

# President Taft's By WALDON FAWCETT Favorite Aunt



MISS DELIA TORREY  
PRESIDENT TAFT'S FAVORITE AUNT

**P**RESIDENT TAFT'S favorite aunt, Miss Della Torrey, is now in her eighty-fifth year and even if she did not have so distinguished a nephew as the president of the United States to laud her to the skies she would be well worthy of public interest and admiration for she is,

for her age, one of the most remarkable women in America. For the reader to appreciate the unusual qualifications of President Taft's favorite relative it is only necessary to relate that she has attained the age of four score and five she walks without aid of crutch or cane, seldom wears glasses except when reading; keeps abreast of the times by regularly perusing the leading daily papers; travels hither and thither at will; has perfect hearing; and takes more than a perfunctory part in her housekeeping and in that cookery which President Taft has made famous in his speeches. The chief magistrate does not let a year go by without making one or more visits to Aunt Della in her New England home and he has publicly confessed that one especial lure is found in the apple pie dear to his memory ever since boyhood and which he maintains nobody makes with such wizardry as Aunt Della. In return for her hospitality the president and his family entertain Aunt Della several times each year, both at the White House at Washington and at the president's vacation home on the north shore of Massachusetts Bay. The president has made Aunt Della a convert to the joys of motoring, and this

past summer he introduced her to another new experience, a cruise on the presidential yacht Sylph which was her first voyage on a boat of any kind in all her long life.

The fondness of President Taft for Miss Torrey and her stately home at Millbury, Mass., is the more readily understood when it is explained that the old homestead in the little village in central Massachusetts—the house that has been home to Miss Torrey ever since she was six years of age,—was the boyhood home of William H. Taft and his brothers. Mrs. Taft, mother of the president, always found the climate of Cincinnati very trying in summer and accordingly it became her custom to take the children and spend the entire heated term each year with her only sister in the homestead at Millbury. No wonder that "Bill" Taft grew up with many close friends here, dating from the days when he played "first base" on the ball team; and with strong associa-

hogan and quaint china calculated to provoke envy in the breast of any collector of antiques. There, too, is the old family Bible with its interesting chronicle of the various members of the clan for many generations past.

In addition to her other accomplishments Aunt Della writes a clear legible hand and she has plenty of practice in penmanship for she receives a heavy volume of mail now that her nephew's praise has made her known by reputation to the great American public. Many of the letters that come to Miss Torrey contain requests for her favorite recipes, particularly those that embody her formulas for the vaunted apple pie. Aunt Della declares that some of the recipes that have been attributed to her had no such origin, but she smiles indulgently at the disposition to make her an oracle for Yankee housewives who would reach the masculine heart through the stomach.

tions for the old house and vivid memories of the matchless cookery of Aunt Della,—particularly in the matter of apple pies. Furthermore, after the death of Judge Taft his widow made her home until her death with Aunt Della, and hither came William H. Taft at frequent intervals to visit his mother and his aunt.

The home of Aunt Della is located on the main street of the little village and within sight of the passengers on the trolley cars bound for Worcester, some half-hour's ride distant. The house is large, with a portico in front supported by columns rising to the second floor and it appears immaculate in the coat of white paint contrasted with the green shutters which one comes to look upon as inevitable in New England. The house is surrounded by flower gardens and conspicuous among the posies is a gorgeous Killarney rose which was transplanted from the White House at Washington for Aunt Della and which is her especial pride. The interior of the house is filled with rich old ma-



MISS DELIA TORREY  
IN HER OLD FASHIONED  
NEW ENGLAND GARDEN

## CARING FOR THE LEFTOVERS

System Which Makes for Economy—How to Make Refrigerator Earn Its Ice Bill.

It is wise, when fruits and jellies come in little glass jars or tumblers, especially when these have covers, to save up some of them, turned upside down on a shelf out of the way for the icebox season. Then, when food is left over and is to be saved for entrees or puddings, put it in these little glasses, cover it, and set it away, and you will find your refrigerator holding about twice as much as it would if the ordinary vegetable dishes and bowls were used. Moreover, these dishes are washed at the proper time, and all ready for use at the next meal.

