

NEWS and GOSSIP OF WASHINGTON

Uncle Sam Is Planning the Biggest Rose Garden

WASHINGTON.—Uncle Sam is planning the biggest and prettiest rose garden in the world at his flower gardens near Arlington. "The American Rose society last spring completed arrangements to co-operate with the department of agriculture in establishing a rose garden," it is stated at the office of information of the department of agriculture. "It is to contain as complete a collection of roses as will grow out of doors in this section of America. The society is furnishing the roses, the department two acres of ground. The garden will be under the direction of federal horticultural specialists. The farm is in Virginia, just across the Potomac from the capital, and convenient to the Washington-Virginia trolley line. The garden already contains about three hundred and twenty varieties, but there are many hundreds not yet included, and eventually the site can accommodate as many as 2,000 varieties, if they can be secured.

"The garden makes an interesting show place for visitors to Washington. The roses are arranged, as far as possible, according to parentage. Teas and hybrid-teas, for instance, have a bed to themselves, as have hybrid-perpetuals. As far as practicable the roses are arranged also according to color. A fence six feet high, in which climbing roses will grow, is to surround the garden. The walks are of turf, and the plan has been to use a different kind of grass in each walk. There will be rose canopies on the corners and at the entrances. A summer house will stand at the most commanding point, where a view of the whole collection may be obtained.

"Any grower of roses who thinks he has roses not already in the collection has been invited by the society to contribute a plant."

Ordinance of Secession Is Restored to Louisiana

IN EXECUTION of the provisions of an act of the recent session of congress, Adjutant General McCain has restored to the state of Louisiana the ordinance of secession passed by the legislature of that state January 26, 1861, which was seized by the Union forces when New Orleans was captured.

No one remembers exactly how the old zinc tube containing the record of the convention which voted to leave the Union ever reached the war department. The case bears the simple legend painted on its cover: STATE OF LOUISIANA. Ordinance of Secession, January 26, 1861.

It is the only one of eleven secession ordinances that the government possessed. Different stories exist as to the means by which the relic reached the capital. It is believed that General Butler when he captured New Orleans seized all the official papers he could find and sent them to Washington. It is probable the old brown tube containing its message came north with other trophies of the war.

As far as the record shows, the ordinance first came to light after the war in a drawer of Lieutenant Colonel Corbin's desk, in the adjutant general's office. It was delivered to Major General Davis, now retired, in 1895, and from him it went to the secretary of war, who ordered it restored to the archives of the adjutant general's office.

The parchment is yellow with age but in excellent condition and perfectly legible, though some of the signatures are a bit faded. The text is divided into two parts—in English on the left and in French on the right. Antiquarians and students of history have frequently sought permission to copy the quaint old document.

Perfect Babies Wanted for Exhibit in Washington

ANNOUNCEMENT of a perfect baby contest is made by officials of the Washington Diet Kitchen association. With this announcement the association made an appeal for more funds for the conduct of its six infant welfare stations. Hitherto the stations have been supported entirely by a list of patrons, and because of other demands upon many of these contributors, the stations find themselves facing the winter with treasury exhausted.

Six of these stations now are open, and though five of them have been in operation less than six months, more than five hundred babies now are being cared for by them. During August this number reached a maximum of 590.

Though the stations were formed primarily to supply milk, they gradually assumed a much wider scope until the name "milk station" was superseded by that of "infant welfare station." Even this term does not express the varied nature of the services performed. For not only infant diet, but cooking conferences for grown-ups, classes for "little mothers," lessons in household economics, and many phases of household management, hygiene and sanitation are imparted to mothers.

At present the interest of the mothers and workers alike is centered on the second annual baby contest in January. Only babies registered two months in advance will be considered. This year a general prize, a medal, will be given to the best baby of all those entered. Another prize, of \$25 in gold, will be awarded to the most nearly perfect baby among those from the milk stations.

Congressional Club Occupies Its Fine New Home

THE new home of the Congressional club, at New Hampshire avenue and U street northwest, is completed and has been occupied by the club. The new structure cost about \$30,000, exclusive of the property, which was donated to the club by Mrs. John B. Henderson, one of its founders, as a site for the building.

Three stories and a basement high, the new clubhouse is 100 by 60 feet, and is a handsome addition to the structures in that vicinity. It is built of buff-colored press brick, terra cotta and Indiana limestone, with marble panels. Ground was broken for the building early last spring.

