

Eating by the Alphabet.

"Have you got anything here beginning with 'k' that's good to eat?" inquired a new customer in a well known local delicacy market, last Tuesday.

"How will pickled kidneys answer?" replied the clerk, after a moment's thought.

"First rate. Give me a dozen cans. The kitten's life is saved," exclaimed the strange patron, with enthusiasm.

"I told my wife," he continued, "that if I failed to send home a kangaroo, dead or alive, before 3 o'clock, I should expect to find the kitten served up for supper in the latest Chinese style. But your happy thought saved her."

"You see we all got tired eating the same things day after day, and last month we agreed that during December we would begin and eat up (or rather down) the alphabet, taking one letter a day, with bread, potatoes, tea and coffee thrown in as staples."

"So Dec. 1 we inaugurated the dietary system with a bill of fare consisting of apples in many forms, apricots pickled, asparagus, almonds and the staples. The next day's menu was beef, beets, beans, biscuits, butternut, bacon and bon bons.

"The following day we feasted on chicken, coffee, calls, clams, celery, cucumbers (fifty cents each), cranberries, cake, crackers, crullers, carrots, canned currants, canned cherries, citrons, cider, catsup and candy. And so it has gone on."

"The fifth day would have been a fast day had it not been for eggs, but we made an Easter of it. Yesterday we dined, breakfast and supper chiefly on jellies. Today your kidney suggestion saves us from starvation, while tomorrow we will grow fat on liver, lamb, lobster, lettuce, etc."

"A queer thing about our new food departure is the number of things it has led us to put in our mouths which we never thought of before."—Buffalo Express.

Thread Spools.

Among the peculiar industries which flourish in western Maine is the making of thread spools. They are cut from smooth, white birch timber—a wood which works easily—by various kinds of improved machines. There are numerous mills throughout the lumbering region, where the birch is sawed into strips about four feet long and from one to two inches in width and thickness. These strips then go to the spool factories, to be converted into spools. The processes they are put through are numerous, and one of them, the method of polishing them, is quite interesting. A barrel is filled nearly full of them, and then revolved by means of machinery and belting until the spools are worn smooth by rubbing one against another. Spool manufacturing is the most important industry in several of the villages of Oxford county, and will doubtless continue so until the supply of white birch timber is exhausted. The manufacture of shoe pegs is another peculiar Maine industry, though shared in some extent by other New England states. These are cut from maple and white birch by machinery, and are worth at the factory from thirty-five to ninety-five cents a bushel. The compressing of sawdust is also a flourishing business in Bangor in that state. There is a firm there styling itself a "compress company," who convert sawdust and shavings into solid bales by compression, which finds ready sale in the large eastern cities.—Timberman.

Horsemanship of Mexican Boys.

One of the finest and most inspiring sights of small town life in Mexico is the horsemanship of the boys from 17—perfect young centaurs, as much at home in the saddle as Arabs. How they go thundering through the streets, what marvellous speed turns they make, and how instantaneously they come to a short, sharp stop in a headlong gallop! These country towns of Mexico are the nurseries, so to speak, of the national cavalry, an arm in which the boys of Mexico excel. The finest sight in the world, one on which the gods must look down approvingly, is a high spirited lad astride a good horse. A Mexican boy takes to the back of a horse as a Cape Cod boy does to a boat. At no age is a rider bolder than in that enchanted period of existence lying between childhood and manhood.

A Mexican lad, in default of a saddle, will enjoy himself hugely bareback. He early learns to use the rope or riata, and, beginning with taming dogs and pigs, he advances to mules and cows, and finally essays the roping of a lively bull. So expert do they become that in war they frequently drag their enemies from their saddles by a skillful cast of the rope. Some of my younger friends here seem to me to live in a country which enjoys a climate which makes out-door life possible all the year round, and the country lad, continually on horseback, grows up straight, robust and daring.—Boston Herald Mexican Letter.

Hunting Lobsters.

For a seaside sport the visitors to a Cuban watering place have devised the safe pursuit of lobsters. The author of "The Pearl of the Antilles" describes the chase.

For this sport a big barge is secured, and after having been furnished with carpets and rugs for the ladies' accommodation, we proceed to the beach, to the shores and creeks of the harbor. Three or four black fishermen accompany us and bear long torches of wood, by the light of which the ground beneath the shallow water is visible.

Our prey is secured by throwing a net, in the meshes of which the lobster becomes entangled; but should this prove ineffectual a long pole forked at one end and thrust over the creature's back, and as he struggles to free himself from the pincers embrace a nimble negro dives into the water and captures him alive.

Great excitement prevails when a lobster comes on board and bounds among our crew and passengers.—Youth's Companion.

The Cat Joined In.

A cat was found in the organ during the services that were being held in the Masonic home at Broad street and Germantown avenue. Gen. Wagner presided at the organ, and while the hymns were being sung the pussy joined in with more vigor than harmony. When the music ceased the cat took a rest also. While the Scriptures were being read the cat broke forth again in a volley of music, her voice pitched in C sharp, and services had to be suspended until Gen. Wagner served a writ of ejectment on the feline. It was supposed to have been locked in the organ since Sunday last and was very much emaciated.—Philadelphia Record.

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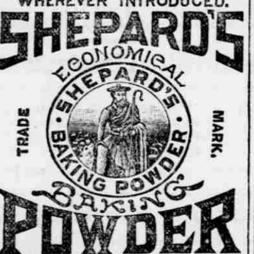
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