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Rice or Milk Boilers, 1½ qt. size	49c.	Saucepans or Preserving Kettles, 3 qt	27c.
Rice or Milk Boilers, 2 qt. size	59c.	Saucepans or Preserving Kettles, 4 qt	29c.
Rice or Milk Boilers, 2½ qt. size	79c.	Fry Pans, Acme, 9 in	27c.
Rice or Milk Boilers, 3 qt. size	88c.	Fry Pans, Acme, 9½ in	30c.
Buckets, covered, 1 qt. size	19c.	Fry Pans, Acme, 10 in	34c.
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Fry Pans, Acme, 10 in	32c.	Straight Saucepans, with cover, 3 qts	27c.
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AFFAIRS IN GEORGETOWN

A Venerable Warrior, Prone to Drink, is Held in Custody.

He Fought in Three Wars and Carries Numerous Scars to Vouch for His Story.

A man ninety-two years of age, who lived at Bladensburg when the British fought there, and who served in the navy throughout three wars—the Florida, Mexican and the rebellion—and who carries strong evidences of the conflicts on his person, is locked up at the station awaiting the coming of relatives who requested the police to hold him from the whisky shops about which he has of late been hanging. His name is Henry Hughes, and he was born in Pennsylvania, of German and Irish parentage.

This morning he was as sober as a judge when he talked to the reporter from his cell and showed his wounds. In the Florida war, he says, he served under Commodore Perry of Lake Erie fame. As an apprentice in the Mexican war he made sails on the warship St. Mary, which was actively employed in the struggle. It was on board the Kearsarge, though, at the sinking of the Alabama that he received enough injuries to kill three men. Hughes states that the Alabama had hoisted her flag of truce and fighting was supposed to be over, when the confederate warship suddenly opened a broadside on the Kearsarge. It was thought the unexpected attack would thoroughly finish the northern ship, but only two men were killed, while he (Hughes) had his nose partly taken off, a great splinter forced through his abdomen and the top of his head was so injured that it was found necessary to put a silver plate in it. The wounds are all visible. Hughes was a sailmaker on the Kearsarge. He now has a pension of $31 a month. He is a remarkable man for his age, and active in spite of his years.

Hughes says he does not know who ordered his detention, as he says he has not spoken to his wife, who is much his junior, for years, and he does not believe she has enough interest in him to look out for his welfare. Hughes has a very ugly gash on his head now, received through a fall yesterday. He says the plate in his head at times presses upon the brain and causes him to have fits.

A Pleasant Occasion.

Hermione Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias, was last night visited by Grand Chancellor J. W. Hardell and the following officers of the Grand Lodge: James K. Mangum, vice grand chancellor; Henry Yenney, grand prelate; Geo. W. Bowman, keeper of records and seals; John Humphreys, grand treasurer; M. C. Thompson, grand master-at-arms; J. W. Carter, inner guard, and W. H. Osborn, outer guard; supreme representative, Richard Goodheart; supreme outer guard, J. W. Thompson.

There were short but bright and appropriate addresses by Past Chancellor C. W. Birdsall, Past Chancellor W. C. Williams and Past Grand Chancellor Henry G. Wagner.

The examination of the lodge's records, finances, &c., exhibited a flattering condition of affairs. The grand chancellor complimented the lodge upon its success from both a numerical and financial standpoint, and stated that so far in his visitations the local lodge was the banner one.

The refurnished banquet hall was opened for the first time last night. Its cheery, cozy appearance gave effect to the occasion. The tables were laden with the choicest of banquet delicacies, and the utmost good feeling reigned throughout the feast.

Interest in the Revival.

An unusual interest is developing in the protracted services being held at the West Street Presbyterian Church, judging from the large congregation that assembled last night to hear the Rev. Adolos Allen, co-pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The subject of the discourse was "The Risen Savior's Walk to Emmaus." The sermon was original and highly spiritual and was listened to with marked attention. Dr. Alexander, following the line of the sermon, made a religious appeal to the unconverted to array themselves under the "banner of the cross." The singing, conducted by Mr. Hunter, assisted by Mrs. Bennett and Miss Tschefaly at the instruments, was unusually fine. The service this evening will be under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Alexander.

Miscellaneous.

Messrs. Jesse H. Wilson and Peter J. McIntyre, trustees, yesterday sold, through Thos. Dowling, a two-story frame house on Prospect street "Reno," near Tenleytown, to Wheatley Bros. for $1,125.