On the first floor are located the executive offices of the club, the library, retirement rooms, and cloakrooms. The major portion of the second floor is devoted to a large clubroom, which is about one and a half stories high, taking in the mezzanine floor. The dining room is also located on this floor. On the third floor are the kitchens, servants' quarters and storerooms. One of the features of the clubhouse will be the circular stairway, which is to be very handsome.

The women of the Congressional club are exceedingly proud of their new home, and it will be the scene of many a social function during the season. The club is a nonpolitical organization, the members being the wives or other female relatives of present or past members of congress.

"Dickensy" Names.
"Dickensy" names are to be discovered in the most unlikely localities, as those whose travels take them to Burgundy may have discovered. In Macon there is a Rue Dombey, which, apart from its name, is worth exploring for the sake of one or two fifteenth century timber houses with most quaintly carved fronts. And by a strange coincidence, on the banks of the Saone, about seven miles out of Macon, there is a village called Bos.

Rosemary Has Learned.
Rosemary, aged two, was being brought up carefully by a mother who did not approve of slang. She had always played alone, but had recently had as a playmate a group of little neighbor boys. Shortly afterward her dignified grandfather came to the door as she was being put to bed, and said "Good night, baby." Her mother's horror may easily be imagined when she heard her daughter call, "Dood night, dangs, old kid."

TO GET BEST OUT OF COFFEE

Method of Preparation Has Much to Do With Success in This Important Matter.

There are two points necessary in getting the best out of coffee. One is, of course, to get all that is good. The other is not to get what is bad. The best preparation of coffee extracts the aromatic oils and eliminates coffee-tannin to practically nothing.

In the first place the housewife must see to it that her coffee is finely ground. But, having had it practically pulverized, she must be careful that it is quickly used or confined in air-proof, moisture-proof jars, otherwise the oil will escape into the air and will absorb moisture.

In the actual preparation of the beverage, however, the important thing is to brew the coffee. "Brewed" coffee is not "cooked." In the process of brewing the oils are extracted from the fibrous tissue, whereas when coffee is boiled or "cooked" the fiber is stewed in and the flavor and purity of the liquid is damaged. The water must be boiled; the coffee must not. Water at the boiling point should be poured on the coffee, but it should not stand too long, and it should not get chilled.

The elimination of the coffee-tannin is best brought about in the filtration or drip method of preparing coffee. When brewed in this way the coffee contains only .29 of a grain of coffee-tannin per cup, as against 2.90 grains by five minutes steeping in the percolator method.

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

To clean a polished table that has been marred by having had a hot dish placed upon it rub it with camphorated oil.

To clean tinware dampen a cloth, dip it in common soda and rub the ware briskly, after which wipe dry.

To overcome the annoyance of the hands perspiring when doing fine sewing bathe them with strong alum water.

To lengthen the life of a comb wash it in soapy water before using it, and when it is dry rub it with a little olive oil.

To restore their natural color to ivory knife handles that turn yellow rub them with turpentine.

To preserve clothespins and clotheslines and keep them flexible and durable boil them a few minutes and then dry them quickly. This should be done twice a month.

White Fruit Cake.

To make an especially delicious cake of the lasting variety cream together one cupful of butter and two cupfuls of sugar and add one cupful of milk. Sift three cupfuls of flour and one teaspoonful of baking powder three times and add to the mixture and stir well. Slice very thin one pound of citron, blanch one pound of almonds and chop fine and grate one medium-sized fresh coconut and add to the mixture with one wineglassful of white wine, stirring enough to mix only. Last fold in the beaten whites of eight eggs. Bake in two loaves and cook in a moderate oven.

Dishwashing Wisdom.

While spending the day with a friend on a farm last summer, I noticed a clever little arrangement of hers in washing dishes. The water was piping hot, as it should be, and in the middle of the dishpan she set a small deep pitcher full of hot suds for the silver. This obviated the need of plunging her hand down to the bottom of the dishpan, as I have always done, and also kept the silver from collecting grease.—McCall's Magazine.

Apple Slump.

Pare and slice your apples, sweeten to taste, add cinnamon and a little salt. Prepare a crust as follows: Two cupfuls flour, two level teaspoonfuls baking powder, one teaspoonful salt, sifted together. Mix thoroughly with two table-spoonfuls shortening, wet with milk or water until a soft dough. Place over apples. Make three or four cuts in top, to allow steam to escape, and bake. Serve with molasses sauce or with sugar and cream.