Still more important, the mere act of putting these leftovers into fresh dishes often directs the attention to them so that they are used when they might otherwise be forgotten. Vegetables that are to be used in the same soup can be put into the same dish; extra yolks or whites of eggs can be kept till needed, in one of the little Bar le Duc glasses or one of the jars beef extract comes in, with a butter plate over the top; a cupful of soup or vegetable gravy can be saved till next morning, and used for soup; and still there is room for fruit, milk, butter, eggs, and the other things that belong to the icebox, and the glass jars and tumblers can be closely covered so that their contents will not taint anything else. That is one way of making the well trained refrigerator earn its ice bill.

A box of gelatin might be called first aid to the icebox in getting up hot weather dishes. When clearing the table it is often possible to begin the salad for luncheon or dinner. Take what is left of the fruit, or the green peas or tomatoes, melt some gelatin and stew it up with them according to the directions on the package, pour it into molds and set it away in the refrigerator, and there you have salad for luncheon, with the addition of a little lettuce or endive, and dressing. There are jellied fish also, and meat pie.

Economizing space by saving leftovers in jars means having room for fruit, fresh vegetables, bottles of cold drinks, and things that really must have space. This room is what the masculine half of the family will appreciate. No man ever saw the economy of an icebox filled up with vegetable dishes and part of a roast, so that there was no room for the watermelon. And the reason is a good one—because there was no economy about it. Cut the roast off the bone and stew the bone down into stock and wash the platter; pour that half jar of peaches into a jam jar, and, most important of all, empty that milk bottle and wash it thoroughly.

An icebox may not have typhoid fever itself if it is filled with germs, but the family will, and that is expensive.

## CANNED CARROTS AND BEETS

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For carrots, scrape the carrots, put into jars, fill with clear cold water, adding salt or not, as you wish. Proceed as for canning tomatoes. Perhaps you would like to put up some beets. If so, wash, and boil but one hour, pour over cold water, remove skins, fill jars. If large beets, quarter them. Fill jars to overflowing with cold water, but no salt. Soak one hour. Fasten down springs and test each day for three days.

Have put up a lot of string beans, string and mass beans, cut in inch lengths. Fill jars, add teaspoonful of salt. Fill to overflowing with cold water. Let cook three hours or one hour for three days. To open the jars, run knife under rubber and top will come off easily. The vegetables are so much nicer and cheaper than can be bought. Put up two pecks of string beans. Cost me 50 cents. Saved \$1.10 on them. Two quart jars of beets at 5 cents will fill two quart jars. Cost, 2½ cents a jar.

## Beef Vinaigrettes.

Cut a slice about three inches thick from a round of boiled beef. Put it in a saucepan and add a wineglassful of white wine, the same of water, a bay leaf, a bunch of sweet herbs, three cloves and salt and pepper. Let simmer on the fire until the liquor is about half absorbed, turning the meat frequently. When the meat is cold put it on a dish with slices of lemon and a garnish of parsley and serve with a sauceboat of the liquor strained and seasoned with a dash of vinegar.

## Fish Scallop.

Butter a baking dish. Put in alternate layers of bread crumbs and remains of fish loaf, have crumbs on top. Moisten each layer of crumbs with some of the left-over sauce which has been thinned with milk or milk and water. Bake until crumbs are brown. A nice breakfast dish.

## Nut Cake With Raisins.

One cup sugar, one-half cup melted butter, one cup sour milk, two even cups flour, one teaspoon soda, added to the flour, one cup raisins, one-half cup nuts, one egg, to be added the very last thing before putting in the oven.

## Caramel Sweet Potatoes.

Slice boiled sweet potatoes, dip them into melted butter and then into granulated sugar. Place in a hot oven until the coating of brown caramel is formed.

## Mrs. Briggs' Speech.

If brevity is the soul of wit, one of the wittiest speeches on record was made by a woman. Mrs. Briggs lived in the northern part of Indiana, a long distance from any village. Hearing that the Rev. Mr. Goodwin was to preach in a township some twenty miles distant, she resolved to be present, and as no other way offered, she walked the twenty miles.

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## STORY OF SHIRTS

"What is the best war speech you ever made in your life?" said a friend the other day to Capt. Joe Waters.

"I never made but one good war speech in my life," he replied. "And that was when I kissed the girls goodbye and left with my company for the camp of instruction. Find friends gave me this and that with their farewells, and when the train pulled out, as it whirled around the bend and the last waving handkerchief vanished from sight, we sat down and began making an inventory of our effects. A white satin lined pincushion, with the name of the giver inside; a model housewife, with two kinds of scissors, thimble, needle, shirt and pants buttons, hooks and eyes, cotton tapes, recipes for stomach ache and cholera morbus, crochet needles, rheumatism cure, and a full pound and one-half of black patent thread in hanks—bless their dear souls! Another 'housewife,' just like the first; a thimble, six pairs of socks, four woolen scarfs; another 'housewife,'—another—and another, a Bible, seven towels and a can of jelly, a dozen flannel worked napkins and another can of jelly.