Mr. Benjamin Harper and Mr. Sanger Johns are on the town's sick list.

THE PENSION ROLL.

The Annual Report of Commissioner Lochren.

Pension Commissioner Lochren's annual report, which has been made public, shows there are now on the rolls, or were, June 30, 1895, 970,523 pensioners, an increase of 980 during the last fiscal year. During the year 27,816 deaths of pensioners occurred. 14,575 were dropped, 39,185 new pensions were allowed, and 4,206 restored.

Estimates for 1897 are the same as for 1896, except $3,000 asked to improve the quarters of the pension agent at Buffalo, N. Y. The appropriation of $140,000,000 is regarded as sufficient, unless some new pension legislation occurs this winter. The commissioner commends the work of the board of revision, in discouraging claims without merit, of the law division, in detecting and punishing crimes in pension claims, and of the examiners in the field for preventing frauds. There were 1,000 dismissals of clerks in the bureau during the year, and the commissioner thinks it would be equitable and humane for Congress to make moderate provision to aid clerks disabled by long and faithful service, who are discharged because they have ceased to be efficient because of physical disability.

The report also shows that the act of March 2, 1895, increasing the rate of certain pensioners to $6 per month, made an increase of $1,500,000 annually in the payment of pensions, and the act repealing the act of March 3, 1893, forbidding the payment of pensions to non-residents after July 1, 1893, increased the payments during the last four months of the year 1895 about $275,000.

A PECULIAR CASE

Uncertain Effect of the President's Action in Regard to Commander Ludlow.

Some Officers Think It Removes Him From the Service, While Others Hold He Retains His Rank.

A case of absorbing interest to the personnel of the navy at the present time is that of Commander Nicoll Ludlow. This officer stands at the head of the list of commanders, and there is a vacancy in immediate prospect in the next higher grade—that of captain. In accordance with the custom in such cases, Commander Ludlow was examined as to his fitness for promotion, by a naval board regularly organized for the purpose. This board found that he was mentally, morally and physically up to the requirements and recommended his promotion. The Secretary of the Navy approved the recommendation of the board and submitted the case to the President for final action. The President's approval was necessary to insure the officer's promotion. Contrary to expectations, however, the President returned the papers to the Navy Department indorsed "disapproved." It is generally understood that the President holds that Commander Ludlow is morally unfit for promotion, and that he bases this judgment on the fact that the officer had once reported a junior officer fully qualified for promotion, and had subsequently, when the same officer came up again for examination for promotion to a higher grade, expressed the opinion that he was morally unfit for promotion. The officer in question is Lieutenant Commander Sperry, who is now credited with having induced the President to reject the report of the examining board in favor of Commander Ludlow.

Two Opinions as to His Status.

The status of Commander Ludlow is the question that is puzzling naval officers. There are two decidedly opposite opinions on the subject. One side contends that the effect of the President's action is to drop Commander Ludlow from the navy immediately on the promotion to the grade of captain of the officer next below him on the list of commanders. The officer next in line is Commander Cook, assistant to the chief of the bureau of navigation. The officers holding the view stated say that the situation in which Ludlow has been placed leaves him no avenue of escape from dismissal unless the President should reconsider and reverse his action. On the other hand it is contended that the President's action merely bars Ludlow's promotion, and, while permitting his juniors to "jump" him, does not remove him from his place at the head of his grade. The officers holding this view assert that under the law it requires the concurrent action of the examining board and the President to drop an officer examined for promotion on the ground of moral unfitness. The only other way to secure the dismissal of such an officer is by court-martial proceedings.

Both sides agree that if the examining board had reported that Commander Ludlow was either professionally or morally unfit for advancement in the service and the President had approved the report, the officer would be dropped from the service. It is also conceded that in the event the officer was found physically disqualified he would be eligible for retirement. The only disagreement is as to the effect of the President's refusal to promote an officer because of alleged moral unfitness when the naval board which examined him found that he was in every way qualified for the higher rank.

Sympathy for the Officer.

