

Why Boys Leave Home

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Mother's Cook Book

They say that man is mighty, He governs land and sea; But a neighborly power and stronger Man from his throne has hurled. It is the hand that rules the world, —William Ross Wallace.

WINTER MEALS

AS MORE internal fat is needed to keep up the body heat in winter, one needs to serve more of the heat-producing foods. As these are mostly protein and are apt when eaten too freely to leave an acid condition, it is useful to serve fruits and vegetables very freely to counteract this consequence.

Eggs are not really appreciated as a food. Made into omelets, fried, poached, cooked in the shell—they are good. Try cooking them in potato nests, using leftover mashed potato, well seasoned and formed into nests. Drop the eggs into the nests, season with salt and pepper, sprinkle with chopped parsley, after they have been baked until well set. A piece of butter and the parsley will add to the flavor as well as appearance.

Egg Salad

Take six hard-cooked eggs and cook them so that they will be hard but not tough. Use four eggs, six bits of boiling water. Place the eggs in a deep dish, add the water and cover closely, set on the back of the range where they will keep warm. Allow to stand a half-hour and the eggs will be well cooked and still tender. The eggs should be of the room temperature when added to the boiling water. If taken from the refrigerator, more water will be needed, as it will cook too quickly. Chop the egg whites and put the yolks through a sieve, combine with six or eight anchovies or sardines which have been made into a paste. Toss together and place with finely minced celery on shredded lettuce. Serve with french dressing.

Another nice way to bake eggs with potato is to place the mashed potato in a baking dish an inch or so deep and make depressions for the eggs. Chop in a fresh egg in each place, sprinkle with salt, pepper, bits of cooked bacon and cover thickly with buttered crumbs. Bake until the eggs are set.

Stuffed Egg Salad

Cook the eggs hard as above. Cut six yolks into halves and take out the yolks. Put the yolks through a sieve with one-half cup of mayonnaise, a few dashes of paprika, a small onion finely chopped and one tablespoonful of chili sauce or tomato ketchup. Fill the whites and serve on lettuce or water cress.

Eggs furnish us a certain amount of protein and fat as well as calcium, phosphorus, iron and the valuable vitamins which we cannot get along without.

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"Efficiency has done wonders," says Pertinent Polly, "but it still takes two to make a quarrel!"
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Frank Albertson



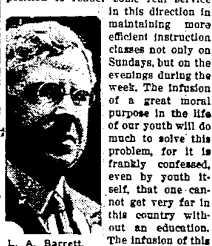
A charming young actor is Frank Albertson of the films. He was born at Fergus Falls, Minn. His early days were spent in the state of Washington where he received his education. He went to Hollywood in 1922 and started in pictures as an extra. His first contract was signed in 1923. He has been seen to splendid advantage in a number of popular productions. He has dark brown hair, blue eyes, is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 145 pounds.

For Meditation

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

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also will help to solve our problem of crime, which is attributable in no small part to illiteracy. An official of the American Bankers' association recently remarked in a public address that, "Something like ten billion dollars goes some idea of the tremendous tax which criminals impose on virtually all our people." In this same address he remarked, "The disgraceful carnival of crime is a big job that requires more money than the combined forces of business and civic organizations. We must look upon the underworld as another world whose population has more than tripled in the last decade and whose inhabitants present undiminished risks to any legitimate business."

The recent census bureau reports that about 11 per cent of committee to prisoners are from the illiterate class and of the entire population of the United States 44 per cent are illiterate. The startling fact revealed by this report is that the percentage of illiteracy among the criminal class is about double the percentage of criminals in the entire population.

It is true that illiteracy is on the decline in our country, dropping from 17 per cent of the entire population in 1880 to only 8 per cent in 1920. The cause of illiteracy is more attributable to our lax immigration laws than to any other reason. With our revised laws how in operation governing the admission of immigrants much will be accomplished in reducing the number of those who create the human element in this vexing problem.

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Herbert Spencer is said to have coined the expression, "the survival of the fittest," in reference to the Darwinian theory of evolution through natural selection.

The SANDMAN STORY

THE VERSE PARTY

OLD WITTY WITCH, and Old Mr. Glant, Billie Brownie, Peter Gnome and many of the others decided to have a verse party.

"A verse party," explained Witty Witch, who was going to have the party at the entrance to her cave, "is a party which might be worse."



But there was one rule. And that was that the verses should be about something they'd like to be if they weren't themselves.

It was curious, too, to see, when the verses were being read, that no one really wanted to be anything else. Always some reason why no one wants to be someone or something else. You'll find it that way.

Sometimes you will wish you had as much money to spend on toys as another little girl you know, and yet you wouldn't like to change places with her as you wouldn't want her daddy and her mother as you would your own. Maybe, too, her daddy wouldn't let her own a pet dog!

Oh, you'll always find that you've grown so used to being you that you don't really want to wholly change places with anyone.

But of course at the next-to-the-worst verse party they thought of absurd things they might be! That was quite natural. Here are their verses.

This was Witty Witch's verse:

I'd like to be a Rhine,
And live upon the Nile,
But I'd rather not be silly
Of such wretched taste and style.

This was Billie Brownie's verse:

I'd like to be a circus clown,
So folks would laugh at me,
But it wouldn't be as pleasant
If my jokes they couldn't see.

This was Mr. Glant's verse:

I'd like to be an elephant
With a trunk to swing and sway,
But I wouldn't be so handy
When I went out to play.

This was Peter Gnome's verse:

I'd like to be a tortoise
And live for years and years,
But a home within a shell
Would cause me to shed tears.

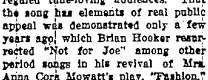
This was Old Mr. Glant's verse:

I'd like to be a bow-wow,
And have a little tail,
But wagging it so constantly
Would make me tired and pale.

