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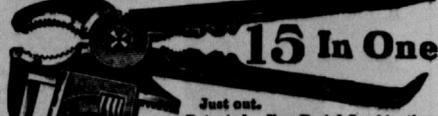
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Grape Fruit, .28
Puree of Tomatoes and Croutons, .16½
Celery, .05
Roast Chicken and Dressing, 1.24½
Cranberry Sauce, .10
Mashed Potatoes, .08
Candied Sweet Potatoes, .09
Peas, .15
Bread and Butter, .10
Asparagus Vinaigrette on Lettuce, .27
Mince Pie, .20
Ice Cream, .50 Small Cakes, .15
Coffee, .12.

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Among those that it pained the judge
to have to throw out, on the ground of
some technicality, was a splendid six-
course goose dinner by Mrs. A. H. More-
head, Paris, Ky., which had a mistake
in the figures that, when corrected, ran
the total up to \$3.55. Then, there were
four fine turkey dinners, submitted by
Mrs. Opie Read, Chicago; Mrs. G. A.
Lorenz, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. L. C. Frenz,
Tidionte, Pa.; and Mrs. M. G. Arm-
bruster, Chicago; all lacking bread,

THE ARENA

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which, as one woman wrote, "is not po-
lite, but filling."

Many women seemed to have little idea
of what is generally considered the best
kind of a Christmas dinner, and offered
suggestions just as suitable for the
Fourth of July or Easter. One wrote
her preference for pork and sauerkraut.
Some spent part of their money for wine
and cigars; one gave .10 to the Salvation
Army dinner fund; and one allowed .08
for two gallons of water.

Turkey or chicken proved to be the
choice of the majority, with goose or
duck second, and meats third. A few
included both poultry and meat; a large
number had neither soup nor salad; oth-
ers, no relishes of any kind. One had
two kinds of salad; another, two chick-
ens prepared in different ways; and many,
both pie and pudding. Several house-
keepers expected the uncle and aunt to
bring apples, nuts, or jelly; one included
fruit "donated from a neighbor's tree;"
while a third entered, at .50, the fowl
her husband had won at a shooting
match!

Plum pudding and mince pie had the
lead as desserts, with ice cream and cake
next in popularity. One extravagant
woman allowed twelve oranges for six
people, and another twelve rolls. Only
two or three thought of any kind of a
drink for the children.

The menus were presented in every
style, from letters to mounted oil paint-
ings. Several began with Christmas

verses, and a number took the form of
short stories. One, with a fancy, red
paper cover, had the inside sheet cleverly
done in pen-and-ink; one was tied with a
satin bow; and one fastened with a gilt
pin, set with rhinestones. Two were sub-
mitted by little girls, a nine-year-old
frankly stating she would be inclined to
take her guests to some restaurant where
she could get a dinner for .50 apiece!

The preference was given to home-made
things. Canned stuff is all right in
case of emergency; but the cleverer
woman is she who can—for the same
amount—make her own soups and des-
serts.

The prices given in the prize-winning
menus may seem low to some people; but
the Editors and the judge have assumed
that the competitors were honest in this
matter; and, as a matter of fact, many
of the next best, as well as some of the
poorest, gave even lower figures.

Mrs. Frailey's menu, the first prize,
is particularly valuable on account of its
variety, and the consideration shown to
the children. Any housekeeper will find
it a good working model, even where a
difference in prices may necessitate some
substitutions.

Many women wrote that they consid-
ered \$3.50 a liberal allowance for a
Christmas dinner for six persons, while
those complaining of the smallness of the
amount submitted some of the poorest
menus. Is not this a strong plea for the
better education of our housewives?

OLIVE HYDE FOSTER.

NONE BUT THE BRAVE

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"All right," her father replied.

She descended to the back yard, and
when she called "Time!" the two cham-
pions advanced eagerly to the fray, in-
spired by the desire to do themselves
credit in the eyes of beauty.

After a few minutes, marked by the
same tactics as before, O'Donoho striving
to close, and Jimmy working to keep the
advantage of his longer reach, Jimmy un-
fortunately slipped, and almost fell. The
blood of the O'Donoho had been warmed
by the strife, and seizing his opportunity,
the elder man got within short-arm dis-
tance and delivered a fierce blow that
landed effectively upon the short ribs of
the Fitzgerald. Elated by his triumph,
the O'Donoho emitted a subdued grunt
of satisfaction, and skipped away, grin-
ning.