A good deal of sympathy is expressed by naval officers generally for Commander Ludlow. He has an exceptionally fine record, and this is the first time he has ever had trouble with the department. The head and front of his offending is said to be that he changed his mind as to the fitness for promotion of an officer who had served under him. At one time he thought well of this officer's qualifications and subsequently he reversed his opinion. The officers who dispute the contention that the promotion of Commander Cook to the grade of captain over the head of Commander Ludlow will effect the latter's dismissal say there is only one legal way that Commander Ludlow can be forced out of the service, outside of court-martial proceedings, and that is by the Senate confirming the nomination by the President of some lieutenant commander to the grade of commander "vice Nicoll Ludlow, removed."

It is not believed that the President will resort to such an extreme measure in the case of Commander Ludlow. The friends of that officer say that the President has been misled as to the real merits of the case. They will make a strong effort to secure a reconsideration. Another examination of Commander Ludlow will be requested in order that the charges preferred against him by Lieut. Commander Sperry may be more fully investigated than was done under the previous examination. Commander Ludlow is now in the city.

An Appeal to Reopen the Case.

He has appealed to the President to reopen the case in order that he may defend his course in the case of Lieut. Commander Sperry. He has already presented an argument to justify his apparently contradictory reports in regard to the character and general efficiency of his brother officer. It is said his brief puts an entirely different aspect on the case as reviewed by the President, and that the latter will probably order the re-examination of Commander Ludlow by a special naval board. It is generally conceded by military lawyers that a naval officer cannot be dropped for professional or moral unfitness except by concurrent action of the examining board and the President.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following: George Gibson and Alice Mills; Thos. H. Sprinkle of Charlotte, N. C., and Mary D. Reeve of this city; Jesse E. Bayton and Leah Green; Jos. H. Jeffries and Mary M. Dahler; John E. Alvey and Rosa McDonald; Albert J. Jennings of Fluvanna county, Va., and Ada W. Lacy of Goochland county, Va.; John Craig of Montgomery county, Md., and Charity Humphreys of this city; John F. Belt and Maria Randolph; Chas. E. Brock and Mary L. Brook; Saml. R. Campbell of this city and Corie V. Etzler of Anacostia; John R. R. Hurst and Columbia Fidler, both of Richmond, Va.; Ninnis Mahones and Edna Craig, both of Albemarle county, Va.; Frank Barnes and Leoni Hebb; Andrew J. Schwartz of Mineral county, W. Va., and Mary A. Jordan of Ohio county, W. Va.; Peter J. Synogh and Nellie J. Daley; Chas. E. Bailey and Mary E. L. Harris; Frank Williams and Mary J. Lewis; Wm. M. Pfefferling and Laura L. Orr, both of Charlottesville, Va.; Wm. J. Walters of this city and Jessie Lazenby of Montgomery county, Md.; Edward Briscoe and Janie Crown; Davis B. Eddins and Bettie Watson, both of Stanardsville, Va.; Richard Offutt and Mary G. Green; Chas. D. Duvall of Spencerville, Md., and Laura S. Bogg of Springfield, Mass.; Allen Thurman Larner and Mamie E. Richards; David Y. Green and Mary E. Minor; John W. Prather and Mary A. Burks; John W. Urey of York, Pa., and Kate Spriggins of this city; Silas Chapman and Maria Contee; James W. Martin and Julia C. E. Muehlhausen; Jas. E. Norton of Brookland, D. C., and Zelphia E. Lord of this city; Frank J. Bayne and Estelle Keene; William J. Jones and Lizzie Shambaugh; Arthur H. Goldsmith of Floral Park, N. Y., and Elizabeth P. Tanner; Chas. F. Milton and Mary Yoke, both of Louisa county, Va.; Edward Johnson and Ella Cheatham; George Foyce and Annie Miller; Richard Patterson and Alice Cornail; E. C. Staton of Pocahontas, Va., and Nellie J. Cocke of Jackson, Louisa county, Va.; J. W. Kidwell and Florence Marcey, both of Alexandria county, Va.; James L. Brock and Lorretta Hughes; Isaac Anderson of Saginaw, Mich., and Dora J. Barber of this city; Howard Marshall and Mollie McClennan; John W. Wortham and Martha Pumphrey; Harry J. Patterson of College Park, Md., and Elizabeth H. Hutchinson of this city; Ollie Taylor and Mamie Berry; Wm. H. Welsh, jr., and Elizabeth Busey Crampton; Charles Henry Coleman and Mary F. Gaynor; Otho Tyler of Washington Grove, Md., and Josephine M. Douglass of this city; Norris E. Wilson of this city and Isabelle W. Collord of Boston, Mass.; William Sherlock Bronson and Nellie Duncan Butcher; Richard P. Ennis and Viola Earnest, both of Baltimore, Md.; James Monroe and Alice Walker; George S. Maxwell of Louisville, Ky., and Rosalie M. Gottlieb of Richmond, Va.