"My recollection is that all of the other boys were served in the same manner, and got about the same amount of these contractions. While it may be that my memory is faulty, yet for the life of me I cannot tell what became of all those fix'n's. But I remember certainly and well that four months had not passed until Ed Case of Company A emitted in the black of the night a cry that enveloped the mountains of Kentucky: 'Who in the b— has got a thread?' The echo danced around from one rock to another and the answer always was: 'Dam fno.'

"We had one fellow named Bill Whiting. His wife presented him with the finest woolen shirt I ever saw. It was all hemstitched over with fancy colored tapes and laces, with mottoes worked in gold and silver, and such legends as 'The Friends at Home,' 'For Country,' 'From Your Wife,' 'When he put that shirt on—at Louis-

ville, I think it was—he looked for all the world like a circus getting off the cars. His wife evidently had no idea of war. She imagined her husband would put up over night at the best hotels, and would have the benefit of wash lists and laundries. But that shirt was born to no such destiny. It was never to know a wash-woman, or to be soured into a tub.

"And speaking of shirts, some fair and patriotic girl who was a member of a Dorcas society, made a shirt to be sent to a soldier; it was evidently intended for a man at least a foot shorter than I am, and, therefore, you know, he wouldn't be very tall. Upon it was pinned a tab, asking the recipient, whoever he might be, to acknowledge the receipt of the garment. It was unfortunately apportioned to a man who went by the soubriquet of 'Chimbley Dan'; he was about seven feet two inches in altitude, and built after the pattern of a continued story that runs for about so many consecutive weeks and then is announced to be 'continued in our next.' Chimbley Dan tried on the shirt and thought a long time, and finally concluded that he would answer in rhyme; and this is what he had the cheek of a government to write to her:

"Like a man without a wife,  
Like a ship without a sail,  
The oddest thing I know in life,  
Is a shirt without—a proper length."  
—Kansas City Journal.

## North Carolina Rattlers

The state museum now contains the largest rattlesnake, mounted, in any collection in the world. It may not be generally known, but it is true that in North Carolina the largest rattlers are found. The United States snake experts are the authority for this statement.

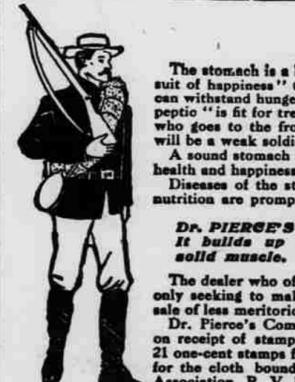
It must be borne in mind that the skin of a snake can be greatly stretched, so that after it has been removed it can be pulled out in any way to make the snake appear longer or of greater girth. In this case the taxidermist, Tom Addicks, made a perfect plaster cast and on this mounted the skin, which was made to fit precisely and to conform to every measurement.

This snake is 6 feet 11 inches in length, 11 inches in girth and weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces. It has 12 rattles. The width of its body, lying flat, is 4¼ inches. The length of tail from vent to rattles, but not including the latter, is only 4¼ inches. The head is 3¼ inches wide. The snake is of the diamond variety. It is mounted nearly at full length. It was killed at Havelock, near Lake

Ellis, by J. J. Ballard, with one blow on the head with a small stick, so that not even the skin was broken. He took this care so as to secure for the museum in perfect condition a snake which was the largest he had ever seen.

Near the same place Mr. Addicks, Herbert Brimley and Mr. Brimley's two little sons had an exciting and peculiar experience with another rattlesnake, and a rather large specimen too. As they were walking Mr. Brimley stepped over the snake while his son Arthur saw it and stopped. The snake was in coil but was as gentle as the traditional lamb. A noose was put over his head. He did not rattle, but was lifted and carried along. Not until his hearer struck a bush with him did this serpent turn in the alarm.

The bite of the rattler does not appear to affect other snakes. In the state museum a rattler bit a king-snake so deep that blood flowed quite freely but there was no further damage. This rattler bit another rattler, but with no result.—Raleigh correspondence Forest and Stream.



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