

Around the City

There come times when the humblest column in a paper may take on the importance of a woman's page. In this case the honor is due to a bridegroom's archaic craving for hooch.

And as she "simply never heard of the thing," his bewildered bride has appealed to her "Dearest Ann Woman" in the same spirit, doubtless, that caused the adage-man to advise any port in a storm. For a wonder—to quote another adage-man—she hit the nail on the head.

There are many ways of not knowing how to make a hooch. They are found mainly in cook books. You will read in equal measure of cornmeal and flour.

There is no flour in hooch. Another legend with the infallibility of cook books and dictionaries: "Beat two eggs briskly."

A hooch knows no eggs.

Another starts out with "To a quart of cornmeal seasoned with salt add hot water enough to..."

Water should be cold.

Another steers clear of the aforementioned errors to slip up in the baking, which "should be done in a stovepan similar to those used in southern fire-places before the war."

The recipe lady means the iron skillet on legs which Dixie cooks used to place on hot coals shoveled from the bed of the fire and in which they baked every sort of bread—except hooch.

Cornmeal, light bread and biscuit went into a skillet like that, and when it is personal—Brown Jane had put on the lid and baked it with more hot coals she would go to the spring, pick a chicken or spunk one of the human chocolate-drops around without the least apparent interest in what was going on inside the skillet. After that she would take a wooden spoon, dip it into the water tub, pluck an extra feather or two from a fowl, go to the door and call out to some neighbor to pick and her a passel of chips for the fire, and then summer to the hearth, lift the skillet with a poker and find the bread done to a turn—golden brown to look at, and something delicious to smell.

But she didn't cook hooch that way. She knew better. Her hooch pan wasn't a pan at all, but a disk of iron as smooth as silver and as black as the ace of spades, or, to be properly

frapped an iron disk before the fire. Historic, the garden hose, which is supposed to have served for the baking of the primitive hooch before the revolutionary war.

When Jane baked a hooch she frapped an iron disk before the fire, and while it was getting hot got her dough—cornmeal, salt and water from the tub. Having molded it to patty-cake consistency with her hand, she slapped her dough on the hot disk, poked her finger in the center to let the steam escape, set it before the fire, went off to come back now and then to revolve the iron so that the crust would golden evenly all around, and when done, off she would slip the delicious thing from disk to plate, slit it in the middle and butter, and send it to the table sizzling hot.

And that's the way to bake a hooch.

This town is populous with tender young mothers who are rearing their babies with a knowledge that would be miraculous except that it is instinctive—which probably means both—but there are always others in the exception that makes copy-to-wit.

A young woman was loitering along a street one morning. She had in her hand a tiny boy that limped. The boy was carrying a paper bag. As they reached a crossing, the child stumbled, the bag fell, and the child was showered with gay little candy eggs of about every color under the sun.

The boy began to cry and the mother gave him a fretful jerk and told him to come on. But he didn't want to come on. He wanted to pick up his eggs. The woman gave him another jerk and told him if he didn't come along she'd box his ears—good! But the child risked it and tried to get at the eggs.

"Wait a minute, mamma—I want my eggs!"

"Then what made you spill them? The next time I buy you candy you'll know it. If you cry I'll spank you the minute I get you home."

She looked like a woman of her word, and the child was whimpering along.

Rediscovering Maryland.

From the Baltimore Sun.

"The automobile," said a recent writer in "the largest agency in our rediscovery of America." It is the largest agency in the rediscovery of Maryland, which thousands of our citizens and many from outside the borders of the state are now making. Many of us—men and women—have tried to imagine the thoughts of those pilgrims who landed in St. Marys county early in the seventeenth century, when the country was a primeval wilderness, with only Indians for inhabitants, landed and gradually made their way northward. They looked backward to the fertile Potomac and forward to the more lordly Chesapeake. They saw pleasant groves and mighty forests, and the wonderful specimens of bird and plant life, seductive rivers, fascinating islands, beautiful streams. As they moved northward and westward they and their descendants saw splendid harbors, ports, and cities, impressive mountains. What a country to rediscover! What a country to rediscover!