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ALL HALLOWEEN RITES

A Time of Much Enjoyment and Good Natured Fun.

Glimpses Obtained of the Matrimonial Future When the Help of the Spirits is Properly Invoked.

Today is All Hallowe'en, the one day in all the year when spirits from the unseen world show kindly interest in the affairs of mortal man and maid.

The visitors from spirit land are great sticklers for etiquette, and must be invoked with old-time ceremony. If you want their aid you must fulfill with care the conditions they have decreed. You need not, for instance, expect to sit at your ease in your boudoir and have some industrious sprite cast upon your mirror, as if from magic lantern slide, the portrait of your future husband. In order to see his image looking over your shoulder into the looking glass you carry in your hand you must go into the cellar quite alone and without a light, at midnight. As you stand there shivering with nervousness, and while each faint sound fills you with a hundred nameless fears, one of the guardian spirits of Halloween may take the opportunity to show you your future life partner. If you are to live a life of single blessedness, of course no face will appear.

For nervous, timorous girls this is quite a trying ordeal, but it is as nothing in comparison with the surer method of testing fortune by walking alone three times around a graveyard at midnight. If you do this earnestly, say the old chronicles, the image of your future husband will surely appear to you ere you have completed the third round. The only trouble about this familiar practice of the middle ages is that meeting the apparition sent by the accommodating spirits, one might easily mistake it for an ordinary ghost and be too much frightened to take a good look at it.

All in Proper Style.

For the sake of observing the proper form and observances, a lady who has sent out invitations for Halloween has been studying up the appropriate rites very industriously, and perhaps her researches and methods of decoration will afford hints for others who are hospitably inclined.

To begin with, the invitations were written on pumpkins. These represented some ingenuity, for they could not be bought in any of the shops. She managed to obtain, however, a good picture of a pumpkin, and with the aid of some tracing paper this was easily transferred to pieces of cardboard, and given the proper shade with a little water color. These were then cut out with a sharp pair of scissors, and on them were written in old English the summons to the festivity.

The decorations of the parlor for the occasion will be decidedly bizarre in effect. The mantelpieces will be trimmed with golden rod and other autumn flowers. The only light in the room will shine through pumpkins in which queer and grotesque faces have been cut, making them into veritable jack-o'-lanterns. From all the lamps the decorative shades will be removed and the pumpkins substituted. There will be pumpkins amid the flowers on the mantels, too, in which long wax candles will be burned; they will hang by ribbons from between the portieres and gleam from every table. The softened light is decidedly becoming.

Souvenirs for the Guests.

To each guest a little silken souvenir will be presented, either in the form of a miniature pumpkin or a giant chestnut. Every one knows that chestnuts are important factors at a Halloween function. What can be more exciting than to watch to see which one will pop first in a row of chestnuts named and put close to the glowing embers? They must do more than pop, however, they must jump out. Sometimes, instead of landing at the feet of the expectant damsel, one will capriciously choose another fair maid, in which case the inference is plain. The men's fortunes can, of course, be foretold in the same way.

Peering Into the Future.

What is more exciting than dropping melted lead into a bowl of water that the guardian spirits may twist it into a simile of the instrument by which your intended will fight the battle of life, or, if you be a man, that one which will figure most largely in the cutting out of your career? All sorts of tools are represented; the pen, if literature is marked as fate; the sword, if you are to serve your country in war; the scythe, if farming is to be your destiny. Sometimes a rope appears with a noose at the end of it, but happily not often do sure dire predictions dampen the spirits of the seekers into the future.

Then you may drop candle grease into water to see if it will reveal to you the initial of the name of your future husband or wife. Or you may invoke spirit aid to give the proper twist to an apple paring, cut by yourself and thrown over your left shoulder.

Bobbing for apples in a tub of water used to be considered one of the regulation Halloween sports, and it is very funny for the spectators to watch the apples eluding the wide-open mouth of the aspirant for honors in this line, but unfortunately the gentlemen are apt to object to having their