

# WASHINGTON GOSSIP

## Uncle Sam Manufactures Some Expensive Toys



WASHINGTON.—In the midst of the ponderous national duties which constantly beset him, Uncle Sam finds time to indulge in the making of toys, an occupation which makes him beloved by children and admired by grown-ups who may never hope to see the mighty originals of the wonderful toys.

Three rooms in a tiny brick building, tucked away in a secluded corner of the Washington navy yard, where the thunder of giant machinery making mighty guns is shut out and the everlasting crashing of great iron is faint and calm, constitute the toy shop for these marines.

Six of Uncle Sam's most able assistants, all experts in their line, are employed in the making of the toys, the expensive playthings. There is one workman laboriously threading wire into a long cage. Here is another slowly carving with small instruments many pieces of wood that dovetail

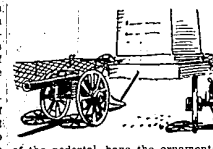
perfectly once their jagged individualities are united in a whole. There is another with a tiny bracer melting small pieces of metal with anxious care, and far in a shadowy corner another is arranging his paints.

A room in the building of the army signal corps is the home of the army toy, the tiny field gun, the rifle team with animals complete, all less than three feet long; the miniature field hospital and a host of other things. Children going through the war and navy departments cry out in delight when they first learn what a wonderful Santa Claus Uncle Sam can be. One millionaire gravely offered a secretary of the navy \$15,000 for a single toy and was refused because Uncle Sam desires that his playthings be enjoyed by all alike.

Uncle Sam's toyshop at the navy yard is wonderful. Here exact models—on a scale of one-quarter of an inch to one foot—of the mighty fighting ships of the navy are built. Tools of the nation are made. Toys of the nation are made. Toys of the nation are made. Toys of the nation are made.

## Jackson Monument Guns Are Bronze Smoothbores

WITHIN the circular fence which the Jackson monument stands in Lafayette square are four old field guns pointing outward from the corners of the white stone pedestal. They are slightly depressed.



The guns are bronze, muzzle-loading smoothbores, with a caliber of about two inches. They are crusted with the gray-green which comes to cannon with age and lends charm to antique ordnance.

The carriage have been freshly painted, the wood gray and the iron parts black. The carriages are well preserved. It seems impossible that they can be the original carriages of these guns. The wheels have wooden hubs as big as beer kegs, with fourteen spokes and seven felloes. The lyach pin through the center of the wheel is of a different pattern than that of the carriage of the guns. The carriage of the guns is of a different pattern than that of the carriage of the guns.

## Says Failure to Kill Flies Is Blot Upon Civilization



chief asset, but, in addition, the insects manage to distribute a few hundred thousand bacteria, cholera, diphtheria and dysentery bacilli. As a general thing, every fly carries a quarter of a million bacilli and spends most of the summer months in scattering free samples wherever he goes.

A careful collection of garbage in cans, watertight floors for stables, absolute cleanliness and careful inspection by board of health employees are the first preventive methods suggested by Doctor Howard.

The final solution of the fly nuisance, he points out, must rest entirely on prevention—that is to say, the breeding places of flies must be destroyed. The majority of flies being reared in stable refuse, it is stated, would seem to point the way for the successful abatement of the fly nuisance.

Dr. Arthur L. Murray of the District of Columbia health department, who is supervising the local campaign by a large number of stables and suggest to owners steps that may be taken to prevent these places from serving as fly hatcheries.

## Problem of Feeding the Help in Large Hotels

THE problem of feeding the help in large hotels has perplexed managers in every city in the world, said the head of one of Washington's largest hotels the other day. "The question is now being considered whether it is cheaper to raise the salary of the employees and not to furnish them with meals or to provide regular meals for them."



"In many large hotels there is a class of help that is fed in the kitchen, while other employees have special dining rooms. The chambermaids, bellboys, porters, screeners and all the rest of the lower grade of help are fed usually from the help's kitchen. One of the leading hotels of Chicago allows the first officers \$30 per month for their meals, and then order food for the regular meals. As this is the most exclusive house and the cafe prices are almost prohibitive, this amount is not too much to give any other fairly good meal. Two other hotels at the low pretensions allow the first of-

## BANISH MEAT COURSE

SPLENDID MEAL MAY BE SERVED WITHOUT THAT MATERIAL.

Needless to Heat the House Every Day of the Week; With Heavy Cooking—Two Excellent Suggestions Worth Trying.