The automobile has made the rediscovery possible. Formerly the city man, immersed in his work, could not find the time to give to the pleasant but slow task of exploration. Now, in a day he can cover the unequalled suburbs of Baltimore. In a day or two he can go far into the eastern or western shores or into western Maryland. In a week's journey he can learn more about his state than was formerly possible in a month's travel. The automobile, supplemented by the good roads, has made the thing feasible. Is it any wonder that every one who can afford a car is buying one? Is it any wonder that the automobile show is crowded? We are just beginning to learn of the utilitarian possibilities of the motor vehicle as well as its possibilities for pleasure. It is bringing the city to the country and the country to the city. It is reinvigorating and re-spiritualizing thousands of men and women who had got into ruts or lost touch with nature. It is altering our civilization in subtle and helpful ways.

Long may its beneficent reign continue!

A Slight Mistake.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

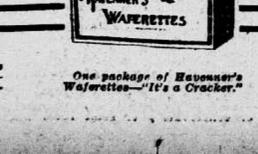
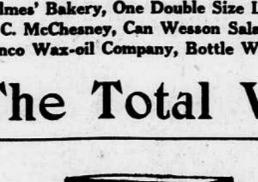
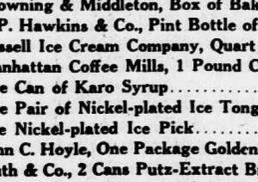
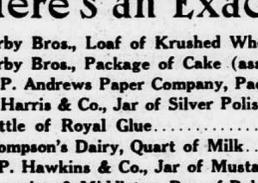
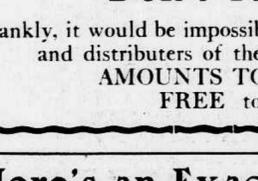
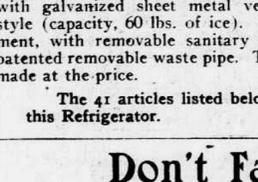
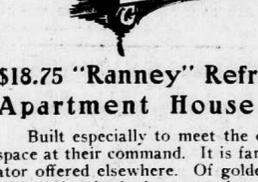
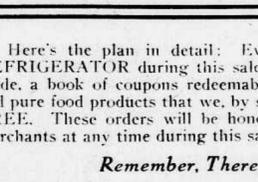
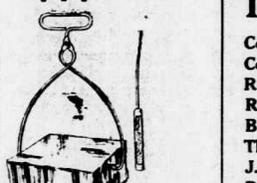
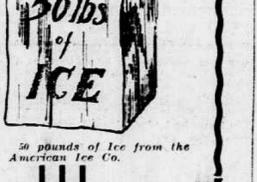
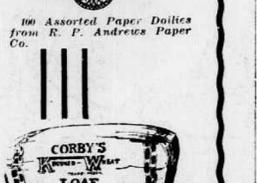
It was a very active squirrel and kept the wheel bussing. An old coddler surveyed it awhile and then said: "That's a great motor you got there, mister. What do you run with it?"

Troubles of His Own.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

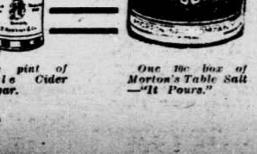
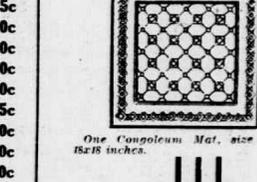
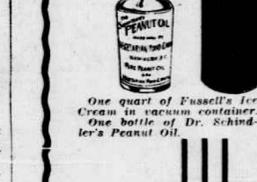
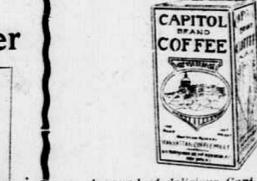
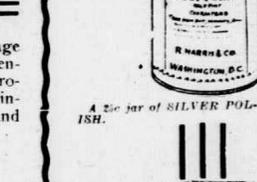
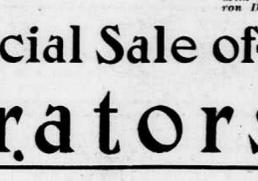
"Do you know about those poor boys in the trenches?"

"I ought to, I know. And I would, but the fact is I'm in the hole most of the time myself."



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