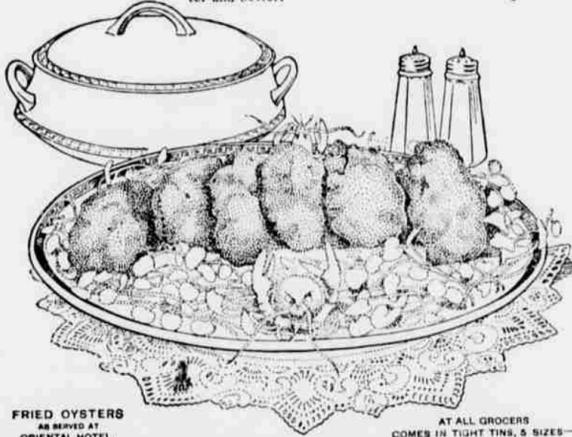




You've had trouble frying oysters or having them fried right for you. Now look at these. Notice how greaseless—how dry and crisp on the outside. They're moist and delicious on the inside. You put your teeth through the outer crust and get the real and only oyster taste on the inside. These are Crusto fried oysters.

Because Crusto is odorless and tasteless itself it preserves the food flavor uncontaminated. Because it can be made "red hot" without burning, it cooks a juice-preserving shell on the food before any greasiness has a chance to soak in—before the food juices can dribble out.

Crusto helps good cooks to be better cooks. Better than lard and as cheap—cheaper than butter and better.



FRIED OYSTERS AS SERVED AT ORIENTAL HOTEL, DALLAS AT ALL GROCERS COMES IN TIGHT TINS, 5 SIZES—3 1/2, 4 1/2, 5 1/2, 7 1/2, 10 1/2 OZS.

CRUSTO—Houston, Texas

IN SOCIETY

By Jeanette H. Poland - Telephone 361
Hours 6:30 to 8:30 a. m. 6:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Miss Keyte Madden is entertaining Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. London are spending the week in Oklahoma City and Edmond.

The boys of the younger set are planning a dance for the last of the week at Dornick Hills.

Miss Margaret Miller returns Thursday from Oklahoma City to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. S. M. Davis.

Marshal Diggs of Chicago will arrive tomorrow to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Diggs, and sister, Mrs. R. A. Howard.

Miss Doris Westheimer is home from Columbus College, New York, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Westheimer.

An Old, Family Cough Remedy, Home-Made

Easily Prepared—Costs Very Little, but is Prompt, Sure and Effective

By making this pint of old-time cough syrup at home you not only save about \$2, as compared with the ready-made kind, but you will also have a much more prompt and positive remedy in every way. It overcomes the usual coughs, throat and chest colds in 24 hours—relieves even whooping cough quickly—cure is excellent, too, for bronchitis, bronchial asthma, hoarseness and spasmodic croup.

Get from any drug store 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth), pour it into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Full directions with Pinex. Keeps perfectly and tastes good.

You can feel this take hold of a cough or cold in a way that means business. It quickly loosens the dry, hoarse or painful throat and breaks the inflamed membranes. It also has a remarkable effect in overcoming the persistent loose cough by stopping the formation of phlegm in the throat and bronchial tubes.

The effect of Pinex on the membranes is known by almost every one. Pinex is a most valuable concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract combined with guaiaecol and other natural healing pine elements.

There are many worthless imitations of this famous mixture. To avoid this appointment, ask your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces of Pinex," and do not accept anything else.

A guarantee of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

ter known as Carmen Sylvia, is now 72 years of age.

Of the thirty-three bureau officials in the federal bureau of education, eleven are women.

Twenty-four of the 622 colleges in the United States are presided over by women.

There is very little difference between the minds of men and the minds of women.

Over 100 Glasgow university women students have joined the army workers in London.

Many Georgia housewives have adopted overalls to wear while working about the house.

Women doctors and teachers in England find opportunities that have always been closed to them heretofore.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt has been made honorary vice president of the woman's section of the Navy League.

The Stockholm State Bank has a woman as chief cashier, who is paid the same rate as a man.

Mrs. Harold Almiert of Chicago, national woman champion trapshooter, is the mother of two children.

Chinese women have started an aggressive campaign for the restoration of the monarchy in that country.

Since the no-treating law went into effect in London, the drinking among women has greatly decreased.

There has been an increase of 25 per cent in the employment of women in London banks since the war began.

"CAT AND DOG FIGHT" ON BOARD OF PEACE VESSEL

London, Dec. 20.—The correspondents of the Daily Mail and the Daily Express at Christiania give considerable space to the alleged differences on the Ford peace ship. The Express says that when the newspaper men at Christiania, went aboard, Mr. Ford's manager made vigorous efforts to prevent them from meeting the American newspaper men but was unable to prevent the story of the voyage from being told and that after the Norwegians had gone ashore with lively details of all the happenings there was a "regular cat and dog fight" to oust the American journalists from the ship, the main allegations against them being that they tried to wreck the mission.

