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Sanitation in French Army.
Hot baths and nail-brushes figure prominently in a certain army order issued to the French cooks entrusted with the preparation of meals for the youngest class of soldiers, aged nineteen, who have just been called up for their training. The following are sample regulations posted up in the barracks: Cooks must take a hot bath, with soap, every morning. Before serving soup they must wash their hands in hot water. Every evening when the work is over they must wash their hands and arms in hot water and carefully brush their nails. A plentiful supply of mottled soap and nail-brushes will be distributed. The hair must be kept close cropped. White linen overalls and caps are to be worn in the kitchen by cooks, who must change them three times a week. Before sitting down to table they must scrub their hands with hot water, soap and a nail-brush.

Profiting by Europe's War.
In 1912 the value of laces imported into this country amounted to a little over \$38,000,000; in 1913 about \$34,250,000 worth of laces was imported, and in 1914 the importations dropped considerably, the amount being between \$28,000,000 and \$27,000,000. The sharp decline in the amount of laces imported in 1914 was undoubtedly due to the war in Europe, and this condition undoubtedly worked to the advantage of domestic manufacturers. Figures are not available in regard to the importation of laces for 1915, but undoubtedly they are far below normal because of the existing conditions in Europe and also on account of the rapid strides the industry has made in this country, together with the increased quantity of laces manufactured here.

WHISPERED STORY OF RUTH

And Each Little Jewish Girl Was Rewarded With Feast Cake for Her Effort.

In the East side of New York as in the East end of London, the Jewish quarter of Paris or Judengasse of Berlin, thousands of Jewish mothers and grandmothers gathered the little daughters of the family to them one night recently. Into tiny ears was whispered the story of Ruth, the faithful. In each kitchen stood a new broom, and tallow candles burned brightly on tables spread with meats, wines and cakes. "Little daughter," each mother whispered, "do you know what Ruth said to Naomi?" "Yes," each little girl replied eagerly. She had rehearsed the great epic for weeks. "Ruth said 'Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee. For whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy god my God.'" And, beaming her pride, each mother then said: "Good! Here is a cake for you!" Thus the feast of Shabuoth was ushered in. The broom was just as much a part of the ceremony as the reward of a cake. With it one could sweep out the spirits and demons, the scheidim and maskim, which ghetto traditions of the medieval ages insist are present during Omer, the time between Passover and Shabuoth.—New York Tribune.

Nominating Cardinals.

The ceremony of nominating cardinals, which takes place at Rome, is not without its picturesque side. The consistory of the sacred college meets in secret—though particulars of the proceedings are afterwards given to the press—and, following upon a brief address, the pope names the persons he wishes to elevate to the purple. His nomination is final, but in accordance with the old custom when the cardinals voted for the election of their comrades, he asks, "What is your desire?" The cardinals then silently lay down their red silk caps, rise, and bow. It is the formal assent, and the new cardinals are declared elected.

England has cardinals other than those created by the pope. At one time there were officials of that title attached to a number of her cathedrals, whose duty it was to visit the sick and relieve the needy, but St. Paul's is now alone in the possession of a senior and a junior cardinal, elected by the deans from among the minor canons. One of the holders of the title in recent times was the author of the "Jackdaw of Rheims."

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