The preparation of the meat course for any meal is usually the most trying part of the cooking for the housewife. By the time a big roast is ready for the table, the gravy made and the oven pan cleaned, the one who has cooked the meal has little appetite for it. Two or three entirely meatless meals each week during the heated season will prove a welcome change to the housewife. However possible, in most families, the meat course should be prepared early in the day and reheated just at serving time. Cheese, eggs, nuts and fish are all satisfactory substitutes for the ordinary heavy meat course. Where meat is not obtainable, many canned varieties will be found excellent and extremely easy to convert into a palatable course for dinner or lunch. Nuts are not used as much as they should be in the everyday diet, a few trials during a meatless period will convince any woman of their value as a food, when properly served. Even soups can be made without meat, using vegetables and almost any vegetable; in this month's menu, however, the soups may be omitted without detracting from the meals, and there will be a decided gain to the housewife in having one less thing to serve on days when the thermometer soars.

**Vegetable Soup (Julienne)**  
Steamed Canned Potatoes  
Mashed Potatoes  
String Beans  
Hot Custard Pie

**Eggs Venetian**—Summer two level tablespoons of melted butter in a frying pan, add two tablespoons of flour and rub to a cream. Stir in slowly two cups of stewed or canned tomatoes; cook till thick, seasoning with salt and cayenne. Break four eggs one by one into the boiling sauce; when the whites are slightly set, stir the yolks up with the mixture, so that the egg streaks through it. Cook for five minutes in water, pour on sliced buttered toast and serve. This is an especially appetizing way to serve eggs. —McCall's Magazine.

**Bluefish Salad.**  
Place a two-pound piece of fresh bluefish in a narrow saucepan with sliced carrot, a sliced onion, sprig of thyme, bay leaf, one clove, one-half pint white wine, two tablespoons of vinegar, enough water to cover the fish and transparent salt, then let slowly come to a boil and let boil five minutes. Set the pan in a cool place and let stand until thoroughly cooled. Take up the fish, remove the bones and skin, cut fish into one-inch slices. Place in a bowl.

**Tub Concealed.**  
For the house of limited space or for the summer camp, a bath tub placed under the floor is very convenient, says Popular Mechanics. The ordinary plumbing is carried out with all attachments beneath the floor, and a trap door covers the tub when not in use. The rim of the tub should be placed close against the under side of the flooring boards, and it is best to fit boards closely around the curves on the ends.

**English Ginger Apples.**  
Peel, core and slice into cold water eight pounds of apples. Drain off the water, add four ounces of whole coffee, four pounds of sugar and one coffee cup of water. Let stand 48 hours. Stir three times. Put into a kettle, add four pounds more of sugar and boil until transparent, which should be in a half or three-quarters of an hour.

**Gooseberry Toast.**  
Instead of the crumbs we may use the dry toast well buttered, put in the layers of berries and sugar and bake as above or, still more convenient, just pour stewed gooseberries on the buttered toast as we would make tomato toast. These toasts are, for children, better than pie, and sometimes, as variety, more acceptable.

**When Cooking Greens.**  
Having trouble in getting all the water out of greens, after they have been cooked, it is found very easy to overcome this difficulty by placing a slice of dry bread in the bottom of the vegetable dish. This absorbs the moisture and improves the greens greatly.—Exchange.

**Sewing Hint.**  
If the spool of thread is soaked in water over night and allowed to dry before using, the seams stitched with it will never pucker.

**Removing Wrinkles From Clothes.**  
To remove the creases from last summer's clothing rig up a line in the bathroom, let the hot water run till the room is full of steam, and let stand for an hour. Then let dry out in the open air and press on the wrong side with a warm iron.

**When Baking Pies.**  
If you desire to keep a berry pie from running over when baking, add a pinch of soda before the upper crust is put on, and you will find it excellent.

**Irritating Skin Troubles.**  
So prevalent in summer, such as hives, poison oak, chafing, sunburn, eczema, etc., are quickly relieved when Tyree's Antiseptic Powder is used. It is at drugists or sample sent free by J. S. Tyree, Washington, D. C.—Adv.

**Quite Superfluous.**  
Mrs. Ellsworth had a new colored maid. One morning, as the maid came down stairs, the mistress said: "Emma, did you knock at Miss Flora's door when I sent you up with her breakfast?"  
"No, ma'am," replied the maid, with preternatural gravity. "What was de use ob knocking at her do' when I knowed fo' sure she was in dar?"  
New York Evening Post.

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**Square Meal.**  
Jones, who is somewhat of a philanthropist, went to his favorite restaurant at noon for lunch.  
"Say," he began, addressing the manager, "a poor fellow came to me this morning asking for food, as he said he was starving. I gave him my card and sent him to your restaurant and told him to get a good square meal and I would pay for it. How much is the bill?"  
"Fifty cents, sir."  
"What did the poor man have?"  
"Nine beers and a cigar."