SCIATICA'S PIERCING PAIN

To kill the nerve pains of Sciatica you can always depend on Sloan's Liniment. It penetrates to the seat of pain and brings ease as soon as it is applied. A great comfort, too, with Sloan's is that no rubbing is required. Sloan's Liniment is invaluable for stopping muscular or nerve pain of any kind. Try it at once if you suffer with rheumatism, lumbago, sore throat pain in chest, sprains, bruises, etc. It is excellent for neuralgia and headache. 25c at all druggists.

Haskell is Wall Street Millionaire

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 20.—Former Governor Charles N. Haskell, who left Tulsa and took up his residence in New York about eight months ago, is one of the millionaires of Wall Street. It is reported Haskell has made a fortune in stocks affected by the war. Recently it was announced from New York that the former governor is organizing an oil concern known as the "Standard Oil Company of Oklahoma," which is taken to mean he is preparing to re-embark at a later date in the oil game in this state on a great scale. After Mr. Haskell retired as governor of Oklahoma, he took a hand in the oil industry and was singularly successful.

Owes Her Good Health to Chamberlains Tablets

"I owe my good health to Chamberlains Tablets," writes Mrs. R. G. Neff, Crookston, Okla. "Two years ago I was an invalid due to stomach trouble. I took three bottles of these tablets and have since been in the best of health." Obtainable everywhere.

CANAL FULL OF BLAZING WHISKEY BOTHERS FIREMEN

Glasgow, Dec. 20.—Firemen had to fight a canal full of blazing whiskey here Sunday when a fire broke out in the building of the distillery company, limited. Twelve thousand casks of liquor were stored in the building. The conflagration spread rapidly and the explosion of the casks released the whiskey which made a burning stream of the canal.

Firemen pumped water from the bottom of the canal and played it on the blazing surface. The loss is estimated at \$750,000.

E. M. F. "30" auto, cheap, at Whitechurch's Garage. 19-3

Fruit Cake and Plum Pudding

We have a few more fruit cakes and plum puddings. Place your order before it is too late.

FIRE CRACKERS, TOY PISTOLS

The largest line of fire crackers ever shipped to Ardmore. See our line before you buy.

109 MAIN STREET **W. J. LANE** 109 MAIN STREET

NEGRO FATHER OF 35, DIES AGED 127 YEARS

Pauls Valley, Okla., Dec. 20.—Probably the oldest person in Oklahoma died in this city the first of the week. He was John Kemp, a negro, who was 127 years of age, having been born in 1788. He was the father of thirty-five children and leaves a son who claims to be 107.

Kemp was well known here, having been here since years before statehood, and had accumulated a great deal of property.

His present wife is 105 years of age and the children say they have documentary evidence to prove this remarkable family longevity.

DR. BELL'S PINE-TAR-HONEY

For your cold, for your cough, for your feverish throat, nose and head, use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Honey soothes the irritation, Pine-Tar cuts the phlegm, thus relieving congestion. Pine Tar also acts as an antiseptic, as a result general relief follows. Breathing becomes easier and further inflammation is arrested. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is an ideal treatment. Price 25c.

Opie Read certainly has "come back"

The short stories he is writing these days are really better stories than he ever wrote in the old days. They appear in The Red Book magazine, and it is heralding him as "a prince of story tellers." Which he certainly is. His latest story is called "Too Many Crooks," and in it he accomplishes the apparently impossible feat of making a murder mystery humorous.

Gas in the stomach comes from food which has fermented. Get rid of this badly digested food as quickly as possible if you would avoid a bilious attack; HERBINE is the remedy you need. It cleanses and strengthens the stomach, liver and bowels, and restores energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by Bonmar Drug Co.

Miner is Accidentally Killed

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 20.—A gun believed to have been unloaded was the cause of the death of Clarence Ketter, a miner in the Hickory mining settlement, a few miles southwest of Tulsa Friday night. Harrison Ketter, his brother, was cleaning a rifle that he did not know was loaded and it was accidentally discharged, the ball passing through Clarence Ketter's heart, killing him instantly.

Christian Science Lecture

You are invited to attend a free lecture on Christian Science Tuesday evening, December 21, at the High School Auditorium by Beeknell Young, of Chicago. No collection.

At the time of his death, George Hitch had agreed to write six Siwash stories. He had completed only one of them when he was taken to the hospital. It is published in the January issue of The Red Book magazine, under the title of "Kettles and Bells." In some ways it is the most humorous of all the Siwash stories.

MANY PEOPLE DON'T KNOW

A sluggish liver can cause a person an awful lot of misery. Spells of dizziness, headaches, constipation and biliousness are sure signs that your liver needs help. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills and see how they help tone up the whole system. Fine for the stomach, too. Aids digestion, purifies the blood and clears the complexion. Only 25c at your druggist.