There were more verses and then there was a great banquet of delicious goodies served by Witty Witch, for she said:

"We need strength after all our effort!"

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So don't write your worst verses but next-to-the-worst.

It was very nice to be able to write a next-to-the-worst verse.

That meant they didn't have to apologize for it too much.

They didn't have to say:

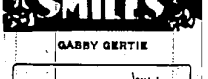
"My verse would have been better had I not been rushed at the last moment and so couldn't give it the proper thing."

Nor would they have to say:

"I didn't just feel in the poetry mood today. You know some days I feel in it so much more than others."

They didn't have to make any excuses at all.

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How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

"NOT FOR JOE"

"Joseph Baxter is my name,
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Snake-Skin Trade Boosted

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THE WHY OF SUPERSTITIONS

By H. IRVING KING

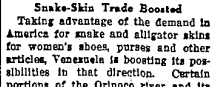
CORN COB OVER THE DOOR

HERE is another way in which a young woman may divine the person with whom she is destined to marry. It is especially adapted for marriageable girls in the rural districts where, indeed, the superstition most prevails. Take an ear of corn and shell off all but twenty of the kernels. Then hang it above the door and the first young man who enters under it will marry you.

In this we have arithmancy, sun-worship and that form of nature worship which appears in the grain-split in the form of a survival. The ancients, it is true, did not have Indian corn; but they had wheat, which is corn everywhere but in America, and there were grains in the "ear" of wheat. The grain-split is equally represented by maize of other forms of corn. The cult of the grain-split was universal among primitive man.

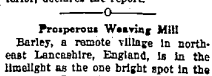
It figures in many modern superstitions and, first and last, volume have been written about it. Hanging the corn cob over the door invokes the grain-split. By leaving twenty grains on the cob the sun god is also invoked, for according to the arithmancy of the Babylonians, twenty represented the sun. They gave numbers to all their gods, placing the sun, moon and stars in which they called the "face and triad" and assigning them the numbers twenty, fifty and forty respectively. And Babylonian arithmancy came down to the western world through the Greeks and the Romans.

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Prosperous Weaving Mill

Barley, a remote village in north-east Lancashire, England, is in the sunlight as the bright spot in the depressed Lancashire cotton industry. By the side of a rippling brook and overshadowed by the majestic bulk of Pendle hill is a tiny mill which can secure orders against foreign competition. This mill can weave fabrics as flawless as much larger mills with the latest of machinery. It has never known a stoppage, except on holidays, during the last 15 years. And not one of the weavers has ever drawn a penny in unemployment benefit.



"A gold-digger knows that anything built along generous lines is bound to give in a tight squeeze."

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Knowing The TREES

The Joy of Tears

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

WEEP, but gladly, as the skies Keep verdant all the earth— Our tears the tribute, when one dies, That love may pay to worth.

Our sorrow-happy days recall, Some hour, some lovely scene— Grief sends its raindrops, after all, To keep remembrance green.

So there is joy in all the tears Of memory, my dear, But, oh, the long and vengeful years That stretch so far ahead!

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KNOWING The TREES

EUROPEAN BEECH

(Fagus Sylvatica)

THE European beech is a large tree, 80 to 100 feet high, round

material, and with wide-spreading limbs. It is a tree of rugged growth, with dense foliage of surpassing beauty. The bark is very smooth and in most varieties is darker gray than in the American

beech. The leaves are often similar to those of the American beech, but usually shorter and broader, with less pronounced teeth and with 5 to 14 pairs of side veins, instead of 9 to 14 pairs, as in the American beech.

No serious diseases of the leaves of the beech are known. Several fungi cause leaf-spot, occasionally and a sooty mold fungus often occurs on the leaves. It is, subject, however, to several wood-rot diseases.

The most distinguishing characteristic of the European beech is the smooth gray bark which invites the carving of initials and entwining hearts.

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NUTTY NATURAL HISTORY

By HUGH HUTTON

THE STOCKHOLM SKOO

THE skoo, or two tailed straddle-bird, presents a curious example of evolutionary development. Fossil specimens found in the mountainous regions of western Sweden show that the skoo had legs fore and aft on its long body to enable it to navigate the narrow mountain passes, but the later changes to city life, where numerous temptations made it feel away from the straight and narrow path, developed the peculiar arrangement of

head, feet, and tail as shown above. The young skoo are called skoolies, in the quaint Swedish tongue.

The skoo here pictured trying to follow two primrose paths at once has a paper-shell peen body, to which are attached in the middle, two split back and peen tail. The ears are split peens, and the eyes are merely pen and ink. The feet are split almond kernels, the legs clover, and the tails which steer each side separately are two.

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Your Home and You

By Betsy Callister

USE LABELS

"YOU will find the tea in that cracker box with the dent in the top. And this coffee is in that round tin that held the fruit cake. The rice is in one of the fruit jars and so is the farina. You can tell the difference because a string is tied around the rice."

Doubtless you have sometimes heard some such directions as these when it came to giving instructions as to where the various articles of diet were to be found.

Very few of us housewives have all our foods put away in such a way that they can be found without opening some few boxes and cans. You may think you have, but the chances are that here and there in pantry or larder there is a container not properly labeled. You know its contents, so there seems little object in labeling it. But for the sake of convenience and system all such containers should be labeled plainly.

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MA WHY CAN'T I SLEEP SIDE O THE STOVE TONIGHT, GEE? IT'S LIKE THE NORTH POLE UP IN THAT ROOM MA! I MAY GET NOONKIA MA! CAN'T I MA SLEEP SIDE O THE STOVE?

DON'T BE SO SLEEPY! HURRY UP AND RUN UPSTAIRS NO! I SAID.

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THEM USES THE DAYS

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