

HEART OF THE HOUSE.

Kitchens of Many Centuries Pictured and Compared.

The Historic Carlyle Sitting-Room—

English Kitchen and Yorkshire Living-Rooms—Scottish, Southern, Chinese, East Indian and Modern Kitchens.

The dicerone who shows Thomas Carlyle's Cheyne Row residence in London, invariably remarks in displaying the area rooms: "Mr. Carlyle would use the kitchen for a parlor. This is where the family are in the habit of sitting."

Then is thrown open a dark and dismal apartment, with windows so half-covered by the outer wall that only partial glimpses of the reluctant London sun may penetrate there.

Not all English kitchens are of the gloomy and peculiar order of this in Chelsea, or of Anglican city houses in general. Those throughout the country are often so pleasant that one does not wonder at the forgetfulness of the whole family about the open fire, which is so common in the British Isles and is so common here in the Golden Gate, where so chivalric a temperament as we luxury lovers do not mind the chill of the stone flagging, which are readily washed and always clean.

In parts of Yorkshire the kitchen has an invisible but certain line of demarcation, like that in the Yorkshire houses, where the golden dustman had his sauced floor and rough comfort in part of the room, and his wife her carpet and velvet gown for the remainder.

The kitchen of Dixie is a strange institution, according to our Northern notions. Nothing seems to be done with any intention of preparation or assistance. The Yankee woman has learned to save steps, partly from her natural inventive turn, partly because she must so often do the housework herself, and therefore, anxious to acquire the quickest and simplest methods of performing the task.

The East India kitchen has been too graphically described by that Mem-Sahib whose "Simple Adventures" were given to the world not so very long ago. One shudders at the sight of the immediate service, and never lasting beyond that. Indeed, this is one of the various economies of which our French neighbors boast; that they no more waste fuel than food.

The kitchens of tropical countries, such as are to be found in our Spanish-American lands, are like cells, from the thickness of the stone walls—often two or three feet deep—and the projecting, omnipresent veranda, which gives a grateful shade, and which looks out on a court. The cell resemblance is enhanced by the iron bars at the windows and the heavy, double doors, which look as if they could resist a siege.

When one goes "near to nature's heart," in camping in the woods, the culinary arrangements are of the first importance, while appetites are hearty as pine and balsam alone can make them. An open fire is more picturesque, but an amateur sort of stove made of sheet iron, into a bottomless box, and with a couple of rude holes in the top, will prove more useful. Over this all sorts of cooking, except, of course, baking, may be readily performed with the supply of wood which the grounds will yield.

Artificial clouds, produced by the combustion of liquid tar and solidified petroleum, have been used with success to prevent frost on the Swedish-Norwegian frontier.

No such Johnnycakes are put together now as were baked before an open fire; no such jellied Indian puddings, no such creamy "mush" as that sung by Joel Barlow.

But those who lament the loss of a few like dishes should remember the wondrous possibilities open to the possessor of a kitchen amply furnished with every "modern convenience," that has become so much a matter of course that one does not often pause to consider one's blessings. There were then both well and cistern generally in use, and usually both at awkward distances from the house, in all kinds of weather water must be brought laboriously—"hard" for the teakettle and the table, and "soft" for the washing of dishes and of clothes.

Neither was there any attempt to make the best of the kitchen further than that attraction which always lingers in a room that has signs of constant habitation, and that is exquisitely neat. The heart of the house was usually situated in the extreme end of the long, telescope-shaped building; it was litly lighted by small, high windows, the floor was uneven and worn, and one corner was the doorway that led by a steep, straight flight of steps to the cellar and its stores below. Outside the radius of the fire the room was bitter cold in winter, and in summer furniture was too badly ventilated not to be most uncomfortably hot.

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The San Francisco Olympic Club gunners are elated over the prospects of the organization of a national Olympic League. The preliminary meeting, which was held at the club a short time ago, was a success in every respect. The league organization will be perfected some time this month, and in September the first annual shoot will come off.

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ON THE TURF.