**Thoughtful Papa.**  
"I don't think your father feels very kindly toward me," said Mr. Staylate.  
"You misjudge him. The morning after you called on me he seemed quite worried for fear I had not proper courtesy."  
"Indeed? What did he say?"  
"He asked me how I could be so rude as to let you go away without your breakfast."

**Important to Mothers.**  
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**Special Hospitals Needed.**  
The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis estimates that there are over a million consumptives in the United States, of whom probably at least one-third are unable to provide for themselves the necessary treatment at home. Most of these cases are a menace to the health of their families and associates, and should be in special hospitals. At the present time, however, even if every case were known, it would not be possible to provide accommodation for more than one in eight or ten. The removal of these foci of infection demands more and better hospital and sanatorium provision.

**She Had Such a Dreadful Accident.**  
An Emporia girl met a friend the other day and said, "Why weren't you at the party last night?" The friend replied, "Oh, I had a dreadful accident. I sat on the lawn and a mosquito bit me and I could not get my new skirt in over the bite."  
Kansas City Star.

**Out of Place.**  
The Last Arrival—Oh thought this was to be a progressive party, Ma-loney?  
Card Party Host—So it is, Moke. The Last Arrival (witheringly)—This phat's that black Republican as a Casey doing her—Puck.

**Too Much Ball.**  
"Why did you move away from Chicago?"  
"The doctor advised my husband to move to some town with only one team to worry about."

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**Made Daddy Gasp.**  
A certain small Chicago ladde is quick-witted as lightning, and so given to consider himself as quite an adult in comparison with his baby brother, that he now and then talks and acts in a manner that might be the uncomprehending be judged impertinent. Not long since at the farm, the little boy attempted to relate a recent experience. His father, who was taking, paid no attention, and the child's anger got the better of his politeness. Raising his voice shrilly and speaking with an absurdly unconscious resemblance to his father's tone and manner under similar circumstances, he demanded:  
"Papa, will you kindly close your little trap for just one moment while I get in a word?"

**Mandy's Gentle Little Hint.**  
"Mandy," said her mistress, "that bean of yours shouldn't wear white clothes. He is so black it makes him appear all the blacker. Why don't you give him a hint?"  
"Lord, Miss Sally, you know something!" said Mandy, with animation. "I don't give him no hint, but he jes natterly ain't got sense enough ter take it."  
"Perhaps you didn't make it strong enough."  
"No'm, that's right, maybe I didn't. I jes looks at him right hard, an' I says, 'Nigger, you sho do look like a black snake crawl in' out o' cream. You do!'—that's what I says ter him, Miss Sally."

**Figuratively Speaking.**  
"Father," said little Herbert, "why doesn't mother travel with the circus?"  
"What could she do in a circus?"  
"She might be the strong woman. I heard her tellin' grandma this morning that she would wind you around her little finger."—Judge.

**New Apple Orchard Pest.**  
Apples in French orchards have been injured by an insect which bores into the fruit and causes it to wither and fall, so that many orchards are practically denuded.  
It's always too early to clip, but never too late to mend.

**Obliging Her.**  
The sweet young thing was being shown through the Galvina locomotive works.  
"What is that thing?" she asked, pointing with her dainty parasol.  
"That," said the guide, "is an engine boiler."  
"She was an up-to-date young lady and at once became interested. 'And why do they boil engines?' she inquired again."  
"To make the engine tender," positively replied the resourceful guide. "Pennsylvania Punch Bowl."

**Slightly Adulterated.**  
Mandré de Fouquieres, the celebrated Parisian cotton leader, talked to a group of reporters, before his departure for France, about the American woman.  
"It is a mistake to suppose that the question of money plays an important part in American marriages," said M. de Fouquieres. "The love match is not rare. Indeed, it is much more common in my land than with you. Smiling, the Frenchman added: 'I believe there are few American girls who would answer as the candid New York debutante did when asked if she was marrying for pure love.'"  
"Pure Love?" said the debutante, with a roguish smile. "Well, not altogether. Pure love, adulterated with a little money."

**Canaries Warn of Danger.**  
Canary birds are now part of the equipment of very well regulated mines. If the atmosphere is questionable the birds are carried into it and they show signs of its effect at once.

**Pay Roll Wit.**  
Small Boy (crouched up over a big wheel)—Mother, what are the "Wages of Sin?"  
Suffragist Mother—Anything under \$5 a week, my son.—Life.

**Showed Little Abrasion.**  
Measurements of ball bearings on the axles of a New Jersey trolley car that has traveled about 150,000 miles in four years showed that they had resisted abrasion almost perfectly.

**Many a girl might be proud of her ankles if it wasn't for her feet.**

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