Proclamation

December 25 is hereby declared a day of vacation for every city official, save and except all necessary firemen and policemen, and the city officials most earnestly ask and request that all business cease within the city limits of Ardmore, in order that this beloved day may be observed in quiet and peace.

VAL MULLEN, Mayor, JOE M. LONLON, Commissioner of Police, G. H. BRUCE, City Clerk. (Seal)

DECREASED WHEAT YIELD PREDICTED

WITH A REDUCED ACREAGE, NEXT YEAR'S WINTER CROP IS ESTIMATED AT A HALF BILLION BUSHELS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Next year's winter wheat crop was estimated Friday by the department of agriculture at about 540,000,000 bushels. That would be 115,000,000 bushels less than the winter wheat harvest this season, but approximately 100,000,000 bushels more than the average of the five years 1909-1913.

The 1916 crop was sown on 37,256,000 acres, a decrease of 11.3 per cent from the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1914.

Winter wheat conditions on December 1 was 87.7 per cent of a normal, compared with 88.3 per cent on December 1 last year, 97.2 per cent in 1913 and 90.8 per cent the ten-year average.

Rye was sown this fall on 3,058,000 acres, a decrease of 3.0 per cent from the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1914. Rye condition on December 1 was 91.5 per cent of normal, compared with 93.6 per cent on December 1 of last year, 95.3 per cent in 1913 and 93.3 per cent in the ten-year average.

In announcing its first report on winter wheat and rye, the department made this statement:

Causes for Decreased Acreage.

"The reduction in winter wheat from the usually large acreage of last year is due partly to unfavorable weather for seeding, tangled condition of corn on land which otherwise would have been sown to wheat, some fear of the Hessian fly and to large supplies of wheat on hand.

"Generally the southern states and the Rocky mountain states further increased their acreage, but the principal winter wheat states decreased largely their acreage.

"The condition of the crop on December 1 was slightly below the average for that date and forecast a production of about 540,000,000 bushels.

In the cotton growing states there was an increased area planted to winter wheat. Virginia planted 1,371,000 acres, an increase of 7 per cent over the area sown in the fall of 1914; North Carolina 1,900,000 acres, an increase of 16 per cent; South Carolina 122,000 acres, the same as last year; Georgia 354,000 acres, an increase of 16 per cent; Alabama 181,000 acres, an increase of 12 per cent; Mississippi 7,000 acres, an increase of 20 per cent; Texas 1,497,000 acres, 16 per cent decrease; Oklahoma 2,231,000 acres, 14 per cent decrease; Arkansas 244,000 acres, 8 per cent increase; Tennessee 928,000 acres, 3 per cent increase.

Give your friends golf balls and clubs for Christmas. I have them for sale. P. H. Woods, at Country Club. 19-3t

DECISION IS FAVORABLE TO OIL MEN

EQUALIZATION BOARD RULES GAS AND OIL LEASES NOT TAXABLE—YEAR'S FIGHT IN COURT ENDED.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 20.—The state and the ten counties in which is located the property of the Prairie Oil & Gas company would have received a total of \$729,000 in taxes for the year 1914 if the state board of equalization had included its oil and gas leases in the taxable property of the company in Oklahoma.

According to figures compiled by Homer Hammonds, assistant state examiner and inspector, the total taxes which would have accrued from the proposed boost in the valuation of the property is located.

After a fight lasting more than a year the board of equalization last week voted 5 to 1 against increasing the Prairie's taxable valuation. State Examiner and Inspector Fred Parkinson cast the only vote for the increase. The proposed advance in all amounted to \$39,513,514.94.

The counties which would have shared in the taxes accruing from the increase if it had been made, are Washington, Tulsa, Creek, Osage, Okmulgee, Pawnee, Nowata, Muskogee, Rogers and Wagoner.

Merely Suggested.

What could be a better Christmas gift for both service and ornamentation; than a nice portable stand lamp, for either gas or electricity? We have them in elegant designs. 20-3 Kennerly, Spragins & Lewis.

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JO F. WILLIAMS Fancy and Staple Groceries FEED AND PRODUCE PRICES THE VERY LOWEST

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Satisfaction guaranteed with every purchase. (December 1 I will put on first class delivery service. (I am at 112 E. Main St., where I opened a grocery store 26 years ago this month (November). (Mr. Staggs will continue with me. (Come and deal with us, or give your order to our delivery man, or
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Light your Home with Electricity

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THE BIG NEW & SECOND-HAND HOME OUTFITTER
IN THAT BIG LONG BOX HOUSE JUST RECEIVED
A car load of stoves of all kinds—Gas Combination, Wood and Coal Combination, and three different makes of all sizes of Reflector Gas Stoves. We exchange new goods for any old things.
SEE OUR LINE OF UPHOLSTERED ROCKERS and the "BORDER QUEEN" KITCHEN CABINET
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