Up to this time, Jimmy had been torn
by two emotions. He was perplexed be-
tween the desire to spare the old man
and the wish to make a creditable record.
But he now saw that unless he attacked
in earnest, there was danger that a chance
blow might give the victory to his ad-
versary. Giving himself up to the spirit
of combat, Jimmy now let himself out.
Advancing steadily, he soon beat down
the old man's guard, landed his right
upon the chest, staggering the O'Donoho,
and then with a clean left-hander on the
chin, completed the destruction of his ad-
versary's equilibrium, and dropped him
upon the sward.

The O'Donoho fell heavily, and re-
mained dazed, while the silvery tones of
the referee were heard steadily giving the
count. When Maggie had reached "five,"
the O'Donoho slowly sat up, smiling gamely;
but he made no attempt to rise farther.
He removed the gloves, laid them to one
side, and addressing the referee, asked:

"Maggie, don't ye think ye'd better go
in and fix up a bit of supper? This
boxing is tiresome work, and now that

you and Jimmy are engaged, we ought to
have a celebration."

Nothing more was said of the conflict
until the accepted suitor was about to de-
part, after a delightful evening.

"I think perhaps ye may prefer," said
the O'Donoho, "that I part with ye here,
and let Maggie go to see that the door
is well closed after ye, and all that." Then,
turning to his daughter, he said: "By the
way, Maggie, did ye notice that Jimmy
here has a rather quick way with his
left?"

Maggie laughed, as she took the arm
of her fiancé.

"Sure, father," said she, "if Jimmy
had turned loose, it's an orphan I'd be,
and no less! I only came out to see he
didn't hurt you. Faith, the Fitzgeralds'
sideboard has had to have extensions on
both ends to hold the cups Jimmy has
won at the Ward Athletic Club. You
might have seen by your paper that he
was Lightweight Champion as long as he
could spare time for such foolishness."

"Is that so?" enquired the O'Donoho,
rather thoughtfully. "Well, I'll be
keepin' on good terms with him until I've
larned this joo-jootso! Sure, there's
some good in the young fellows, after
all!"

New feet for old stockings to be worn
by children during the summer on the
farm, are best made by cutting away the
ragged feet and using them for a pat-
tern, which should be laid across the
top, instead of lengthwise, of an old
stocking leg. Thus, the weave of the
material will run naturally and without
strain, and the new foot will fit as per-
fectly as did the old one.

When you have a number of handker-
chiefs or other small dainty articles to
hang on the line, pin them to a towel or
sheet and then fasten the sheet on the
clothes line. This prevents tearing by
the wind, and in cold weather saves the
necessity of standing out in the cold to
hang out each article separately.

Gloves, frequently mentioned by
Elizabethan writers, were extremely
fashionable during the days of Charles
I and the Commonwealth (1626 to
1660); but little is said of them by 18th
century chroniclers, probably because
they were regarded as no more novel
than were the fine hose worn in England
at about the middle of the 16th century.
That fine stockings were a luxury at
that period is evident, since they were
considered a perfectly correct gift from
a gentleman to a lady. Both gloves and
stockings are ante-dated by pockets,
which were placed on the fronts of
frocks about the year 1350, and from that
date were intermittently fashionable un-
til the last decade of the 19th century,
when the leather shopping bag became
the favorite repository for feminine
"junk."

Although Queen Elizabeth led the
fashions of her period, she did not in-
vent the ruff so generally associated with
her name. That accessory owed its
origin to a Spanish lady of the middle
15th century, who, having a disfigure-
ment upon her neck, devised a means of
concealing it. A modification of the
Elizabethan ruff was revived in the
1870's, and a still smaller edition of it
appeared in 1907.

I wish you could have seen the dis-
mayed look on the countenance of the
hairdresser when she examined the box
of hair combings which I took today to
her, to have made into puffs! "If ladies
would only not roll the hairs into these
little rings!" she said. "They are
worthless to us; but if a long narrow box
were kept on every dressing-table, and
the hairs laid out straight in them, we
could make them into good-looking puffs
with very little trouble."—S. K., New
York.

Tan shoes may be cleaned by rubbing
a banana peel on them. Then polish with
a cloth until they shine.