Stuffed Celery.

Thoroughly clean perfect stalks of celery and cover with ice until crisp. Mix to a cream one-quarter pound of Roquefort cheese, one-half pound of cream cheese, one tablespoonful of butter, one teaspoonful of Worcestershire dressing, one-eighth teaspoonful of paprika and one teaspoonful of finely chopped olives. Stuff celery with this mixture and serve ice cold on lettuce leaves. After the celery is stuffed cut it into two-inch lengths.

Sausages and Tomato.

Take three small pork sausages and dip in cold water for a few minutes. Now slip off the skin and form the meat into flat cakes. Fry in a small pan until nicely browned. Pour off the surplus fat and add one-half cupful of left-over tomatoes, a little chopped peppers and, if mixture is too thin, a little rolled cracker meal may be added. As soon as hot serve on a heated plate and press small toast points around edge.

For Your Bean Pot.

To clean the bean pot thoroughly put two large handfuls of washing soda in it and place in a large covered kettle. Now completely cover it with cold water and allow to boil for almost half an hour. Then wash in the usual way.

Nullis Fruits.

Take one pound of mixed fresh fruits; cut into dice; soak for 15 minutes in sherry; add them to a quart of lemon ice; mix well and freeze.

TRAINED HORSE A NUISANCE

British Officer's Experience Shows That It Is Not Always Wise to Teach One Tricks.

It is not always wise to teach a horse to play tricks, as this story, told by Gen. Sir Robert Baden-Powell in Pearson's Magazine, proves.

John Leech's inimitable circus horse that insisted on sitting down with his rider whenever he heard a band play, is the prototype of a horse of mine, which, in a weak moment, I had taught to rear up and "salam" whenever I leaned forward to make a bow.

It was all very pretty when I was out riding and met any lady of my acquaintance, but it became an infernal nuisance when I was out pig sticking. I would lean forward to meet the rush of a charging boar with my spear—up would go the silly beast on end, just at the moment when his safety depended on my taking a true and deadly aim with my spear point. The consequence was that his hind legs showed many scars from boars' tusks, and he was lucky that he did not end his career with his belly ripped open.

I had, too, at one time, a fine, but somewhat nervous charger. One day, on a parade, my mount suddenly gave way with me, and quietly lay down. I thought for the moment he was ill, but, on rousing him, he immediately sprang to his feet again, quite fit and well. A week or two later, when riding with a friend, we stopped for a moment to admire the view, when down he went again. It was evident to me that he had been trained to lie down at a given signal, but I never could discover for the life of me what that signal was.

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Early Dams on the Nile.

What the British are undertaking in the Nile country, in the introduction of irrigation plans, was carried out to an interesting extent about 6,500 years ago by King Menes. He is credited with the earliest irrigation works, when dykes were made on the west bank of the Nile to retain the flood waters on the land for a longer period, the east bank being left open for the inundation to spend itself freely. Two thousand years later Amenemhat III extended the same system of "basin irrigation" to the east bank, and in order to ward off the danger of a high flood he made Lake Moeris where is now the Fayum. Into this great artificial lake, one of the wonders of the world at that period, the high waters were allowed to escape, and from it, when the crest of the flood had passed, the basins of lower Egypt were kept supplied, without danger of overflowing.

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WESTERN CANADA'S OFFER IS AMERICA'S OPPORTUNITY

GROW GRAINS IN WESTERN CANADA, ENJOY AN EXCELLENT CLIMATE AND MAKE MONEY.

With the European wheat fields desolated, and the farming population more than decimated, there will be for a number of years a demand for food products that has not been experienced in the memory of the present generation. Everyone regrets the horrible war that has brought this about. Its effects are felt not only in Europe, but in every part of the American continent. Many lines of business have been hurt, but only temporarily it is hoped. Financial stringency is being talked of. There is a way of overcoming these things; and Western Canada offers the solution in its immense agricultural area, when the possibility of retrieving losses, making assured gains, and at the same time becoming a factor in providing the world with the one great requisite—wheat—is so pronounced that it cannot be overlooked.

There are several ways in which excellent farming lands can be secured in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta, and also British Columbia.

