemble a few cookies—and you can turn on a party at will!

Hats off to toppers; worth the gesture are some of these:

Topping Combinations

Peach preserves on peach ice cream; raspberry jelly cubes on vanilla ice cream. Chocolate ice cream balls, rolled in shredded coconut served with chocolate sauce; crushed peppermint candy on banana ice cream; coffee sauce on lemon ice cream, topped with ground Brazil nuts; strawberry preserves and sliced ripe bananas on nut ice cream; Florida orange-grapefruit sections on orange ice.

Banana Royal

Select ripe banana (yellow peel flecked with brown) and peel banana and slice lengthwise, into halves. Place cut side up on flat dessert plate and top with one ball of vanilla ice cream and one of chocolate. Cover vanilla ice cream with a tablespoon of chocolate syrup, and chocolate ice cream with a tablespoon of marshmallow syrup. Top with chopped Brazil nuts and 1/2 Maraschino cherry.

Miami Topper

One No. 2 can Florida grapefruit juice
Juice of one-half lemon
One-fourth cup powdered sugar
Golden Sauce

Mix all ingredients except sauce, pour into trays of automatic refrigerator and freeze at lowest temperature. Serve in sherbet glasses topped with Golden sauce, made this way: Mix 1 cup sugar, 1 1/2 cups Florida canned orange-grapefruit juice blend and 1/4 teaspoon salt in saucepan. Boil until mixture forms thick syrup (218°F.); add 4 tablespoons orange marmalade; blend well. Cool; serve on Grapefruit Ice.

Lady Luck Sundae

Two tablespoons honey
Three tablespoons sugar
Two-thirds cup water
One-fourth teaspoon salt
One-third cup peanut butter
One-fourth teaspoon vanilla

Combine honey, sugar, water, and salt. Bring quickly to a boil, and cook 2 minutes, stirring only until sugar is dissolved. Cool. Place peanut butter in bowl, add syrup gradually, beating with rotary beater until smooth. Add vanilla. Serve on ice cream. Sauce may be stored in covered glass jar in refrigerator until ready to use. Yield: 1 cup sauce.

Mrs. Jud Searfoss is entertaining her little granddaughter from Nappanee, this week.