Three Favorites Win at the Bay District Track. SAN FRANCISCO, June 12.—Favorites captured the first three races. Guadalupe was thought to be a good thing in the steeplechase, and was made favorite by the money placed by people on the inside. Jockey Clancy celebrated before the race was run, however, and Cairns was put in his place by the judges. Guadalupe was beaten out a nose by Mero, a 10-to-1 shot.

AT LATONIA. CINCINNATI, June 12.—Latonia results: One mile, selling, Sandoval won, Le Banjo second, Dr. Reed third. Time—1:43.3. Six furlongs, Domino won, Toots second, Billy Bennett third. Time—1:15.5. Five furlongs, selling, Captain Kidd won, Tradition second, Landseer third. Time—1:03.7.

AT ST. LOUIS. ST. LOUIS, June 12.—Results: One mile, Miss Clark won, Campania second, Sarah Clark third. Time—1:44. Three furlongs, Miss Truth won, Cora second, C. C. Runville third. Time—1:04. Mile and three-sixteenths, Figo won, Maurice second, Rey Del Mar third. Time—2:01.7.

AT ROBY. ROBY (Ind.), June 12.—Seven furlongs, Elm Boo won, Shirook second, Kingsley third. Time—1:35.5. Five furlongs, Pendula won, Gretchen second, Tippecanoe third. Time—1:07. One mile, Spendioline won, Queen Bess second, John Wilson third. Time—1:49. Three furlongs, Miss Truth won, Hesperia second, Kimberly third. Time—1:02.5.

AT DENVER. DENVER, June 12.—A large crowd was in attendance at the track to-day. The weather was fine and the track fast. Trotting, purse \$800, 2:22 class, McVera won, Lorita second, Lizzie S. third. Time—2:18.5. Trotting, purse \$700, 2:12 class, Klamath won, Altair second. Best time—2:13. Trotting, three-minute class, Urba won, Cressy second, Toller third. Best time—2:24.5. Pacing, two-year-olds, purse \$600, Sublim won, Happy Union second, Bob Kroels third. Best time—2:28. Running, five furlongs, Little Eli won, Silverman second, Anctie third. Time—1:05.5.

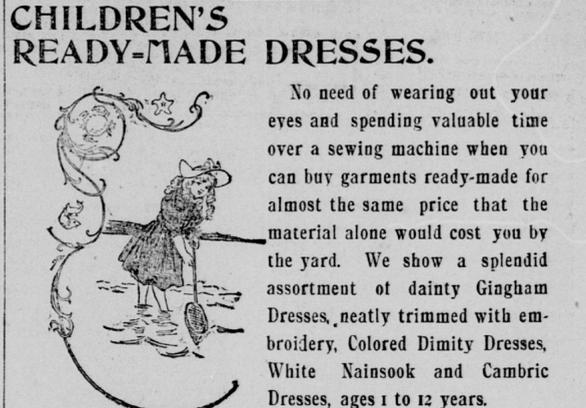
SENSATIONAL TROTTER UNCOVERED. NEW YORK, June 12.—A sensational trotter was uncovered to-day at the Fleetwood Park trotting meeting. William Penn won the first of the day by stepping three heats in 2:11 1/2, 2:12 and 2:12 1/2, without being called upon to do his best. The young horse National lowered his record three seconds in the 2:22 class, by trotting the heat in 2:19 1/2, only one second behind the rest. The pacing race was a gift for Mascot, Jr., although he lost the third heat through a break.

LEMON GROWING. (Riverside Press.) Lemon growing is advised, but it must be evident to all that it will not be profitable except where the product can be massed and systematically packed and marketed. The individual orchardist who markets his little crop of lemons always be at a disadvantage, no matter how excellent is his product. The lemon-growers have need of co-operative action if they would secure the best results.

BLUEROCK LEAGUE. Sacramento Clubs should Become Prominent Therein. Although there are several clubs of sportsmen in this city who find a delightful pastime in bluecock (innaminate) target shooting, strange to say, none of the local clubs have shown disposition to join the State Bluecock Club League. They would do this, Sacramento would come in for her share of the great State tournaments which it is proposed to hold.

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