In the first place the offer of the Dominion Government of 160 acres of land free to the settler is something not given by any other country. Conditions of settlement are easy. Live upon the land six months in each year, for a period of three years, cultivate about thirty acres, and erect a habitable house. Instead of cultivation, the keeping of a certain number of head of cattle will carry with it the same value. Many of these homesteads may be had in the open prairie area, where every acre can be put under cultivation, but to the man with limited means, in the park area, lying north of the central portion of three of the provinces named, there is afforded the best chance. In this park country are beautiful groves of poplar and willow, small lakes and streams, and sufficient open area to enable one to go into immediate cultivation for crops of wheat, oats, barley and flax, any one of which does wonderfully well, giving prolific yields. In due time when more land is required for cultivation, these groves may be cut down at small cost. In the meantime, however, they have been valuable in providing fuel and shelter for cattle, which thrive wonderfully on the wild grasses that grow in abundance.

Another plan is to purchase from some of the railway companies who hold large tracts, or from some responsible land company. The prices asked are exceedingly low and the terms easy. Whether one may decide to locate in the open prairie area or in the park country the land will be found to be of the same general texture, a rich black or chocolate colored loam on a clay subsoil.

Great attention is drawn to the fact of the great opportunities for farming that are offered in Western Canada. Already a number of holders of tracts of land there, who are residents of the United States—business men, merchants, lawyers, bankers—men of foresight and keen knowledge of business, have decided to cultivate the lands they have been holding for speculation and wait no longer for a buyer to turn up. They are acting wisely.

Canadian laws are as fair and just as can be found in the civilized world. Military service is not compulsory, nor is there one ounce of coercion used. Anything that is given to Great Britain whether in money or men is entirely voluntary. There is no drafting nor conscription of any kind. Already over sixty thousand of the young men of Canada have volunteered for service, and thirty-five thousand have gone forward, many of these having left their farms in their love for Great Britain and a desire to fight for their country. As a consequence, many farms may be left untilled. Therefore Canada invites others to come in and take their places. This then is the opportunity for the American who wishes to better his own condition.—Advertisement.

Sir Rufus Isaacs.

Sir Rufus Isaacs is the first man of the Jewish race ever to hold the office of lord chief justice of England. Beaconsfield was a Jew, but the office that he held was that of prime minister.

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A Serious Case.

"What is that injured football player raving about?" asked the attending surgeon, who had just come in.

"He keeps muttering that he will get behind with his Latin," said the nurse.

"His Latin, eh? I fear his mind is completely gone."

The Old Retort.

"Dearie, I've long had something on my mind."

"I wish you wouldn't brag so, Frederick."—Detroit Free Press.

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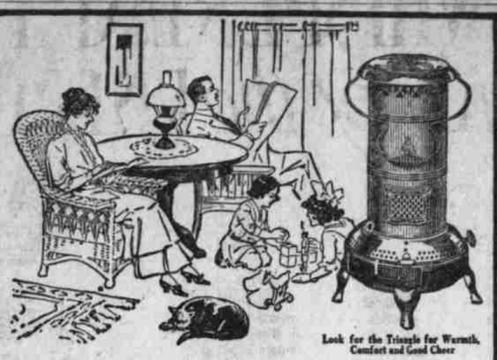
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Historic Clontarf.

Clontarf, where the collision between the national volunteers and the soldiers took place, is one of the most historic spots in Ireland. It was there, on Good Friday, April 23, 1614, Brian Boru and the men of Munster, Connaught and Meath fought the Danes. Brian was killed in his tent; Sigurd Earl of Orkney and Cathness, perished also; and 11,000 Irishmen and 13,000 Danes are said to have fallen. Victory remained with the Irish, but the Danes reoccupied Dublin. In modern times O'Connell's monster meetings for repeal were to have culminated at Clontarf. But the meeting was prohibited by the government, and O'Connell was put upon his trial for conspiracy and convicted, though the verdict was eventually reversed by the house of lords.—London Chronicle.

A Knockout.

Senator Smith of South Carolina, who was recently re-elected, tells this story of a little argument in the court room between a rising young attorney and an elderly physician. The attorney was prosecuting a damage suit, and the physician's testimony being detrimental to his cause, he was trying to show that the doctor was inexperienced.

Worth Hoping For.

Pa—What's that dreadful noise in the parlor?

Ma—Sarah's new beau is showing her how he can throw his voice.

Pa—Well, don't disturb him; maybe he'll throw it so far he won't be able to get it back again.—Youngstown Telegram.

Forward Movement Fear.

"Why did the new cook quit in such a hurry?"

"I guess she saw the boarders mobilizing."

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